

**Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, August 5th, 2026-- 8:00 AM**

**Green County Justice Center, Multi-Purpose Rooms-Lower Level,
2841 6th St, Monroe, WI**

1. Call to Order & Meeting Voucher
2. Public Comment - (time limit not to exceed three minutes per person or thirty minutes total)
3. UW Extension Educator Reports – Written Report
 - a. *Nusrat Sultana Mimi, 4-H Summer Intern*
4. Approve Minutes of the June Meeting
5. Discussion on 1st Half – 2026 University of Wisconsin Extension Invoice
6. Review and Approval of July Bills
7. Area Extension Director Informational Items
 - a. Staffing Update
 - b. Extension Funding – How the Model Works
8. Business Manager Informational Items
 - a. Department Head Update
9. Any other business – *(New topics for discussion to be put on future agendas)*
10. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting -- Proposed September 9th, 2026 at 8:00 AM
11. Adjourn

Committee Members – Erica Roth, Dawn Sass, Susan Knox, Franz Varga, and Paula Vestin



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Regional Crops & Soils Educator

Jordyn Sattler

Regional Dairy Educator

Jackie McCarville

Regional Livestock Educator

Casey Lobdell

Southwest Wisconsin Grazing Network

Planning and developing the Southwest Wisconsin Grazing Network in collaboration with local Land Conservation Departments and other grazing groups. The goal is to establish a network of farmers who are interested in pasture and grazing management to share experiences and information to improve grazing efforts throughout the region. (Sattler)

Farm Technology Days Planning

Planning for an event that includes in-person demonstrations and interactive tabletop discussions during Farm Technology Days for beef producers – 6 sessions. These activities aim to help participants gain awareness of management practices that influence the economic viability of their farms, including better understanding the impact of meat quality and yield grade on final saleable product. Other topics include animal health product handling and biosecurity. (Lobdell)

Insect Trapping Network

Participating in an insect trapping network to assist Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the UW entomology lab monitor incoming pest populations and forecast potential damage to crops. Through this effort, timely notifications will be distributed to producers who will then have local information to help guide their pest scouting and make more timely and effective pest management decisions. (Sattler)

Badger Dairy Insight–July Session

A Badger Dairy Insight webinar for dairy producers and allied professionals, where participants learned methane emissions mitigation approaches, with attention to their effectiveness, tradeoffs, and relative costs within whole-farm systems. (McCarville)





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Scouting Corn Rootworm: Root Ratings & Beetle Counts—WI Shopper

An article for corn producers where readers learned how to evaluate corn rootworm damage in-season, as well as monitor corn rootworm beetle populations. With this information, producers will be able to quantify potential corn rootworm damage to corn roots, determine if current management strategies are effective and sufficient, and potentially change strategies in future crops that will improve production and economics. (Sattler)

Beef and Beef x Dairy Feedlot Enterprise Budget Spreadsheet

Developing an enterprise budget spreadsheet for beef producers to project a cost of production to finish beef animals over multiple production phases. The goal is for farmers to determine their cost of production to make informed management decisions for finishing cattle. (Lobdell & McCarville)

Minimizing Winter Wheat Harvest Losses—WI State Farmer Article

An article for wheat producers where readers learned how to evaluate wheat harvest losses and adjust machinery settings to reduce lost grain, thus improving yield and economic return. (Sattler)





Community Development Educator

Victoria Solomon

Green County Leaders 2026-2027

Green County Leaders is excited to welcome 36 class participants for the 2026-2027 program year. Green County Leaders is an educational program where individuals practice leadership skills, deepen their understanding of community issues, and prepare for leadership roles, thereby creating a network of active and visionary individuals who leverage their experience and expertise to benefit their community and local community-based organizations. This program is possible due to a collaboration between UW-Madison Division of Extension Green County and the Green County Development Corporation with strong support from community organizations and businesses.



Green County Community Garden

In Green County, we first started a conversation with Latino leaders about community and climate change and actions that the community prioritizes. In that conversation, community gardening rose to the top of priorities and desires. Leaders identified the importance of being able to show their kids how to get their hands in the dirt, grow plants, and learn about plants their parents grew up with. The leaders also identified the value of having kids be outside in nature instead of looking at screens.

