

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
AGRICULTURE & EXTENSION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 1, 2022
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
7:45 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 21 (Chair)	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 18 (Vice-Chair)	Excused	
David Bischel	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	

Others Present: Randy Scholz, Jerry Clark, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeanne Walsh, Sandy Tarter, Margaret Murphy, Nancy Fastner, Heidi Vanderloop, and Addison Vang. Recorder: Lisa Merrell.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
SECONDER:	David Bischel, District 4
AYES:	Ives, Bischel, Peterson
EXCUSED:	Hunt

1. Approve the agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

Agriculture & Extension Committee - Regular Meeting - Feb 2, 2022 7:45 AM

Agriculture & Extension Committee - Special Meeting - Feb 24, 2022 7:45 AM

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Set Regular Meeting Date and Time
Ives noted that typically the committee has met at 7:45 am the first Wednesday of every other month.

Motion (Peterson) to move the meeting to 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday. Motion died for lack of a second.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Bischel, District 4
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
AYES:	Ives, Bischel, Peterson
EXCUSED:	Hunt

2. Extension Department 2023 Budget Review

Emmanuelle noted that she will no longer be working in Extension after today, she has accepted a job with the University of Eau Claire. Typically this committee works on approving this budget in August, so they typically would have two more months to work on this, but the County bumped it up to this meeting. They wanted to have this first conversation and the committee can approve it or not, and then Scholz will work with the Interim Area Extension Director on any adjustments before the final budget goes to the County Board.

There was a small change to the telephone line item, which she thinks will change a little bit. The big change is around the support staff position, they moved it to a contracted position. They had a County-funded support staff person, but that changed last August when that person left. The interim AED will get the position posted and do the hiring. She anticipates some of these numbers will move around, but she doesn't see any additional levy increase in the end.

RESULT:	FORWARD BUDGET TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Bischel, District 4
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
AYES:	Ives, Bischel, Peterson
EXCUSED:	Hunt

6. REPORTS

1. Area Extension Director - Catherine Emmanuelle

Emmanuelle provided a synopsis of the Extension office, including their purpose, their organizational chart, the statewide network they are able to use, and information on number of staff positions and funding.

2. Human Development & Relationship - Jeanne Walsh

Walsh explained that she does a lot of financial education through the County. Walsh highlighted some of the agencies she works with in the community to provide access to resources for community members. Walsh noted some of the recent collaborations she has done.

3. FoodWise - Sandy Tarter/Nancy Fastner

Tarter noted that the money for the FoodWise program comes from the USDA through the Department of Human Services to them. They are fully federally funded, but appreciate the office space, IT support and telephones they are provided by the County. Their goal is to do outreach to the community to make healthy food choices, and helping people feed their families. They work with low income families and partner with schools and food pantries in the three county region.

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Fastner reported on some of her recent programs in the schools, and talked about some of the summer programs she will be working with, including working with ADRC and WIC participants on using their vouchers at the Summer Farmer's Market.

4. Community Development - Addison Vang

Vang stated his primary focus is on community food systems. He has been working on a statewide project to support Hmong farmers. It started about a year before he started here. They gathered information on how to support Hmong farmers on a statewide level. They did an assessment, did some community outreach to disseminate information to different partners, and now they are applying for grants and getting on the ground and applying the information they learned on how to support their Hmong farmers.

Another project he has been working on is a Hmong economic development conference focused on supporting Hmong businesses and Hmong entrepreneurs across the state.

5. Horticulture - Margaret Murphy

Murphy stated it is the time of year they work on their plan of work for the next 12-18 months. They are focusing on preventative work, teaching best practices in horticulture, how you manage your landscapes and gardens.

They work a lot trying to remove invasive species, so they look at sustainable landscaping and promote native species for their native insects and pollinators. She fields hundreds of calls throughout the summer, and also provides outreach in the way of presentations.

6. 4-H - Heidi Vanderloop

Vanderloop provided an overview of the Chippewa County 4-H programs, and noted that there was a 20% increase in membership this year, compared to last year.

7. Agriculture/Crop & Soils - Jerry Clark

Clark stated that there are quite a few research projects going on in Chippewa County this year, and we have 15 acres of land by Seymour Cray Boulevard that they use to put in a lot of the projects they don't want to bother farmers with, including malting barley, winter rye, and industrial hemp, as well as a pre-emergent herbicide study.

They have started a webinar-based education program with different timely agronomic topics. They have had 100-120 people attending, it is geared to crop consultants but farmers attend also.

Avian influenza has been in the area, Chippewa County as not had a positive yet, but he is working with Public Health, Emergency Management and Land Conservation and they have been meeting weekly to prepare backyard folks on how to protect their flocks.

Emmanuelle pointed out, they have their bread and butter issues that come up, but this is an example of how they always need to be able to pivot to emerging issues like this.

Emmanuelle stated that Jason Hausler will be at the next meeting. He will be the interim Area Extension Director.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

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Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

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MOVER:	David Bischel, District 4
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
AYES:	Ives, Bischel, Peterson
EXCUSED:	Hunt

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 12 (Chair)	Present	
Ken Schmitt	Chippewa County	District 3 (Vice-Chair)	Present	7:49 AM
Charlene Kervina	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Present	
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2	Excused	

Others in attendance - Chad Alberg, Randy Scholz, Addison Vang, Jerry Clark, Jeanne Walsh, Nancy Fastner, Margaret Murphy, Catherine Emmanuelle, Heidi Vanderloop, Jaclyn Sadler

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Annette Hunt, District 13
SECONDER:	Charlene Kervina, District 10
AYES:	Ives, Schmitt, Kervina, Hunt
EXCUSED:	Sikorski

1. Approve the agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - June 1, 2022 7:45 AM

D. Business Items

1. Review and Approve 2021 Wildlife Damage Program Crop Prices - Chad Alberg
Chad Alberg presented the committee with the information to set a price for crop damage. See attachment on business item #2

2. Review and Approve 2021 Wildlife Damage Program Claims - Chad Alberg
Chad Alberg presented the claim to the committee for approval. see attachment.

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5. REPORTS

1. Extension Departmental Support Position - Catherine Emmanuelle and Randy Scholz

Area Extension Director, Catherine Emmanuelle, provided the committee with an update on the Department Support position. The position will be a .8 FTE as a State employee but funded by Chippewa County. The meeting clerk duties are being moved to the County Clerk office, the Wildlife Abatement and Annual Budget/Monthly reports are being moved to the Finance Department.

Supervisor Schmitt questioned if the .8 FTE is enough support for the department.

Supervisors Schmitt and Hunt would like the resolution at the next meeting to include wording to review the position in 6 months to make sure it is working for the department.

2. Area Extension Director - Catherine Emmanuelle

Area Extension Director, Catherine Emmanuelle, provided a verbal report to the committee.

