



Extension Mission: *We teach, learn, lead, and serve, connecting the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.*

Community Development/Strong Bodies



PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING TO ASSIST LEADERS, COMMUNITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS REALIZE THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.

MICHELLE GRIMM, EDUCATOR



Michelle Grimm

The Community Economic Analysis for Rural Wisconsin Communities (CEA-RWC) program is a joint effort between the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension, and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to bring a structured community economic development strategic planning program to a set of five rural Wisconsin communities throughout the state. The School District of Gilman is one of five communities chosen for this pilot program.

As many rural communities' struggle with identifying opportunities and strategies to move the community forward, the CEA-RWC program leverages resources to engage in comprehensive community economic development planning.

PRIORITY #1 - VIBRANT MAIN STREET Downtowns are vital centers of commerce, culture, and social activity in many communities. They play a crucial role in generating sales and tax revenue, creating job opportunities for entrepreneurs and businesses. Downtowns contribute significantly to the quality of life by offering access to shopping, services, entertainment, and socializing for residents and visitors.

PRIORITY #2 - VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Volunteering and community engagement plays a crucial role in building and strengthening social connections in rural communities. By volunteering, community members can get to know each other, share skills and knowledge, and collaborate towards shared goals. Given the pressing needs and challenges that rural communities face, volunteering and community engagement are vital tactics for addressing many local issues. Moreover, volunteering and community engagement also support the development of civic engagement and leadership in rural communities. By participating in local organizations and activities, rural community members can build their skills and confidence and take an active role in shaping the future of their communities. This ultimately helps foster the next generation of local leaders and volunteers, promoting the sustainability and vitality of rural communities.



PRIORITY #3 - GROWTH MINDSET & QUALITY OF LIFE

The concept of community development revolves around the interactions among community members, with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life over time. These interactions play a crucial role in enhancing various aspects of the community, such as education, housing, recreation, and cultural opportunities. A key element of this approach is the collective leadership that arises from a group of individuals living in the community, working together to tackle common challenges. This asset-based approach thrives when individuals believe in the power of collaboration to effect positive change and take organized action to address shared needs. It stands in stark contrast to a victim mentality, which assumes that individuals have no control over their circumstances and are powerless to make a difference.

Agriculture

PROVIDING RESEARCH-BASED LIVESTOCK AND FARM
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION, RESOURCES AND
DECISION-MAKING TOOLS TO FARMERS AND
AGRIBUSINESSES.

SANDY STUTTGEN, EDUCATOR



Sandy Stuttgen

Planning Emergency Livestock Transport Response (PELTR)

Sandy Stuttgen and Bill Halfman, State Beef Specialist for Extension, were invited to lead a discussion about emergency response planning for incidents involving livestock transportation vehicles in roadway crashes for participants attending the WI Emergency Management Association (WEMA) Conference in Stevens Point on September 20, 2023. The goal of the presentation was to increase awareness about specific considerations for responding to traffic crashes involving trailered livestock and to promote enrollment in the Extension Planning Emergency Livestock Transport Response (PELTR) hybrid course. In 2021, Extension educators (Stuttgen, Halfman, Schlessler and Seefeldt) developed the PELTR course, through which 25 statewide responders have attended during the past two years.

Livestock are transported on all Wisconsin roadways and increasing the capacity of local community response to efficiently respond to roadside incidents that often involve high value animals, by keeping roads open, reducing injury to people and animals, and limiting the liability of local responders and negative public scrutiny.

Twenty-eight conference participants attended this breakout session. PELTR contact cards and flyers were distributed that invited the attendees to subscribe to our PELTR newsletter. Two subscriptions were received the day following the conference. Several participants at the conference also expressed interest in enrolling in the course. At the conclusion of the conference session, The Taylor County Emergency Manager asked to set an appointment with Stuttgart to begin planning Taylor County's response to incidents involving livestock.

Sandy, Bill and Extension Marathon County Agriculture Agent, Heather Schlessler, lead the PELTR training that was held at North Central Technical Agriculture Center for Excellence on October 9, 2023. Eight individuals attended, representing fire and other emergency response departments from the area. Tabletop discussions were conducted along with a tour of a semi-trailer used to transport cattle. The participants said, "this was fascinating, since I have never had the opportunity to see the inside of a large livestock trailer with multiple compartments" and "I want to set up something at my [fire] department to work with livestock trailers." An in-person PELTR session is planned for October 27 in Barron County. Sandy has been grading the online homework from both the North Central Technical and Barron locations.

Livestock antibiotic labeling and potential impacts for farmers.

During a phone interview with Hope Kirwan of WI Public Radio, Sandy discussed the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) draft guidance (CVM GF #273) that will require drug manufactures to define the duration of use for livestock antibiotics distributed in animal feed or water that they manufacture. Following the interview, she provided Hope with written information about the history of this draft guidance and its impact on farmers. This guidance is directed at drug manufacturers and will not impact availability of the drugs for farmers. Farmers are charged with using these medications in feed as directed by the label. The phone interview aired on WI Public Radio and was highlighted in the October 13, 2023, WI State Farmer newspaper article, 'Farmers say they still need medications to ensure healthy livestock.'



Jack Johnson's cattle watched him move the fence during the Sept 7 pasture walk that was held in conjunction with the Taylor County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. 48 producers attended. Sandy helped to organize this meeting and she was on hand to answer questions. She also provided a short presentation about keeping farms biosecure.



