

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
AGRICULTURE & EXTENSION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2025
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	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10, Vice-Chair	Present	
Joel Seidlitz	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	
Pamela Guthman	Chippewa County	District 2	Present	
Timothy Goettl	Chippewa County	District 6	Absent	

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:	Pamela Guthman, District 2
SECONDER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10, Vice-Chair
AYES:	Ives, Peterson, Seidlitz, Guthman
ABSENT:	Goettl

1. Approve the agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Agriculture & Extension Committee - Regular Meeting - Mar 27, 2025 7:45 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - Thursday, August 7, 2025

5. REPORTS

1. Update on the Community Hospital - Karl Green and Bill Oemichen
 Karl Green and Bill Oemichen provided an update on the Community Hospital.

Supervisor Guthman asked that the feasibility study results be shared with the County Board.

Question was asked if the County Morgue would be opening again at the old St. Joseph's location when the Community Hospital opens. The County Coroner has a meeting scheduled to discuss this option.

2. Overview of Resolutions and Proclamations - Karl Green and Bill Oemichen

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Karl Green presented to the board on resolutions and proclamations.

3. Committee and Extension Discussion - Kristen Bruder

4. Area Extension Director Report - Kristen Bruder

Area Extension Director Kristen Bruder informed the committee that 4 Extension employees between the three counties (Chippewa, Eau Claire and Dunn) would be laid off due to federal funding that is no longer available. This will affect the FoodWise program.

5. Extension Educator Reports

Each Educator provided a report on their specific areas.

Crops and Soils - Jerry Clark

Livestock - Ryan Sterry

Community Development - Garret Zastoupil

Horticulture - Margaret Murphy

Health and Well-Being - Sandy Tarter and Hillaire Roth
Hillaire Roth has moved to a position in Eau Claire County.

Human Development and Relationships - Jeanne Walsh

Positive Youth Development - Jordan Blue

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Extension Department 2025 Budget Review

RESULT:	FORWARD BUDGET TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Pamela Guthman, District 2
SECONDER:	Joel Seidlitz, District 9
AYES:	Ives, Peterson, Seidlitz, Guthman
ABSENT:	Goettl

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Americorps members will try to attend the next meeting to pro

8. ADJOURN

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2. Approve the Minutes

Agriculture & Extension Committee - Regular Meeting - Feb 6, 2025 7:45 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 7:45 am

5. REPORTS

1. Area Extension Director Report - Kristen Bruder
Kristen provided a report to the committee and advised that the annual report was in the packet.
2. Extension Educator Reports
Each educator provided a committee a summary of the last two months. See the attached report.

Crops and Soils - Jerry Clark

Livestock - Ryan Sterry

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Community Development - Garret Zastoupil

Horticulture - Margaret Murphy

Health and Well-Being - Sandy Tarter and Hillarie Roth

Human Development and Relationships

Positive Youth Development - Jordan Blue

3. Discussion on Meeting Format - Kari Ives
Discussion on how the committee can better support the department and how to inform the whole County Board of the items UW-Extension is offering.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Committee would like an update on the Community Hospital.

Committee would like resolutions to come as business items to show support for different initiatives and programs UW-Extension offers.

8. ADJOURN

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AYES:	Ives, Peterson, Seidlitz, Guthman, Goettl

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Mar 27, 2025 7:45 AM (Consent Agenda)



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Local Government Education Resolutions versus Proclamations?

Chippewa County

July 9, 2025

Karl Green
Program Manager
Local Government Education Program



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

This morning's discussion?

