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### Community Development/Strong Bodies



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

MICHELLE GRIMM, EDUCATOR



Michelle Grimm

### Design Gilman!



#### Design Gilman: Schedule



<b>Thursday, October 10</b>	
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Reception at the school gym
<b>Friday, October 11</b>	
9:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Community Presentations at the school gym
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Focus group lunches at the school
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Walking and bus tours
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Design Team meeting at the school
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Community meal & workshop at the school
7:00 PM	Design Team workshop tabulation and debrief
<b>Saturday, October 12</b>	
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM – 6:00 PM	Planning & design studio with working lunch and supper
8:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rehearsal
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Final presentation at the school cafeteria
9:00 PM	Adjourn

Engaged in Gilman Design Charrette process where youth were able to share their impressions of their community and provide their input as to the future of area towns. **This process also helped them develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills by developing a plan to address the issues they identified during the assessment process.**

The youth were from Gilman High School. It is anticipated that their participation in this process will provide them with a more active voice in community decision making. Total Reach: 18 youth from Gilman High School; 2 adults from the Gilman High School Staff.

The high school members of our design team have been documenting community strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats on an online map which helped to inform the charrette. In addition, Michelle will be compiling data from a drawing survey of elementary school students of what they would like to see in Gilman.

For more information about the Design Gilman process go to: <https://www.gilman.k12.wi.us/>.



## Agriculture

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

SANDY STUTTGEN, EDUCATOR



Sandy Stuttgen

### Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Workshop

An in-person BQA workshop at Equity Livestock in Stratford, WI for beef producers to meet their need for obtaining their BQA certification that **maintains their economic viability**. Total Reach: 26 beef producers who earned or renewed their BQA Certification.

### Planning Emergency Livestock Transportation Response (PELTR) Workshop

In-person Planning Emergency Livestock Transportation Response (PELTR) hybrid workshops for and in collaboration with area and statewide emergency response personnel. **The goal of PELTR is to maintain an effective emergency response that protects producer/livestock owners' and Wisconsin's agricultural economic viability**. Reach: 5 participants who were enrolled and given class materials representing each county.

### Beef 101 Cow-Calf Field Day for Beef Producers

An in-person field day for new and established beef producers **to provide educational information about starting a beef business**. Topics covered during this event were biosecurity, marketing weaned and finished animals, handling facilities and chute side beef quality assurance, body condition scoring, testing and reading a hay test, and reproductive decisions for now and the future. 22 producers attended.

Beef production in Wisconsin has seen an increase over the last decade. Some farmers are transitioning out of an old agriculture practice and are trying to establish themselves in the beef industry, while others are starting brand new. Through both processes, many questions arise from both new producers and established beef producers.



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Participants were given an evaluation form that contained two scales per topic on what they knew before versus what they knew after based on a 1-5 scale with 1 being the least and 5 having the most knowledge. Every topic discussed at the field day had a knowledge increase by the end of the day.

- Biosecurity, taught by Stuttgart: 39% knowledge increase
- Facilities/Chute Side BQA, taught by Stuttgart: 26% knowledge increase
- Body Condition Scoring: 34% knowledge increase
- Testing Hay/Reading a Hay Test: 105% knowledge increase
- Reproductive Decisions: 37% knowledge increase
- Cattle Producers and Allied Industry – EID Rule



Photo caption: Field day participants learn about proper injection sites and techniques from Livestock Educators Sandy Stuttgart and Adam Hartfiel

### Electronic Identification (EID) Rule for Producers

#### Transitioning to Electronic Identification, what Wisconsin cattle producers need to know.

Confused about rule changes in official identification for cattle moving to, in, and from Wisconsin? Have your questions answered on October 30, 2024, 7 - 8 pm CST by

- Gretchen May, DVM, Veterinary Program Manager - Division of Animal Health, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- Julie Sweney, Executive Director of the WI Livestock Identification Consortium.

Pre-Registration required at <https://go.wisc.edu/zcj789>



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## Wisconsin 4-H

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



Julie Diepenbrock

### Wrapping up the 2023-24 4-H Year and Beginning the 2024-25

September is the month that 4-H members complete 4-H record books and applications to apply for scholarships for 4-H Travel Experiences and Leaders complete the Annual Financial Report. While enrollment for the 2024-25 4-H Year opened September 2nd, October 1st is actually the beginning of the 4-H year. 4-H Clubs elect officers and complete Charters outlining their plans for the new 4-H year.