3. Human Development & Relationships - Jeanne Walsh

Jeanne Walsh provided a verbal report to the committee.

4. FoodWise - Sandy Tarter/Nancy Fastner

Nancy Fastner provided a verbal report to the committee.

5. Community Development - Addison Vang

Addison Vang provided a verbal report to the committee.

6. Horticulture - Margaret Murphy

Margaret Murphy provided a verbal report to the committee.

7. 4-H - Heidi Vanderloop

Heidi Vanderloop provided a verbal report to the committee.

8. Agriculture/Crop & Soils - Jerry Clark

Jerry Clark provided a verbal report to the committee.

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no items for future consideration.

7. ADJOURN

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Annette Hunt, District 13
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Ives, Schmitt, Kervina, Hunt
EXCUSED:	Sikorski

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

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Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 12 (Chair)	Present	
Ken Schmitt	Chippewa County	District 3 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
Charlene Kervina	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13	Absent	
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2	Present	

Others Present: Randy Scholz, Catherine Emmanuelle, and Jeanne Walsh. Recorder: Lisa Merrell.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charlene Kervina, District 10
SECONDER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2
AYES:	Ives, Schmitt, Kervina, Sikorski
ABSENT:	Hunt

1. Approve the agenda

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution to Eliminate Administrative Assistant III Position in UW Extension

Emmanuelle stated this resolution would formally eliminate the County Administrative Assistant III position and move to fill it with the state. It would be a .8 FTE with some of the responsibilities moved from the position that are not necessarily pieces that Extension would supervise. Some of those responsibilities would be taken over by the County. Clerk responsibilities would be taken over by the County Clerk's office, the preparation of the budget and some of the bigger fiscal items would be taken on by the County Finance office, and wildlife abatement would be taken over by the County. Sikorski asked what department would take over wildlife abatement? Scholz stated the Land Conservation and Forest Management accounting person is doing that part of it. Emmanuelle pointed out that no other Extension office has wildlife abatement in the State. Emmanuelle stated a lot of counties are starting to move to a state position for support staff.

Emmanuelle felt the biggest potential limitation is you won't have a County employee in that department anymore. The upsides are if the person is a state employee, it allows them to perform as a team because they would have the same vision and goals they are working towards, and they can use the same

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resources. County employees don't have access to all the software the state employees do. They would have access to all the software from the County and the state, all the same professional development that other Extension employees have, and the same days off schedule. It would be 32 hours a week, but she is not sure what the schedule will be.

They wouldn't have full time office coverage but they feel confident that they can rely on their county neighbors of Housing and Land Conservation if there are packages to be signed for or people need to drop something off for them.

Scholz pointed out that the committee wanted to do a six month review of the position, and that is included in the resolution.

Schmitt stated he won't support this at .8 because they are shuffling work from one department to another. He thinks the County can find \$10-15,000 for the additional .2 of the position. Schmitt pointed out that the agents aren't always here because of the new shared arrangement. Scholz stated Chippewa County doesn't have the ability to have a part time position with benefits, they only have full time with benefits, or part time with no benefits. The state can do it at .8 and still get full benefits. If they are taking responsibilities away from the position and they don't reduce the position, other county departments won't be happy either.

Emmanuelle stated she appreciated Schmitt's feelings, and she would welcome any increase in support staff. They work in partnership with the County and she and Scholz have worked hard to come to a mutual understanding. As a committee, if there is a strong preference for her to make a budget request she would make that request, but she knows every department has different priorities and it may or may not be the vision of the entire Board. They are trying to find the "sweet spot" where they are supporting their educators and the citizens of the County, and acting as a good partner to the County as well.

Sikorski asked if this person would be shared with other counties. Emmanuelle stated no, they will be dedicated here.

Scholz stated if approved, the resolution will go to the County Board in March. Emmanuelle stated pending that approval they will get started on the official process. They will advertise for four weeks, and she would anticipate by the third week in March they will have it online for advertising.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [3 TO 1]	Next: 3/8/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2	
SECONDER:	Charlene Kervina, District 10	
AYES:	Ives, Kervina, Sikorski	
NAYS:	Schmitt	
ABSENT:	Hunt	

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

7. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 AM.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Charlene Kervina, District 10
AYES:	Ives, Schmitt, Kervina, Sikorski
ABSENT:	Hunt

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Extended Budgeting

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Budget Summary Justification

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

User: LZwiefelhofer
 Printed: 5/25/2022 - 12:58 PM
 Budget Type: DH Requested
 Revision: 1
 Current Actual YTD: 06/30/22

Attachment: 2023 Extension Budget Justification for Committee Review (7060 : Extension Department

Account Number	Description	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	06/30/22 Actual	2022 Est. Actual	2023 Request
PRELIMINARY							
Account # 100-48-55620 University Extension							
467701	Univ. Extension Revenues	50.00	708.07	0.00	8.00	0.00	100.00
	Total revenue without property tax:	50.00	708.07	0.00	8.00	0.00	100.00
411100	General Property Taxes	229,261.00	229,261.00	236,784.00	236,784.00	0.00	224,784.00
	Total revenue with property tax:	229,311.00	229,969.07	236,784.00	236,792.00	0.00	224,884.00
511100	Salaries and Wages	44,437.00	33,849.53	45,594.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
515000	Fringe Benefits	8,212.00	5,732.10	8,459.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
515400	Health Insurance Benefit	23,522.00	15,992.00	24,648.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
521207	Contracted Services-Extension	129,363.00	133,272.15	146,088.00	0.00	0.00	212,417.00
522500	Telephone	1,597.00	581.66	1,050.00	388.42	0.00	594.00
531000	Office Supplies	3,920.00	1,826.99	3,920.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
531200	Copies/Printing	5,000.00	2,811.88	5,000.00	846.85	0.00	2,000.00
531400	Equipment < \$5,000	4,500.00	3,680.32	1,112.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
532200	Public Education/Materials	2,300.00	1,159.98	2,300.00	547.86	0.00	1,500.00
532400	Memberships & Dues	810.00	749.65	810.00	960.00	0.00	810.00
533000	Mileage/Travel	6,895.00	2,122.40	3,895.00	395.60	0.00	4,563.00
533500	Conventions & Meetings	7,225.00	2,342.26	4,225.00	643.02	0.00	4,500.00
595000	Expenditure Transfer	-8,470.00	-8,479.40	-10,317.00	0.00	0.00	-5,000.00
	Total expense:	229,311.00	195,641.52	236,784.00	3,781.75	0.00	224,884.00
	Revenue - Expense:	0.00	34,327.55	0.00	233,010.25	0.00	0.00