- Introductions from Local Government Education Program
- Updates on Chippewa Valley Health Cooperative
- Educational Overview:
 - What is the difference between a Resolution & a Proclamation

Local Government Education Program

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Updates on Chippewa Valley Health Cooperative

- To date \$11.4M in Philanthropic donor funds raised
- Acquisition of Interim Hospital (former St. Joseph's)
 - 30 bed Hospital w 5 bd. ICU
 - 24/7 Emergency Dept.
 - Medical Surgical services
 - Labor & delivery suites
 - Comprehensive Diagnostic Services
 - Cancer & Infusion center
 - Advanced Wound Care
- Fall 2025 initial patient services begin, with full functionality by Summer 2026 (300 jobs)
- \$170M Lake Hallie Hospital location purchased (Projected Opening Date - Spring 2028)
- \$10M request from CVHC to Chippewa County & Eau Claire County for State Trust Loan Funds August 2025

What is the difference between a Resolution and a Proclamation

Resolution

- A formal action taken by the governing body
- Commonly used to:
 - Adopt budget
 - Adopt plans or policies
 - Express support for legislative positions
 - Approve contracts or agreements
 - Establishing procedures or authorizations
- Resolutions can be binding, are part of the official record, and require formal votes

Proclamation

- A ceremonial, non-binding, or symbolic declaration issued by an elected official or governing body
- Commonly used to:
 - Declare a “Day” (Ex. Clerk’s Appreciation Day)
 - Recognition of individual, staff, department achievement
 - Support of Awareness efforts (Ex: Cancer Screening month, Mental Health Awareness, etc.)
- Proclamations do not create enforceable policies or obligations!



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QUESTIONS AND THANK YOU!

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
COMMITTEE AND EXTENSION DISCUSSION - KRISTEN BRUDER

5.3

Committee and Extension discussion - From your perspective, what are the most pressing needs or challenges facing residents in our community right now-and where do you see opportunities for Extension to be part of the solution?



Crops & Soils

Jerry Clark | Regional Crops and Soils Educator

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Extension Regional Educators Jerry Clark and Ryan Sterry, and Outreach Specialists Leonard Polzin and Bill Halfman, addressed current forage, beef, and dairy production topics for the 2025 Chippewa Valley Forage Council Spring Seminar. Presentations and discussions included an update on producer led watershed grant programs, a dairy market outlook, nutrition considerations for the beef cow herd, transitioning to beef: considerations for cattle handling, nitrogen management research, and Inter-seeding alfalfa with corn silage.

Fifteen people attended the workshop.

An on-farm research study to better understand manure application, commercial nitrogen application rates, and nitrogen credits on corn yield and potential effect on groundwater. Results from this study will help farmers, agriculture industry professionals, and agency professionals in adjusting manure and commercial nitrogen applications to optimize corn yield and protect groundwater resources. Total Reach: Research is just starting in 2025. Plans are to host field days and workshops throughout 2025 to discuss current research and results from 2024. Collaborated with: Amber Gilles, Ryan Sterry, and Teal Polzin.



Nitrate monitoring lysimeters are installed at a Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Project in Chippewa County



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Livestock

Ryan Sterry | Regional Livestock Educator

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Chippewa Valley Forage Council Spring Seminar for Beef and Dairy Forage producers. Extension Regional Educators Jerry Clark and Ryan Sterry, and Outreach Specialists Leonard Plzien and Bill Halfman, addressed current forage, beef, and dairy production topics for the 2025 Chippewa Valley Forage Council Spring Seminar

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An article for beef cow-calf producers where readers learned the value of crossbreeding and how it can be implemented on their farms to help them improve profitability.

A series of workshops for beef producers where producers learned about what type of cattle packers prefer to meet consumer demands, what quality and yield grades are, current challenges in the beef industry and best management practices to produce ideal market animals. Total Reach: 160 beef producers.