A lot changed in the overall community context on these topics over the course of this grant timeline, but overall this is a great example of community members coming together, identifying a priority, and taking action so that it further builds community.

2026 World Community Development Conference in Glasgow, Scotland

Solomon presented at the 2026 World Community Development Conference in Glasgow, Scotland about Green County Leaders with Olivia Otte (GCDC), Neil Klemme, and Claire Wolff.





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4-H Youth Development Educator

Ellen Andrews

Premier Exhibitor Contest: Putting Animal Science Knowledge to the Test

The 17th annual Green County Premier Exhibitor Contest was held on Friday evening of the 2026 Green County Fair. This event has traditionally been open to any youth exhibitors in the areas of swine, dairy, beef, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry. This contest consists of a knowledge exam, skillathon, and how well the exhibitor did in showmanship in the chosen species they compete under. The skillathon consisted of four stations: breed identification, equipment identification, meat & cheese identification, and feed identification. The contest has a Junior and Senior age division, and prizes are given out to the top three competitors in each age division in each species.

New this year, the 4-H Horse Committee came forward with a request to be included in this education event. The 4-H Educator, Ellen Andrews worked together with the 4-H Summer Intern, Nusrat Mimi to pilot adding a Horse Department option to the Premier Exhibitor Contest. They consulted with the WI 4-H Animal Science Specialist to identify sources of possible multiple choice knowledge exam questions and state hippology boards to create suitable skillathon stations. Andrews also worked with the 4-H Horse Committee volunteers to secure donors for the additional contest process needed. In addition to piloting adding Horses to this contest, Andrews and Mimi also worked together to improve promotion of this contest through emails, social media and the 4-H Adult Leaders Association meeting. Andrews also recruited a dozen adult volunteers to help with the contest, including registration, grading and supporting youth as they took the tests.

In past years, the contest typically has 70-85 youth participate, which is pretty incredible when you think of all the other things a youth could be doing on a Friday night of the County Fair. But this year, the contest hit new heights with a record 123 youth participating. While the growth was wide spread across numerous departments, a good portion of the gains could be attributed to significantly more youth now showing dairy. Plans are already in the works to continue to improve this contest for next year. Those ideas include continuing to develop out the horse materials, secure donations so all contest participants receive something for taking the time to participate (i.e. ice cream or Gatorade), and develop a beginner exam for youth in 3rd-4th grade that would be developmentally appropriate and build their knowledge and confidence.





Human Development & Relationships Educator

Bob Wiegel

Financial Coaching-Green-July 26

Extension's financial coaching program provides one-on-one support that helps residents create their own plans to manage expenses, pay off debts, save money for emergencies, and reach their goals. Participants can meet with Extension educators trained to provide coaching as many times as needed to develop and implement plans to resolve their financial challenges. Outcomes anticipated through financial coaching are that participants will:

- Learn about local resources they didn't have in the past, e.g. how to apply for FoodShare benefits
- Learn about Extension resources they didn't know of in the past, e.g. spending plan worksheets
- Learn financial management steps that they didn't know before, e.g. steps to improve their credit.

Scam Prevention—Monticello Library

Data from the FINRA Financial Capability survey shows that 23% of WI residents spent more than their income in the past year. Wisconsin residents answered questions on the basic financial literacy quiz correctly just 52% of the time. 12% of WI residents used a short-term "payday" loan at least one time during the previous 12 months. 7% of WI residents used an auto title loan at least one time during that same period while 13% used a pawn shop. Furthermore, many Wisconsin residents participate in programs offered by nonprofits and social service organizations that may include incentives or requirements to engage in financial education offered through partners such as UW-Madison Extension. Participants in these programs need to complete Extension's financial education before receiving specific services provided by the social service organization (e.g. zero-interest auto loans).

These lessons are to support educators' ability to meet requests from local partners for one-time financial education classes and to provide educators with a menu of lessons they can proactively suggest to them.

Increase and/or maintain partnerships with local organizations through structured, research-based financial education classes that provide just-in-time information on topics like record keeping, saving on groceries, and preventing identity theft. Through these classes participants improve their ability to make financial decisions, achieve their goals, and effectively manage their money.

Wiegel discussed the different type of scams that seniors are currently facing and strategies to help participants identify and prevent falling victim to those scams.