Submitted by: _____
 Department/Division Head

_____ Date

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PRELIMINARY

Account # 100-48-55620 University Extension

411100 General Property Taxes

Property Tax Levy

224,784.00

Total 411100 General Property Taxes:

224,78

467701

Univ. Extension Revenues

Misc Extension Revenues

100.00

Total 467701 Univ. Extension Revenues:

10

Total revenue:

224,88

521207

Contracted Services-Extension

Contract for Extension Human Development & Relationship Educator

43,600.00

Contract for Extension .8 State Operations Program Associate Position

66,329.00

Contract for Extension Agriculture Educator

43,600.00

Contract for Extension Shared Community Educator

14,388.00

Contract for Extension Positive Youth Development Educator

43,600.00

Contract for Extension Horticulture Educator

10,900.00

Discount

-10,000.00

Total 521207 Contracted Services-Extension:

212,41

522500

Telephone

\$54 per line x 11 phone lines

594.00

Total 522500 Telephone:

59

531000

Office Supplies

Office Supplies

2,000.00

Total 531000 Office Supplies:

2,00

531200

Copies/Printing

Print Management charges for all program areas

2,000.00

Total 531200 Copies/Printing:

2,00

531400

Equipment < \$5,000

Small Office Equipment

1,500.00

Total 531400 Equipment < \$5,000:

1,50

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PRELIMINARY

Account # 100-48-55620 University Extension

532200 Public Education/Materials

Resource materials, publications and promotional items

1,500.00

Total 532200 Public Education/Materials:

1,500

532400 Memberships & Dues

Professional dues and memberships for educators

810.00

Total 532400 Memberships & Dues:

810

533000 Mileage/Travel

Job related mileage and travel for all staff

4,563.00

Total 533000 Mileage/Travel:

4,563

533500 Conventions & Meetings

Registration, hotels and professional development for all staff

4,500.00

Total 533500 Conventions & Meetings:

4,500

595000 Expenditure Transfer

Program Associate administrative costs for Education Programs

-5,000.00

Total 595000 Expenditure Transfer:

-5,000

Total expense:

224,880

Total Account # 100-48-55620 University Extension Detail:

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Account Number	Description	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	06/30/22 Actual	2022 Est. Actual	2023 Request	
PRELIMINARY								
Account # 100-48-55621 UW Extension Carryover								
467709	UW Postage Revenues	3,140.00	1,575.00	3,140.00	0.00	0.00	3,140.00	
	Total revenue without property tax:	3,140.00	1,575.00	3,140.00	0.00	0.00	3,140.00	
531100	Postage	3,140.00	2,166.82	3,140.00	408.55	0.00	3,140.00	
	Total expense:	3,140.00	2,166.82	3,140.00	408.55	0.00	3,140.00	
	Revenue - Expense:	0.00	-591.82	0.00	-408.55	0.00	0.00	

Submitted by: _____

Department/Division Head

Date

Account Number	Description	Amount
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PRELIMINARY		
Account # 100-48-55621 UW Extension Carryover		
467709	UW Postage Revenues	
	University Postage Revenues	3,140.00
Total 467709 UW Postage Revenues:		3,14
Total revenue:		3,14
531100	Postage	
	University Postage Charges	3,140.00
Total 531100 Postage:		3,14
Total expense:		3,14
Total Account # 100-48-55621 UW Extension Carryover Detail:		

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Account Number	Description	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	06/30/22 Actual	2022 Est. Actual	2023 Request
PRELIMINARY							
Account # 100-48-55622 Extension Education Programs							
467702	HDR Revenues	12,000.00	9,754.89	0.00	3,395.12	0.00	5,000.00
467705	UW Ext-Meeting Revenue	2,000.00	2,083.32	1,000.00	2,303.32	0.00	1,000.00
467706	UW Ext-Pesticide Program	1,200.00	910.00	1,000.00	2,700.00	0.00	900.00
467707	UW Ext-Agriculture Revenue	3,000.00	7,827.93	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
467708	UW Ext-Tractor Safety Revenue	1,000.00	399.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
467713	4-H Education Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,845.00	0.00	5,000.00
493000	Fund Balance Applied	7,970.00	0.00	16,817.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total revenue without property tax:		27,170.00	20,975.14	19,817.00	11,243.44	0.00	18,900.00
411100	General Property Taxes	54,000.00	54,000.00	54,000.00	54,000.00	0.00	54,000.00
Total revenue with property tax:		81,170.00	74,975.14	73,817.00	65,243.44	0.00	72,900.00
530056	Pesticide Program	1,200.00	900.78	1,000.00	82.81	0.00	900.00
530058	UW Extension Agriculture Exp	3,000.00	4,229.57	3,000.00	803.06	0.00	2,000.00
533500	Conventions & Meetings	2,000.00	297.35	1,000.00	148.96	0.00	1,000.00
539001	Tractor Safety Expenditures	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
539002	HDR Expenses	12,000.00	1,257.92	5,000.00	62.48	0.00	5,000.00
539004	4-H Education Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	214.66	0.00	5,000.00
579102	Fair Contract	54,000.00	54,000.00	54,000.00	27,000.00	0.00	54,000.00
595000	Expenditure Transfer	7,970.00	7,970.00	9,817.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total expense:		81,170.00	68,655.62	73,817.00	28,311.97	0.00	72,900.00
Revenue - Expense:		0.00	6,319.52	0.00	36,931.47	0.00	0.00

Submitted by:

Department/Division Head

Date

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Account Number	Description	Amount	Total
PRELIMINARY			
Account # 100-48-55622 Extension Education Programs			
411100	General Property Taxes		
	Property Tax Levy for the Fair Contract	54,000.00	
	Total 411100 General Property Taxes:		54,000.00
467702	HDR Revenues		
	Workforce Resource revenues	5,000.00	
	Total 467702 HDR Revenues:		5,000.00
467705	UW Ext-Meeting Revenue		
	Registration fees paid by clients participating in education program	1,000.00	
	Total 467705 UW Ext-Meeting Revenue:		1,000.00
467706	UW Ext-Pesticide Program		
	Private pesticide application certification license fees	900.00	
	Total 467706 UW Ext-Pesticide Program:		900.00
467707	UW Ext-Agriculture Revenue		
	Sale of crops from test plots	2,000.00	
	Total 467707 UW Ext-Agriculture Revenue:		2,000.00
467713	4-H Education Revenues		
	4-H registration fees for educational workshops	5,000.00	
	Total 467713 4-H Education Revenues:		5,000.00
493000	Fund Balance Applied		
	Program Associate administrative costs for Education Programs	5,000.00	
	Total 493000 Fund Balance Applied:		5,000.00
	Total revenue:		72,900.00
530056	Pesticide Program		
	Private pesticide application license fees and programming training supplies and expenses	900.00	
	Total 530056 Pesticide Program:		900.00
530058	UW Extension Agriculture Exp		
	Test plot expenses (seed, fertilizer, chemicals, equipment and machinery rental, contracted services, hot spot and weather stati	2,000.00	