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Community Development

Garret Zastoupil Regional Community Development Educator



A "Join or Die" documentary screening, post-screening conversation, and civic fair for Chippewa Falls community members. Participants inventoried community connectedness and belonging, strategized for local organization maintenance and growth, and 11 civic organizations provided the public with information about ways to engage. The purpose of this program is to sensitize community members to the current health of local groups and assist them in developing an intentional effort to sustain, expand, or even revive local organizations that contribute to civic health. Total Reach: 34 participants

A 4-part workshop series in partnership with Wisconsin Literacy where board members and directors of small literacy organizations evaluate the current state of their organization, analyze support pools for volunteers and funding, and create action plans to ensure their organization is sustainable over time. Total Reach: 21 Workshop Participants 14 Literacy Organizations

Continued development of the Chippewa Valley Health Cooperative and its efforts to re-open the former St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls as an full-service interim healthcare facility, and to build a new full-service hospital in Lake Hallie, Wisconsin to replace the 34% of regional health care lost with the closure of the two HSHS hospitals in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls and 19 Prevea clinics across the region. Total Reach: CVHC has more than 1,000 members in the Chippewa Valley Region. The CVHC Board of Directors is made up of 6 community leaders and three physicians. CVHC is working closely with the 160+ medical professionals who are part of the Oakleaf Physicians Network. Collaborating with: Bill Oemichen, Karl Green, and Kristen Bruder

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Health and Well-Being

Sandy Tarter | FoodWise Regional County Coordinator

Hillarie Roth | FoodWise Chippewa & Dunn Educator



A 4 lesson series with four 4K classrooms at Boyd Early Learning Center. This effort helps youth to explore healthy foods using songs, movement, stories, and food tastings. Students learned about the different food groups in MyPlate through playful, interactive experiences that support early learning and curiosity.

A 6 lesson nutrition education series to two after school groups in Cornell: one group with kindergarten and 1st graders, and another of 2nd and 3rd graders. Lessons covered healthy eating habits, snack ideas, and food group identification using hands-on activities and tastings. This effort allows for relaxed, engaging discussions and plenty of opportunity for student participation.

A 4-week series with Boyd Head Start 3 and 4K youth to learn about colorful foods, where foods come from, and the importance of hand washing. This effort provided lessons that included story-based learning, hands-on activities, and food tastings aimed at helping young children become familiar with healthy foods and the MyPlate food groups in a fun, sensory-rich environment.

A 4-week series with Cadott Head Start 3 and 4K youth to learn about colorful foods, where foods come from, and the importance of hand washing. This effort provided lessons designed to encourage curiosity about new foods, promote recognition of fruits and vegetables, and introduce the concept of balanced eating using age-appropriate visuals and activities.

A 6-week series with three second grade classrooms at Parkview Elementary where students learned about MyPlate and the five food groups, healthy habits, and making balanced food choices. Students participated in interactive activities and food tastings designed to help them connect classroom learning

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to real-life eating habits. This effort engages students with interactive, fun activities and gives them a hands-on experience to taste a variety of healthy foods from each food group related to the lessons.

A 6-week series with three 5th grade classrooms at Parkview Elementary where students learned about nutrition label reading, the importance of balanced meals, healthy snack choices, and reinforcing MyPlate knowledge. Students enjoyed hands-on learning opportunities and engaged in meaningful discussions about how to apply what they've learned at home.

A series of virtual strength training sessions (StrongBodies) for adults in the community, where participants engage in regular, progressive strength training and health education to improve their physical and mental health, and enhance social connectedness.

Horticulture

Margaret Murphy | Regional Horticulture Educator

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A program for the public on growing fruit in containers where participants learned best practices on container gardening together with guidance on fruit selections for containers. This effort was designed to encourage people of all ages to garden food even if space or mobility is limited. Total Reach: 12

Provided garden articles and factsheets for the public in the Extension in the Valley, a tri-county monthly newsletter that focuses on Agriculture and Horticulture news. Included were gardening tips for older adults, tips on gardening with kids, and links to UW Madison Extension articles on seed starting, early spring lawn care and pruning evergreen shrubs. Links to the PDDC current blog and upcoming garden events were also included. This effort is designed to keep participants connected to seasonal horticulture topics. Total Reach: 717 email recipients Collaborated with: Amber Gilles, Jerry Clark, and Ryan Sterry

A program for the public on common diseases, pests and disorders that they may encounter in the gardens this summer. Participants learned what signs / symptoms to look for and corresponding management strategies based on IPM techniques. This effort was designed to encourage people to stay observant in the garden for early detection of an issue and properly identify and understand the issue before making management decisions.