Focus on Fathers parenting program 2026

Fathers' contributions to child and family well-being are critical. Children with more engaged fathers exhibit higher academic achievement, better psychological outcomes, and fewer challenging or delinquent behaviors (e.g., Allen and Lo, 2012; Lee and Schoppe-Sullivan, 2017).

After data analysis from a statewide fatherhood needs assessment, Extension faculty, specialists, and educators learned that fathers are interested in direct parenting education and opportunities to connect with and learn from other fathers. As a response, a team created the Focus on Fathers parenting program.

Green County
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June 3rd, 2026 MINUTES

The June 3rd, 2026 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 8:00 am by the Extension Office Specialist, Olivia Roth. The meeting voucher was circulated for signatures.

Members present were: Susan Knox, Dawn Sass, Erica Roth, Paula Vestin, and Franz Mussared Varga.

Also present—Olivia Roth, Extension Office Specialist; Lynn Perkins, Area Extension Director; Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator; Victoria Solomon, Community Development Educator; Bob Wiegel, Human Development & Relationships Educator; Jordyn Sattler, Regional Crops and Soils Educator; Casey Lobdell, Regional Livestock Educator; and Nusrat Sultana Mimi, 4-H Summer Intern.

Olivia Roth asked for nominations for Committee Chair. Erica Roth was nominated and accepted the nomination Motion was made for Erica Roth to be the Ag & Extension Committee Chair by Sass, second by Knox. Motion carried.

Erica Roth asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Sass was nominated and accepted the nomination Motion was made for Sass to be Vice Chair by Knox, second by Erica Roth. Motion carried.

Erica Roth asked for nominations for Secretary. Knox was nominated and accepted the nomination Motion was made for Knox to be Secretary by Erica Roth, second by Varga. Motion carried.

Public Comment – No public comments were presented.

Mimi and Andrews gave a brief overview of the 4-H Summer Intern position responsibilities for the summer.

Green County Educator Reports--Written Report for Educators

Written Educator Reports were reviewed. No questions were presented.

Green County Educator Report – Victoria Solomon, Community Development Educator

Solomon spoke about Extension program development in response to needs and opportunities in the community. In a response to the need to build the leadership pipeline and make the community stickier, the Green County Leaders program was developed. Solomon then showcased the Green County Leaders program, a yearly program designed to strengthen the community.

The program focuses on leadership skills, networking, and community issues/topics. In the 23 years of the program's existence, it has produced a network of over 500 graduates. Green County Leaders has a long-standing community project aspect as part of the program.

Community project proposals will open soon; all are invited to share those if they have suggested projects. Applications for the 2026-2027 program year are open currently and will close on July 10, 2026.

In July, Solomon will present on Green County Leaders at the World Community Development Conference.

Questions were presented on how program participants are recruited.

Minutes Approval

Knox moved to approve the April 2026 Ag & Extension committee meeting minutes and Erica Roth seconded. Motion passed.

Bill Approval

Sass moved to approve the May EFT payments of \$147.67, seconded by Varga. Motion passed. Erica Roth abstained from approving the EFT Payments. Sass moved to approve the May presented check payments of \$3,078.25, seconded by Varga, noting that the RICOH invoice has not been received and approving that payment up to \$500.00 upon its delivery. Motion passed.

Area Extension Director Updates

Area 15 Staffing Update – No staffing update was presented.

Extension Onboarding – Perkins shared an Extension overview video. The next meeting will cover the financial partnership between Extension and the county. An overview of the Wisconsin Idea was provided. Each educator shared a brief overview of their programming.

Business Manager Updates

Department Head Updates – Olivia Roth attended the last Department Head meeting as a stand-in for the Extension Business Manager, Wileman. The Sheriff's Department/Jail project is progressing as expected. No other major updates.

Tractor Safety Kits – Blackhawk Technical College needed 13 safety kits for this year's program. Extension had 13 left over from previous years, so none needed to be purchased.

The tractor safety budget currently has \$1,959.76. Typical yearly cost for tractor safety kits is \$750, so kits should be able to be purchased for a few more years before those funds are depleted.

Other Business

No other business was presented.

Next meeting: Wednesday—August 5th, 2026 at 8:00am.

Motion by Sass, second by Varga to adjourn at 9:14 am. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Roth.



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