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Account Number

Description

Amount

PRELIMINARY

Account # 100-48-55622 Extension Education Programs

Total 530058 UW Extension Agriculture Exp:

2,00

533500

Conventions & Meetings

Education program expenses (speaker fees, meal and meeting room costs, program materials and expenses)

1,000.00

Total 533500 Conventions & Meetings:

1,00

539002

HDR Expenses

Workforce Resource expenses

5,000.00

Total 539002 HDR Expenses:

5,00

539004

4-H Education Expenses

4-H materials and supplies for educational workshops

5,000.00

Total 539004 4-H Education Expenses:

5,00

579102

Fair Contract

Fair Contract with West Wisconsin State Fair

54,000.00

Total 579102 Fair Contract:

54,00

595000

Expenditure Transfer

Program Associate administrative costs for Education Programs

5,000.00

Total 595000 Expenditure Transfer:

5,00

Total expense:**72,90****Total Account # 100-48-55622 Extension Education Programs Detail:**

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Account Number	Description	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	06/30/22 Actual	2022 Est. Actual	2023 Request	
PRELIMINARY								
Account # 100-48-55624 Wildlife Damage & Abatement Pr								
435710	State Aid-Culture & Recreation	30,952.00	26,848.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total revenue without property tax:		30,952.00	26,848.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
521200	Contracted Services	30,452.00	26,338.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
595000	Expenditure Transfer	500.00	509.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total expense:		30,952.00	26,848.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Revenue - Expense:		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Submitted by:

Department/Division Head

Date

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		2021	2021	2022	06/30/22	2022	2023	5.2.a
Account Number	Description	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Est. Actual	Request	
PRELIMINARY								
	Grand total revenue without property tax:	61,312.00	50,106.43	22,957.00	11,251.44	0.00	22,140.00	
	Grand total property tax:	283,261.00	283,261.00	290,784.00	290,784.00	0.00	278,784.00	
	Grand total revenue with property tax:	344,573.00	333,367.43	313,741.00	302,035.44	0.00	300,924.00	
	Grand total expense:	344,573.00	293,312.18	313,741.00	32,502.27	0.00	300,924.00	
	Grand total revenue - expense:	0.00	40,055.25	0.00	269,533.17	0.00	0.00	

Area 6

Chippewa, Dunn, & Eau Claire Counties



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About UW-Madison Extension



History of Extension



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Extension's Purpose to which we commit...

We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities



Extension's Mission

Extension embodies the Wisconsin Idea by partnering to develop and connect the research and educational resources of UW-Madison with residents and communities to address local, statewide and national issues.





Ann Ewoldt Torbert

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Michelle M. Moyer

@WSU_Vit_Ext

A convo w/ the hubsand yesterday "I didn't know what extension was until I met you. Universities should emphasize extension programs. You guys help everyone win. You guys have both street & book smarts. In the zombie apocalypse, I would want an extension person in my clan." ❤️🧐



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Heidi (Vanderloop) Benson
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FoodWise Coordinator



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Area Extension



Collaboration with UW-Madison

Educators translate research from specialists and faculty at UW-Madison into practical solutions for local needs. Extension delivers a statewide network of outreach that can support Campus research needs.



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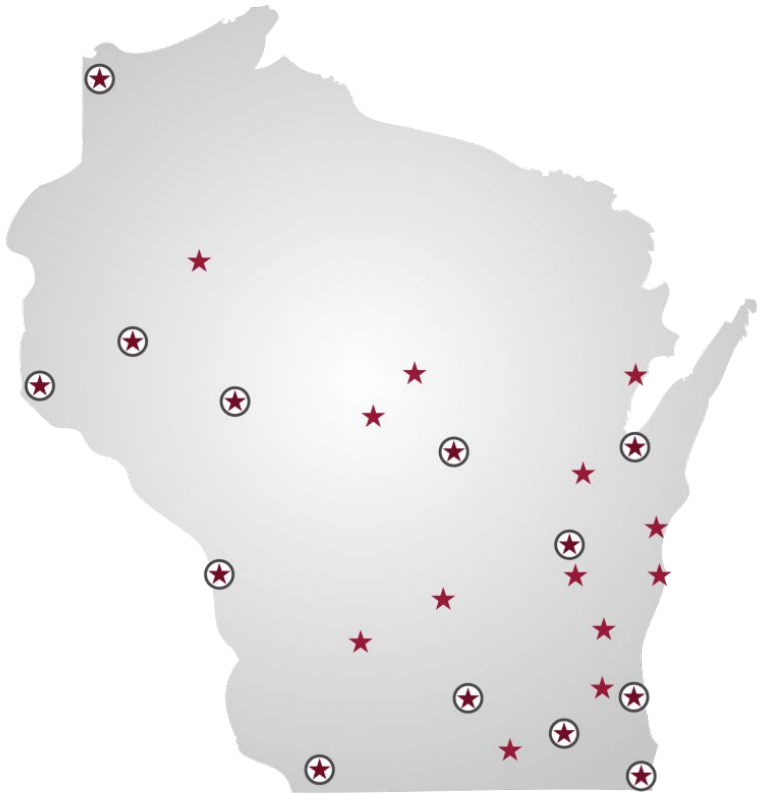
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Extension's Work

County-Based Services

- County Extension Offices located in 71 Counties and 3 Tribal Nations. Educators live in the communities and understand local issues and needs
- Area Extension Directors provide administrative oversight of one to five counties