A workshop on starting seeds indoors for the Chippewa County Courthouse employees where participants learn how to start seeds indoors and transplant them in the home garden or containers.

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Also, provided is guidance on container gardening and caring for flowers and vegetables in the home garden. This effort was designed to encourage people of all ages to incorporate plants and gardening into their lifestyle, enjoy social interactions and learn about indoor seed starting and growing plants in containers.

A garden program for beginners where participants learn the basics of vegetable gardening. The goal of this effort was to teach those new to vegetable gardening how to start a vegetable garden, understand soil health, learn about plant selection, planting, and garden maintenance.

An activity to illustrate the wellness benefits of gardening for participants in the Chippewa County Recovery Court Program. Participants learned how gardening is a great way to incorporate many wellness benefits such as stress relief, focus recovery and a sense of accomplishment into your life and were able to build their own sensory garden in a pot. This effort was designed to encourage people to include plants and gardening in their lifestyle to experience the many benefits that gardening can provide. Total Reach: 8
 Partnered with: Jeanne Walsh



Human Development and Relationships

Jeanne Walsh | Human Development and Relationships Educator



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 workshop (Read and Connect) where parents in jail and prison learn the importance of reading aloud to children and ways to engage their child through books. The goal of this program is to help parents strengthen the parent-child bond and build children's early literacy skills, which are an important foundation for success in school and life.

A program (Making Reading Memories) for families involved in the justice system where parents in jail are video recorded reading storybooks, which are then shared with their children at home. The goal is to

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reduce the trauma of separation, strengthen family relationships and at the same time increase children's exposure to books and reading.

Partnered with Chippewa Falls Public Library for a "Big Read" activity at the Chippewa Falls Public Library. A story was read and information regarding WI's 529 College Savings Program was shared to pre-K children and their caregivers for Money Smart Week Wisconsin. All children received the book Deena's Lucky Penny, provided through the WI Department of Financial Institutions. The goal of this activity was to teach the importance of saving money and spending wisely.

Partnered with Chippewa Falls Public Library for an after-school "Penny-Palooza" event held at the library. information on WI's 529 College Savings Program, games, stories, activity stations and prizes were provided for area families. All children received the book Deena's Lucky Penny, provided through the WI Department of Financial Institutions. The goal of this activity was to teach the importance of saving money and spending wisely.

Coordinated and led Pathways to Wellness classes where justice involved participants learned how to save money when shopping for food, eating away from home, and by using their appliances safely and creatively. This effort was to encourage and promote healthy wellness activities. Participants learned about different forms of protein and were able to try a lentil taco- then receiving a slow cooker and ingredients to make lentil tacos with their families. Participants also learned about healthy relationships from a Domestic Violence Advocate, family wellness from 4-H Positive Youth Development Educator Jordan Blue, and nature and wellness from Horticulture Educator Margaret Murphy.



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Positive Youth Development

Jordan Blue | 4-H Program Educator

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An eight week after school program for Kindergarten-8th grade students in Cornell, supported by our AmeriCorps Member, where 75 youth explore different areas of 4-H each week. Through this program, students develop diverse skills and interests, fostering personal growth and a love for learning.

Planning for Discover Wisconsin, a program for 5th-8th grade students in Superior, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota. The goal is for youth to learn about the history of the region, grow as individuals, and develop decision-making skills, so that they can become informed and engaged members of their communities.