### Bowling, Pizza and Awards

Record books have been a long-standing 4-H tradition. Planning/organizing, goal setting and record keeping are life skills that 4-H members develop through completing a 4-H record book. Since 4-H record books are no longer required by many clubs, we have fewer youth that complete them. However, they are still a requirement for receiving funds from the Federation to help pay for various 4-H Travel Experiences. To celebrate those who successfully completed them and encourage other 4-H members to do so, we had a Bowling and Pizza event in combination with handing out some awards. **Communication and social skills are also developed by youth participating in these types of positive activities.**







## After School Programs

This fall, Julie has been presenting 4-H afterschool programs at the Gilman Public Library, Medford Area Elementary School, Medford Area Middle School, and Stetsonville Elementary School

September programs were LEGO Robotics, October is 3Doodler pens, November is Omelet in a Bag or Cultural Crafts and December is Holiday Treats. **These activities expose youth to 4-H projects including STEM, foods and nutrition, and crafts.**



## Rib Lake School Forest Day

October 8, 2024 was the Rib Lake School Forest Day for Elementary students. Approximately 180 youth ages Pre-K to 5th grade visited 10 different learning sessions located in the school forest. Julie taught the session on Tree identification. **This opportunity provided a chance to expose youth to a 4-H program in the outdoors, learn more about 4-H in general, and experience new activities and learn new skills.**





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## FoodWise

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

SHARA ALLEN, FOODWISE NUTRITION EDUCATOR



**FOOD WISE**  
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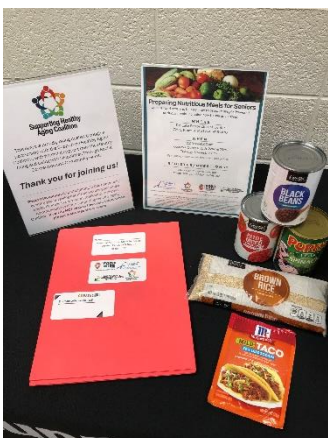


Shara Allen

### SOAR and the Raider Academy

FoodWise had their first monthly lesson at SOAR and the Raider Academy. Terri and Shara introduced the FoodWise program to the students and had discussions on their current food habits. The students did a recipe activity in preparation for their cooking session. The SOAR group made pizzas (including their own pizza dough) while the Raider Academy made English muffin pizzas—a quick, easy, nutritious meal that they can replicate at home. The students were also introduced to leaf lettuce that was grown in the community garden outside their school. **The students enjoyed the experience and one student even learned how to do dishes on his own.** Shara will continue to go in monthly with a lesson and food prep activity.

### Rib Lake Senior Center



FoodWise had their first of 4 nutrition lessons at the Rib Lake Senior Center. There were 14 seniors in attendance for our discussion on food groups. Terri and Shara prepared a skillet recipe the participants had a chance to taste. Then all participants were given the ingredients to take home so they could make the meal themselves. **The meal was chosen with the knowledge that Rib Lake does not have a grocery store and all items needed to prepare the meal could be purchased at the Dollar Store.** This was appreciated by some, who did not know the extent of food available at the Dollar Store. Three more additional classes are planned throughout October and November. The food purchased for the class was from the Taylor County Health Department’s Social Isolation Grant.

## Commission on Aging

Shara participated in the Commission on Aging's Senior Health Fair. She had a table with nutrition information as well as sample green beans and carrots cooked via an air fryer. **Many seniors were interested in the ease of using an air fryer and liked the way the veggies tasted, expressing an interest in purchasing one for themselves.** Other seniors mentioned how much they use their air fryer for meal prep and shared their favorite recipes. Taylor County Health Department's Social Isolation grant provided the funds for the food served at the FoodWise table.



## Stetsonville Elementary

Shara will begin lessons in Stetsonville Elementary School. She will be visiting the first and third grade classrooms, introducing them to MyPlate and the various food groups. A story, an activity, and a sample of a fruit or veggie will be a part of each of the 5 lessons throughout the fall semester.

FoodWise is an active member of the Taylor County Coalition and Supporting Healthy Aging Coalition and are attending meetings regularly. This serves as a great opportunity to develop and strengthen partnerships for current and future programming opportunities with other agencies and organizations.



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## 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

**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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