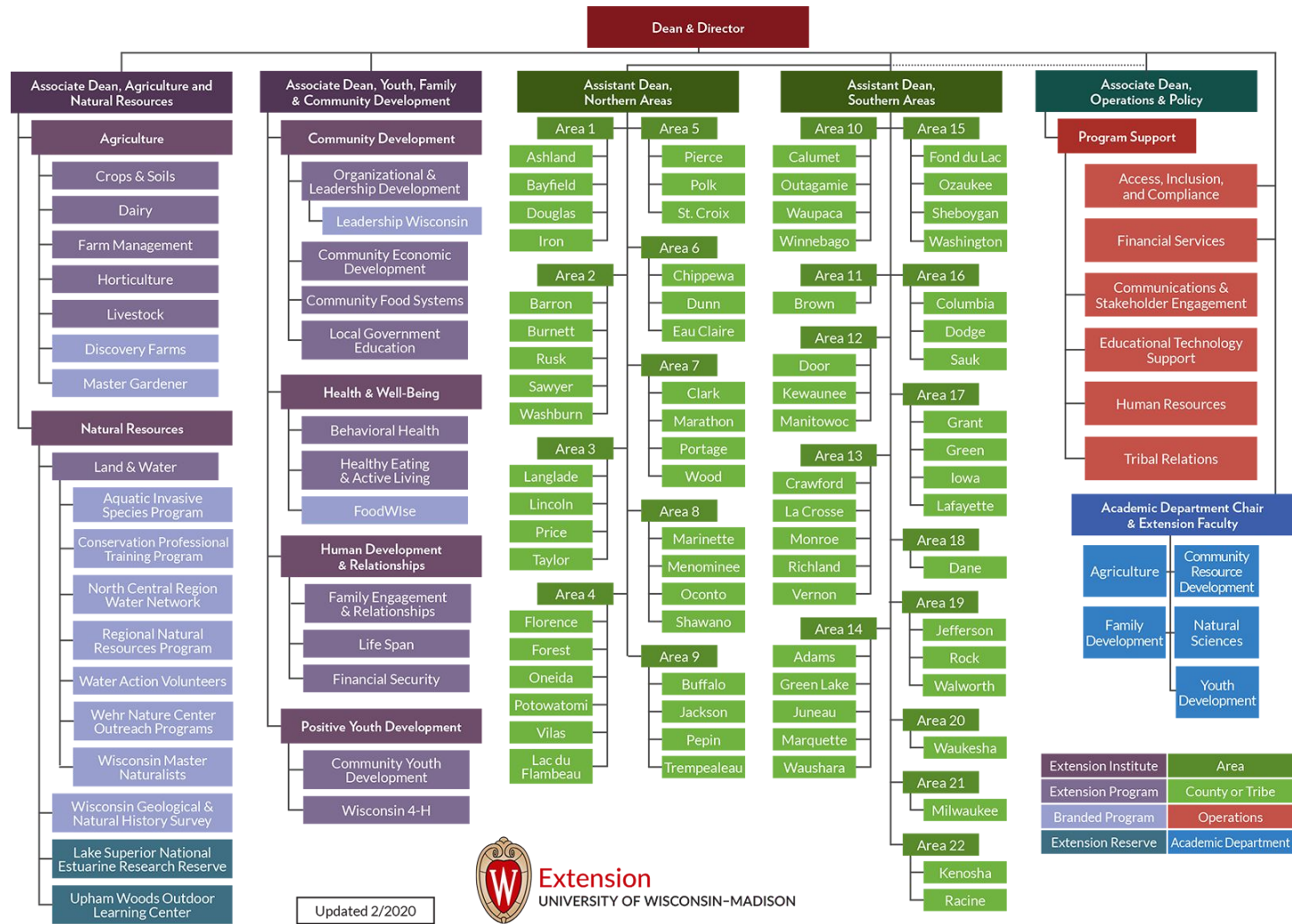




UW-Madison Organizational Chart



Extension's Work



Updated 2/2020



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History of Extension



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Area Extension



Extension's Work

Wisconsin 4-H

- Active in all 71 counties
- Serves 48,500 4-H youth members
- Engages 10,000 adult 4-H volunteers who provide leadership to youth club members

FoodWise

- Nutrition education conducted in partnership with 108 local partners reaching 105,392 residents

Master Gardener

- More than 2,600 volunteers teach gardening skills to neighbors and local communities, recording 169,000 hours of community service



Research & Programming



Extension Collaboration



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Agriculture Institute

- The Agriculture Institute works to achieve better results through research and outreach supporting livestock management, crops and soils, farm management and horticulture.
- We work hand-in-hand with farmers, businesses and communities to build stronger, more diverse farm and food systems. Whether on the farm or in the field, we're working together to develop sustainable solutions that drive economic growth and keep our state's thriving agriculture tradition strong.

Agriculture Programs

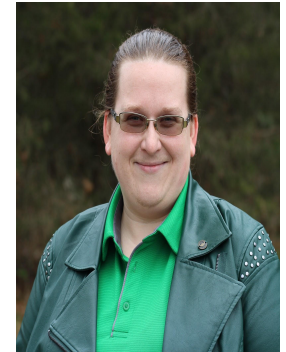
- Crops & Soil
- Dairy
- Farm Management
- Horticulture
- Livestock



Jerry Clark,
Chippewa



Katie Wantoch,
Dunn



Lyssa Seefeldt
Eau Claire

Community Development Institute

- The Community Development Institute delivers educational programming that supports individuals, communities and organizations in realizing their fullest potential.
- With programs dedicated to building leadership capacity, strategic planning, training local government officials, economic development and community food systems, our Institute promotes civic engagement and social responsibility and empowers citizens to become leaders of transformative change.



Community Development Programs

- Organizational & Leadership Development
- Community Economic Development - Broadband
- Community Food Systems
- Local Government Education



Addison Vang,
Chippewa, Dunn, & Eau Claire Counties



Health & Well-Being Institute

- The Health & Well-Being Institute works to catalyze positive change in Wisconsin families through evidence-based programs focused on nutrition, food security, food safety, chronic disease prevention, mental health, substance abuse and health insurance literacy.
- Rooted in both urban and rural communities, we're working together to help solve the state's most pressing well-being needs and to ensure that all Wisconsinites live stronger, healthier lives.



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Health & Well-Being Programs

- Behavioral Health
- Healthy Eating & Active Living
- FoodWise



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Sandy Tarter,
FoodWise Coordinator
Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire



Nancy Fastner,
FoodWise Educator
Chippewa, Dunn



Joy Weisner,
FoodWise Educator
Dunn, Eau Claire



Jael Wolf,
FoodWise Educator
Dunn, Eau Claire

Human Development & Relationships Institute

The Extension Institute for Human Development & Relationships supports families and communities through programming that encourages growth and understanding in the digital age.

- As a source of well-researched information on topics related to parenting, family relationships, child development, aging, housing and financial security, we provide positive and powerful training and tools that strengthen family bonds and enhance financial competence.



Human Development & Relationships Programs

- Family Engagement & Relationships
- Financial Education
- Life Span



Jeanne Walsh
Chippewa County



Stephanie Hintz
Dunn County



Yia Lor
Eau Claire County



Natural Resources Institute

- The Natural Resources Institute helps individuals and communities coexist with and make the most of our state's rich water, mineral and forestry resources.
- Our programs harness leading-edge university research and a network of local, state and regional partnerships to ensure our resources remain strong, resilient and productive.
- From water and forestry programming to conservation training to citizen science and youth environmental education, we're working to ensure that our resources remain at the heart of our communities, economies and state identity.