Planning for a summer camp program for youth, including a day camp, one-night camp, and a three-night base camp. The goal is to provide participants with immersive outdoor experiences and skill-building opportunities, so that they can develop resilience, teamwork, and a deeper connection to youth and adults in the 4-H Program. Collaborating with: Amber Gilles

A bi-weekly classroom club for 2nd grade students in New Auburn, supported by our AmeriCorps Member, where 21 youth explore different areas of 4-H each week. Through this program, students develop diverse skills and interests, fostering personal growth and a love for learning. Total Reach: 21 youth participants

Delivery of a series of Cloverbud Project Club Programs for Cloverbud K-2nd grade participants, where youth will engage with peers in Chippewa County. Studies show that 4-H youth introduced to programs early on are more likely to participate in science, technology, and engineering programs, and make healthy choices later in their journey. Total Reach: 20 youth

A multi-month camp counselor training for youth in 8th-13th grade, with volunteers, where participants learned leadership skills, team-building techniques, and effective communication strategies. Through this program, participants developed confidence, responsibility, and the ability to mentor younger campers, preparing them for future leadership roles and fostering a sense of community.

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Value Added Programming

Investment in Chippewa Extension brings additional resources.

A Mental Health Training Request Form, where members of the public and community partners can request training for their group in Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Dunn Counties. The goal is to have a central location for tracking mental health training requests in the Chippewa Valley and work with community partners to efficiently fill training needs. (Margo Dieck)

Area Extension Director

Kristen Bruder | Chippewa, Eau Claire and Dunn Counties



The role of the AED is like that of the department head in the county. If you have ideas, thoughts, or want to chat about Extension please reach out! Below is a brief overview of the role of AEDs:

Extension fully invests in Area Extension Directors (AEDs) who oversee an area. These administrative positions are responsible for partnership management, staff development, financial management and program coordination.

Through the many interactions the AED has with county partners and local educators, the AED develops a solid understanding of the local needs and county priorities and helps to align Extension educational programs to ensure the programs address county needs. Educators also communicate local needs to their programmatic Institutes which collectively identify opportunities to address statewide needs.



Crops & Soils

Jerry Clark | Regional Crops and Soils Educator

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A series of alfalfa measurements that will help to better understand optimum alfalfa and winter cereal harvest across Wisconsin. The results of this study will help forage growers to determine what techniques can best predict optimum forage harvest timing to improve first cutting forage quality for livestock.
(Collaborated with: Ryan Sterry)

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

Manure and commercial nitrogen fertilizers are sources of nitrogen for corn production. Use of nitrogen fertilizers and manure in agriculture production fields is often needed for higher crop yields. Over application of nitrogen and manure can lead to nitrate nitrogen leaching to groundwater. Groundwater quality is a major concern across Wisconsin counties. Funding through a Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program On-Farm Research grant led to investigation of the effect of manure and commercial nitrogen application on corn yield on six farms across Wisconsin. Farmers and Regional Educators are collaborating to implement on-farm research to discover yield and water quality effects of various rates of nitrogen to areas of fields with and without applied manure. The purpose of the project is to understand how manure application impacts the Maximum Return to Nitrogen (MRTN) for corn throughout the growing season. The research seeks to validate the recommended manure nutrient credits and MRTN values for corn. Participating farmers and extension educators anticipate there will be an increase in yield for plots with manure and nitrogen applied, but a lower crop response to nitrogen as the amount of nitrogen applied increases. This would allow manure sample data to be utilized to correlate total amounts of nitrogen received for each plot to the harvested yield. Six rates of nitrogen from 0, 40, 80, 120, 160, and 200 pounds per acre are applied with four replications at six farms across Wisconsin. Water quality measurements through lysimeters installed at one location will assist in evaluating the movement of nitrogen through the water profile. Lysimeters installed in April 2024 were removed in April 2025 and nitrate results are currently being analyzed. This is the second year of a two-year project to be completed in fall of 2025 with results to be released in Spring 2026..



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Livestock

Ryan Sterry | Regional Livestock Educator

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Internal parasites can significantly impact the health and performance of a flock or herd. For follow-up to an Extension workshop on intestinal parasite life cycles and the development of resistance, we are working with a beef producer to sample internal parasite populations in their herd before and after the use of deworming products. Our ultimate goal is to equip producers with tools and strategies to help curb internal parasites.