Wisconsin 4-H



Julie Diepenbrock

TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H HAS OVER 200 YOUTH AND ADULTS WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS.

JULIE DIEPENBROCK, EDUCATOR

Wrapping up the 4-H Year

The 4-H year extends from October 1 to September 30. So while many consider the Fair the culmination of the 4-H year, there are still things to be done so September is a month of transition. Record Books, Educational Travel Experience Scholarship Applications and Interviews, and Annual Financial Reports are some of the tasks that are completed after the fair. The 4-H Record Book is a summary of what youth have done throughout the year. The goal of 4-H is to build life skills of the youth members and goal setting and reflection are tools that help youth learn. Educational Travel Experience Scholarship applications and interviews provide an opportunity for youth to earn money to help pay for a 4-H Educational Travel Experience for the coming year and learn valuable interviewing skills. Annual Financial Reports ensure that our 4-H clubs and groups are using the funds in an appropriate manner to support 4-H activities and programs throughout the year.



WISCONSIN 4-H CLUBS & GROUPS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
April 2022

Annual Financial Report Due Date: September 1st

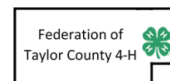
The applicant is to have a checking and/or savings account. 4-H Clubs and Groups must annually complete and submit the following documents to 4-H Program Educator by September 1:

1. Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report
2. 4-H Club and Group Cash/Check Register
3. Copy of the line items and/or savings register covering July 1 - June 30
4. Copy of the bank statement ending June 30 or July 31 for each account. Any differences between the bank statements and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and the reconciliation must be updated with the Annual Financial Report.
5. Current inventory of land, buildings, property or project equipment with individual values of \$2,000 or more
6. Agency Treasurer's Report for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000

Failure to submit a completed Annual Financial Report and support documents by the due date could result in loss of tax exempt status, forfeiture of all financial assets and non-renewal of the 4-H Club or Group Charter.

County: _____ Today's date MM/YY: _____

Name of 4-H Club or Group: _____



Federation of Taylor County 4-H
925 Donald Street Room 103
Medford, WI 54451

Educational Travel Experience Sponsorship and Key Award Application

Educational Travel Experience Sponsorship applicants have an additional form on the back of this application

Name: _____ Date: _____

4-H Club: _____

of Years Involved in 4-H: _____ Grade: _____

Beginning the New 4-H Year



4-H youth and Volunteers enroll through 4-H Online beginning September 1. As of October 25, we have 85 youth and 21 volunteers enrolled for the 2023-24 4-H year. October 1-7 was National 4-H week - Taylor County 4-H was highlighted in radio spots on K99, many social media posts, window decorations in local businesses, displays in public libraries, and many of our clubs had their first club meeting of the new 4-H year. Most clubs elected their new officers for the 2023-2024 4-H year and plan for the year including: service,

education, fundraising, and fun. All of this information is included in the Club Charters due November 1. Planning and organizing is a great life skill that 4-H members learn during these meetings.

CLC - After School programs at MAMS, Stetsonville Elementary, Gilman Public Library

Taylor County 4-H is reaching out to youth in the after school programs this Fall with STEM activities. September youth learned LEGO robotics and in October youth were able to explore 3Doodler pens and make some fun creations. STEM activities encourage hands-on creative thinking skills.



FoodWise



ADVANCES HEALTHY EATING HABITS, ACTIVE LIFESTYLES, AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTS FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH LIMITED INCOMES.

SHARA ALLEN, FOODWISE NUTRITION EDUCATOR



Shara Allen

FoodWise attended the Taylor County 2023 Senior Health, Wellness & Safety Fair in Medford on October 20, 2023. We had a booth introducing FoodWise to the community and educating the seniors on the importance of calcium in their diet for strong bones.





Shara connected with Taylor County’s Commission on Aging and accompanied them on their visits to the Senior Dining sites in Rib Lake, Westboro, Gilman, and Jump River. She will explore providing nutrition education at the sites in the coming months.

Shara connected with the ADRC in Medford and attended a Memory Cafe. She is working with them on ways she can provide nutrition education to participants.

Shara is starting to work with the Taylor County Food Resource Group to see how the food pantries in Taylor County operate and determine how nutrition education can be incorporated.

Extension Taylor County’s Primary Partnering Organizations

- Huey’s Hideaway
- Northcentral WI Cattleman’s Association
- Taylor County 4-H Federation
- Medford Farmer’s Market
- Taylor County Tourism
- Taylor County Department of Health
- WI Beef Council
- DATCP
- WI Animal Healthy ER Mgmt Working Group
- Athens School District
- Farm WI Discovery Center
- Northwest WI Head Start
- Lutheran Social Services
- ICAA Taylor County Food Pantry
- CDI Medford Head Start
- Prentice School District
- Taylor County Public Libraries
- Gilman School District
- Rib Lake School District
- Market Animal Show & Sale
- Taylor County Fair Board
- Medford Area Public Schools
- Taylor County Solid Waste & Recycling Committee
- Taylor County Fair Board
- Taylor County Unit of WI Towns Association



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Taylor County Sept-Oct 2023 Highlight Report

Julie Diepenbrock: *4-H Educator* (Shared with Price County)

Shara Allen: *FoodWise Nutrition Educator* (Shared with Lincoln County)

Terri Kolb: *FoodWise Administrator* (Multi-county)

Michelle Grimm: *Community Development Educator/Health & Well Being Educator* (*Strong Bodies Coordinator*)

Sandra Stuttgen: *Agriculture Educator*

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