Natural Resources Programs

- Aquatic Invasive Species Program
- Conservation Professional Training Program
- North Central Region Water Network
- Regional Natural Resources Program
- Water Action Volunteers
- Wehr Nature Center Outreach Programs
- Wisconsin Master Naturalists
- Wisconsin Geological & Natural History Survey
- Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center



Lauren Larsen,
Natural Resources
Educator, Forestry
Focus



Dan Zerr,
Natural Resource Education,
Water Quality
Improvement Focus

Positive Youth Development Institute

- The Positive Youth Development Institute prepares the youth of today to become the effective, empathetic leaders of tomorrow.
- Our research-based programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to develop an understanding of themselves and the world. From teens advising local government to Wisconsin 4-H clubs, we offer diverse educational opportunities that put youth on the path to success in Wisconsin and beyond.

Positive Youth Development Program

Wisconsin 4-H



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Heidi Vanderloop Benson,
Chippewa



Luisa Gerasimo,
Dunn



Rachel Hart-Brinson,
Eau Claire

Positions	Fee	FTE	Total
Agriculture Extension Educator	\$43,600	1.0	\$43,600
Human Development & Relationships Extension Educator	\$43,600	1.0	\$43,600
4-H Program Educator	\$43,600	1.0	\$43,600
Community Development Extension Educator	\$43,600	0.33	\$14,388
Horticulture Outreach Specialist	\$43,600	0.25	\$10,900
First Educator Discount		3.58 FTE on fee for service contract	(\$10,000)
Final Total			\$146,088



Chippewa

Positions Fee **\$43,600 per FTE**

Discount **\$10,000**

Departmental resources such as: Support staff, office supplies, travel, educational materials, memberships, computers/technology, etc.

2022 Contracted Services

\$146,088

Contracted services, support staff, and departmental resources:

\$236,000



Chippewa County & Extension Partnership



Together Everyone Achieves More



Questions?



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Chippewa April 2022 Report

Agriculture

A training session for manure applicators and farmers where participants learn to apply manure safely and accurately to keep themselves safe and protect the environment.

Manure applicator training 101 sessions was held in Colfax. Nineteen applicators completed the training. The objective of the trainings were to provide training on safe manure handling and application practices. Topics covered during the training include road safety, manure gas safety, manure regulations and application, spill response, CAFO regulations, pump safety, health and well-being, and public relations.

A new Division of Extension Manure Application Workbook 2022 and corresponding presentation materials were created to assist with training delivery. The workbook and materials were created by team members Kevin Erb, Conservation Training Specialist, Jerry Clark, Chippewa County, Richard Halopka, Clark County, and Cheryl Skjolaas, Agriculture Safety and Health specialist.

A workgroup constructed for response to avian influenza where Chippewa County agencies developed resources and provided information to protect Chippewa County domestic poultry owners.

Jerry Clark participates in the Chippewa County Avian Influenza Response Workgroup to provide University of Wisconsin resources to the workgroup, agriculture educators, and poultry owners. The workgroup includes representatives from the Chippewa County departments of Public Health, Emergency Management, Land Conservation and Forest Management, and Extension. The purpose of the workgroup is to provide resources and information to the public about avian influenza and risk it poses to domestic poultry and the public.

The workgroup meets weekly to provide updates about the virus and the potential for spread into and through Chippewa County. Through Extension's relationships and contacts with commercial poultry producers in Chippewa County, the workgroup was able to hear first-hand how biosecurity plans are developed and implemented. Through the DATCP, the educator was able to secure addresses of Chippewa County commercial and backyard poultry owners for mapping and contact purposes.

Highlights

- A spreadsheet tool with crop enterprise budgets was developed for farmers to use to make informed decisions on crop management and planting decisions.
- A Zoom meeting for farmers and agricultural professionals where they learned about managing wheat diseases and monitor weather. The goal of this meeting is to help farmers and crop consultants determine when it is profitable to apply fungicides to wheat.



Chippewa April 2022 Report

- A Zoom meeting for farmers and agricultural professionals where they learned how soybean yields are affected while planting into a rye cover crop and how to analyze profitability of implementing soil health practices through the use of a spreadsheet calculator. The goal is to help farmers make informed and sustainable business decisions.
- An interactive web based class for novice gardeners with limited resources, where participants learned about soil texture, pH and nutrient availability, benefits of adding compost to garden beds and how plant primary nutrients support plant growth. This effort is designed to increase awareness and knowledge of resources to address environmental contamination and pollution (due to overuse of horticulture chemicals in urban and suburban environments).
- An interactive web based class for novice gardeners with limited resources, where participants learned to distinguish vegetable classification by plant family, define crop rotation as it applies to IPM, and apply crop rotation to planting maps. This effort is designed to increase awareness and knowledge of resources to address environmental contamination and pollution (due to overuse of horticulture chemicals in urban and suburban environments).
- A training session for manure applicators and farmers where participants learn to apply manure safely and accurately to keep themselves safe and protect the environment.
- A workgroup constructed for response to avian influenza where Chippewa County agencies developed resources and provided information to protect Chippewa County domestic poultry owners.
- A series of meetings with farm businesses where they learned about farm succession planning, preparation of farm financial information, and factors affecting their business transition. The purpose of these meetings is to help farmers make informed decisions for their business and improve the success of their farm business transition.
- A fact sheet for farmers, stakeholders, and agriculturists, that provided research-based information about cover crop termination (such as Nitrogen management and spring cover crop termination strategies like the proper use of herbicides or roller crimping). The goal was to promote best management practices on farms in this area and to indirectly encourage more farms to adopt widespread soil health practices (like the planting of cover crops and reduction in tillage).

What's Next

- Planning for a statewide webinar series for consumer horticulture audiences where participants will learn about pollinator decline, climate change and environmental contamination and pollution. The goal of this effort is to increase adoption of horticultural practices addressing identified environmental issues in Wisconsin.
- Planning for the Agriculture Education area at 2022 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, an outdoor trade show for farmers and rural communities to increase knowledge of Extension Agriculture programs in crops and soils, dairy, farm management, livestock and horticulture.



Community Development

Highlights

- An educational program for underserved Hmong Farmers, where they learn how to complete financial documents and learn of financial resources to support their farm businesses. The goal is to reduce challenges and barriers to support and/or expand underserved farm operations with introduction of financial practices and increased knowledge to access financial resources.
- A workshop for people in local government, organizations, and businesses, where participants learned how to find and research a grant and how to successfully complete a grant proposal or application to enable them to apply for a grant to fund activities and projects of their organization.

What's Next

- Planning a statewide conference to support a Hmong economic development summit. The goal is to build a network of underrepresented entrepreneurs and business owners to learn and support one another.

Health and Well-Being



4th graders learn the importance of eating from all food groups

Highlights

- A series of virtual strength training sessions for older adults where they improve strength, balance, and flexibility. This effort helps them to stay healthy and socially connected with other seniors throughout the state.
- A 6-week nutrition education series to 2nd graders in Parkview Elementary. The goal of this effort is to help youth to learn about the importance of MyPlate and eating five food groups, proper hand washing, and physical activity,
- A 6-week nutrition education series to 4th graders at Halmstad Elementary to learn about the importance of eating five food groups, role of nutrients, physical activity, and creating healthy snack options. Following lessons, students are encouraged to choose a goal to try more fruits and vegetables at each meal.



Chippewa April 2022 Report

- A Healthy Kids Day event held at the Chippewa Falls YMCA where youth learned about staying healthy and active through exercise, eating right and managing their emotions. This collaborative community effort offered parents a chance to connect with community resources/partners while learning about different ways of keeping children healthy.
- Collaboration with local agencies to create sustainability and promotion of the farmers markets token and match programs. This effort enables FoodShare participants to utilize their benefits in purchasing market foods while supporting increased vendor sales.
- Leadership in providing a statewide StrongBodies Leader training to interested individuals who then provide StrongBodies series in their local area. This program helps older adults engage in regular strength training exercises to improve strength, balance, and flexibility to they can stay healthy and socially connected.
- A series of meetings with local food pantries to support and promote the pilot of providing culturally responsive food availability for Hmong/Hmoog and Hispanic/Latinx families.

Human Development and Relationships

Highlights

- A coaching program for families and individuals, where participants learn how to create financial goals and gain money management skills. The goal of this program is to enable participants to prepare for and take charge of household financial situations that occur due to changes in income or unforeseen hardships.
- A research conference for adults where participants learned self-care strategies and positive parenting programs. The goal of this effort was to support family stability and build community capacity.
- An article for parents of preschoolers where they learned what toddlers go through developmentally, how to build confidence and love, and stay connected to a rapidly growing and changing child. This effort is designed to support family stability and resiliency.

What's Next

- Planning for the Human Development and Relations/Health and Wellbeing/ and Farm stress educational area at the 2022 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, an outdoor trade show for farmers and rural communities to increase knowledge of Extension Educators' programs that will benefit the rural community members who attend the event. Through this, trade show visitors will have the information they need to sign up for programs that can help them improve their finances, manage stress, enhance their health and wellbeing, and make end-of-life decisions that ease the transition for their loved ones.
- Planning for a conference for community members, in collaboration with community partners, including the health department, school district, and local hospitals, where participants will learn about current brain research in developing children. The goal of this effort is to raise awareness of current brain research and promote integration into family programming.



Positive Youth Development

This is our second year participating in an A.I.M. virtual art experience. I love how my children have learned new art techniques and ways to be creative. We wouldn't come up with these great art project ideas on our own, and Art U makes it easy with basic art supplies at home!

Thank you!
Art Enthusiast Mom



Highlights

- A training (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) for youth where they learn about best practices for animal well-being, food safety, and being a role model and advocate for animal agriculture. The goal of this program is to ensure a safe and quality food product for the consumers and enable youth to sell animals at the county market sale.
- The development of a resource for new and current statewide audiences that supports and promotes Virtual Learning Community submissions including curation of website resources, presenter mentorship, and new outreach efforts. The goal of this effort is to increase access to content and experiences that meet youth needs to build relationships, connect, and learn.
- A festival day in which youth showcase talents in music, speech and drama for Chippewa, Eau Claire and Dunn County 4-H youth. Our goal is to promote/build respect, confidence, and determination.
- Support and leadership for the county wide 5th to 8th Grade Experience, where the youth planning committee learned about requesting and submitting contracts. The goal is to ensure sustained youth programming in accordance with university regulations.
- A series of meetings with University of Wisconsin-Stout art education staff to prepare for a university-hosted student art show at the end of a 6 session virtual art program. This show will serve as a capstone to a 6 session virtual art program for 4-H youth in three counties.
- A six session series of art classes for 4-H youth in three counties where families tap the energy and enthusiasm of UW-Stout art education students to learn creative art techniques while connecting with other youth in a virtual setting.



Chippewa April 2022 Report

What's Next

- Planning for four camp counselor trainings and finalization of the camp staff manual in collaboration with other county 4-H educators. The training and materials will prepare 20 youth to assist at the upcoming summer camp in early June.



June 1, 2022

Chippewa County Agriculture and Extension Committee

Supplemental Report Materials



Addison Vang, Community Development Educator Chippewa, Eau Claire, and Dunn County Extension Report:

As the Community Development Educator with a focus on Community Food Systems, I support a range of topics. In the past few months this has included:

- Planned a series of virtual Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development (FEED) workshops for food business entrepreneurs in Wisconsin. This effort is for entrepreneurs that are considering expanding or starting a food based business to learn about types of food business and what is involved in operating these types of business so that they can decide if they want to pursue their business idea and what it would entail.
- Planned and facilitated strategic plans for a local nonprofit and government to support their organization's mission and goals.
- Planning a statewide conference to support a Hmong economic development summit. The conference will build a network of underrepresented entrepreneurs and business owners to support one another.
- Facilitated a workshop for people in local government, organizations, and businesses, where participants learn how to find and research and successfully complete a grant proposal or application to enable them to apply for a grant to fund activities and projects of their organization.
- An educational program for underserved Hmong Farmers, where they learn how to complete financial documents and learn of financial resources to support their farm businesses. The goal is to reduce challenges and barriers to support and/or expand underserved farm operations with introduction of financial practices and increased knowledge to access financial resources.
- I am also involved with food security connecting with pantries and nonprofits and a participant of the Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) Chronic Disease Prevention Action Team.

As I get more comfortable in the position, coming up on one year, I continue to develop professionally attending both virtual and in-person conferences and training. Some of these include the 2022 JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) Conference, Joy of Meetings (facilitation training), Extension Housing Symposium, and Extension New Colleague Onboarding to name a few.

Please feel free to reach out to learn more about the Community Development Institute.

Addison Vang, Community Development Educator

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4-H

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June 1, 2022

Chippewa County Extension Committee



WHY 4-H MATTERS

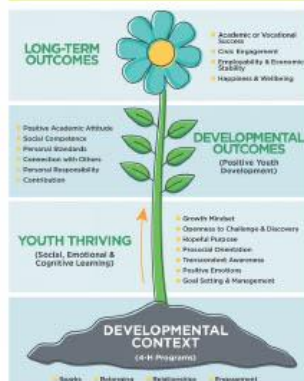
4-H Members are:

- Nearly 4x more likely to make contributions to their communities
- 2X more likely to be civically active
- 2X more likely to actively participate in science programs during out-of-school activities. Girls in 4-H are 3X more likely to take part in science programs than their peers
- 2X more likely to make healthier choices

Open to all through Title IX

CHIPPEWA COUNTY 4-H

- 14 Chartered Clubs and 4 Chartered Groups
- 377 youth members and 115 approved volunteers
- Top Project Areas Are: Cloverbuds, Photography, Swine, Archery, STEM & Arts and Crafts
- Provides opportunities for educational travel through county, state and national opportunities and connect virtually to project experts across the state
- 4-H gives youth voice, options to lead and learn, and exhibit their learning at local fairs and 4-H Festivals
- Generates thousands of volunteer hours locally giving back to our communities
- Allows for youth to receive meaningful recognition



FRAMEWORKS AND THEORIES

- Essential Elements
- Life Skills
- Experiential Learning
- Five C's (Competence, Confidence, Connection, Character & Caring)
- Ages & Stages of Youth Development

ABOUT ME:

Grew up in Dunn County & was active in 4-H for 11 years
 Started as the 4-H Program Educator in May 2018
 Chair of the Virtual Learning Community & on PQ Committee,
 assist with Ag Summit Team & WI 4-H Youth Horse Committee

Married to my husband, Jason, and operate a dairy goat herd
 Hobbies include baking, making goat products, and traveling
 Favorite 4-H Program: CAMP



AGRICULTURE - CROPS & SOILS

Jerry Clark, Agriculture Extension Educator Chippewa County

I participate in the Chippewa County Avian Influenza Response Workgroup to provide University of Wisconsin resources to the workgroup, agriculture educators, and poultry owners. The workgroup includes representatives from the Chippewa County departments of Public Health, Emergency Management, Land Conservation and Forest Management, and Extension. The purpose of the workgroup is to provide resources and information to the public about avian influenza and the risk it poses to domestic poultry and the public.

Research projects for 2022 include:

Adaptive Nitrogen Management to Corn - a study to determine economic nitrogen application rates. Held at an Eagle Point farm under irrigation.

Malting Barley Variety and Fertility Evaluation Study - Evaluating 12 varieties of malting barley. Also evaluating the effect of potassium and sulfur application rates. Held at the county farm plots.

Industrial hemp fiber study - Evaluating hemp varieties and nitrogen application rates for hemp fiber production. Held at the county farm plots.

Forage Grass and Manure Application Study - Received a \$2900 grant from the Midwest Forage Association to investigate 15 forage grass varieties and species and effect of in-season manure application. Conducted at a farm in the Stanley area. The field was planted on May 24 and data will be collected in 2023.

I am partnering with Kolby Grint, Nutrient Pest Management Specialist on two Weed Management in Soybean studies. One is investigating use of pre-emergent herbicides. The other investigates use of a roller-crimper on winter rye planted to soybean to determine weed control. These studies are at the county farm plots.

I have been involved in assisting the Farm Technology Days 2024 Site Selection Committee.



AGRICULTURE - HORTICULTURE

Margaret Murphy, Horticulture Extension Educator serving Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire counties

I support the use of environmentally-sound horticultural practices by educating the public directly and through local volunteers in the Master Gardener Program

Overall program focus is on 3 environmental challenges we face in Wisconsin

- pollinator decline / invasive species
proper plant selection can reduce invasive plant species and provide habitat for native pollinators
- climate change

What I do to promote horticultural best practices:

- answer yard and garden questions at local level
proper plant selection and plant placement - "right plant, right place" helps build sustainable, resilient landscapes - properly placed trees and shrubs around the home, for example, can decrease energy consumption resulting in reduced carbon emissions
- environmental pollution
proper pest management techniques can lead to less pesticide use leading to reduced likelihood for environmental pollution
- provide presentations/programs in-person or online

Programs we are doing in Chippewa County include:

- youth garden programs
- growing produce for donation to food pantries
- community gardens
- Master Gardener booth at the county fair
- invasive species removal
- native gardens to encourage pollinators
- Conservation days

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONSHIPS

Human Development & Relationship Chippewa County Extension Educator Report:

For our June meeting I want to showcase some of the unique ways that I partner with other agencies/businesses to help serve our community.

In the past few months this has included:

- Partnering with Chippewa County Housing Authority, The Hub, Hope Village, West Cap, Career Development Center and United Way to Facilitate a Landlord Forum meeting designed to improve communications with landlords, increase rental programs' understanding of landlord needs and concerns, and provide landlords with rental program assistance information.
- Partnering with ADRC and Chippewa Falls Library to provide a non-titled property workshop. This workshop helped participants to understand the difficulties, and how to begin planning for, the disbursement of their non-titled property.
- Partnering with Workforce Resources to develop 3 Food, Fun, and Finance programs for individuals experiencing financial struggles throughout the Chippewa Valley.
- Partnering with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to provide the Self-Care and Coping Skill class series for our justice involved families.
- Partnering with Workforce Resources, United Way, and Royal Credit Union to provide the Learn & Earn program. This program helps community members experiencing financial struggles to learn about financial security and gain funds to add to their savings.
- Partnering with other county agencies through the Chippewa County Wellness Workgroup, to offer programs and workshops that engage our county employees to be active, healthy, and safe.

I continue to develop professionally through reading, attending virtual and in-person conferences, and UW-Madison training. During the past few months this has included attending the 2022 JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) Conference, the 2022 (virtual) Maryland Financial Conference, and completing the UW-Madison Certified Professional Coaching program.

Please feel free to reach out to learn more about the UW Madison, Division of Extension Institute of Human Development & Relationship.

Jeanne Walsh, UW-Madison, Division of Extension

Human Development & Relationship Educator in Chippewa County



HEALTH & WELL-BEING - FOODWISE

Sandy Tarter, FoodWise Coordinator- Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire Counties

Nancy Fastner, FoodWise Educator, Chippewa and Dunn Counties

FoodWise is federally funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed)

FoodWise advances healthy eating habits, active lifestyles and healthy community environments for families with limited incomes through nutrition education at the individual, community and systems levels.

Our goals are to:

- Introduce children to new fruits and vegetables and teach them why they are important
- Teach parents how to buy, plan and prepare healthy meals
- Engage families with limited resources in support of choosing healthy diets while stretching food dollars
- Support communities in making the healthy choices where people live, learn, work, play and worship

In the past couple of months, programming was completed at the following:

- Halmstad Elementary
- Southview Elementary
- Parkview Elementary
- WIC parents
- Head Start parents
- StrongBodies strength training program with additional nutrition lessons
- StrongBodies statewide leader training- including 1 Chippewa resident

We work with our local coalition to address policy, systems, environmental changes including the Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) Steering Committee and we both co-chair the Chronic Disease Prevention Action Team.

Recent community involvement:

- Presentation to UW Stout Community Nutrition class
- Chippewa Falls Healthy Kids Day
- Working with Mayo Health System with Food as Medicine initiative

In April/May, we also completed annual training in Civil Rights and Language Access/ Translation Services

We welcome any questions you may have about FoodWise!

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