A series of introductory videos and social media posts introducing regional livestock educators to provide examples of livestock area programs to county partners and public stakeholders. (Developed with: Beth Mcilquham)

In an effort to identify host sites for field day programs and demonstrations, Ryan has continued to meet with livestock producers, public agencies, and agribusinesses in the Chippewa Valley.

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May 2025 Report

Community Development

Garret Zastoupil Regional Community Development Educator



Continued development of the Chippewa Valley Health Cooperative and its efforts to re-open the former St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls as an full-service interim healthcare facility, and to build a new full-service hospital in Lake Hallie, Wisconsin to replace the 34% of regional health care lost with the closure of the two HSHS hospitals in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls and 19 Prevea clinics across the region. (Bill Oemichen, Garret Zastoupil, Karl Green, Kristen Bruder)

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: Scenario Planning with Literacy Chippewa Valley

Community-serving organizations, including nonprofits, local governments, and coalitions, are more effective when they have a clear purpose/mission, vision, and goals. When there are changes in leadership, resources, community needs, and other internal or external factors that affect the organization, it is a best practice to engage in some form of strategic planning to set priorities, focus energy and resources, and ensure everyone is working towards common goals. Extension met with organization leaders to diagnose the needs of the organization. When strategic planning was identified as a need, Extension worked with the organization leaders to design and facilitate a systematic process that was unique to the organization, and which helped the organization create, affirm, or revise its mission, vision, and goals. Extension also helped the organization facilitate the development of action plans intended to move the organization forward in addressing its goals. The strategic planning process facilitated by Extension generated several important outcomes for the organization. First, the process provided clarity and direction as outlined in the strategic plan report. Second, it taught organization leaders about the importance of planning as a tool for increased organizational capacity. Third, the strategic planning process built trust, understanding, and shared knowledge that will lead to collective action to address local needs. The Community and Leadership Development Educator is preparing a Scenario Planning Exercise, as part of a strategic planning update, to be completed with the board and partners of Literacy Chippewa Valley in May 2025. Given changes in the funding environment, updating a strategic plan using a scenario planning method is an appropriate technique to support the organization. The Educator is collaborating with the Executive Director to finalize the scenario planning session.

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Health and Well-Being

Sandy Tarter | FoodWise Regional County Coordinator

Hillarie Roth | FoodWise Chippewa & Dunn Educator



A program on adaptive gardening for participants of two StrongBodies classes where participants learn about strategies and techniques that help us to continue to garden safely as we age. Partnered with: Margaret Murphy

A 5- lesson nutrition education series to two after school groups in Cornell: one group with kindergarten and 1st graders, and another of 2nd and 3rd graders. The lessons focused on building healthy eating habits, exploring nutritious snack ideas, and identifying food groups. Through hands-on activities and tastings, students engaged in relaxed, meaningful discussions that encouraged active participation and learning.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

Spotlight Studies on teaching young children about fruits and vegetables consistently demonstrate that repeated exposure, positive experiences, and engaging activities, like gardening and cooking, are key to fostering healthy eating habits. Early introduction to a variety of fruits and vegetables, combined with education and positive reinforcement, can significantly impact children's preferences and consumption of these foods. FoodWise education incorporates the following key findings and messages (Part 1):
Repeated Exposure and Positive Experiences: Taste exposure: Repeatedly offering children new fruits and vegetables, even if they initially dislike them, can lead to increased acceptance and liking. Their taste buds are growing and changing with their bodies! Positive mealtime environment: Creating a fun and supportive environment around meals, free from pressure to eat, can encourage exploration of new foods. We like to encourage the "Smell it, Lick it, Bunny bite it method in our classrooms! Involvement in food preparation: Activities like gardening, cooking, and taste-testing can enhance children's interest



and willingness to try new fruits and vegetables. We provide age-appropriate activities in the kitchen to help Mom or Dad with food preparation. Even a 2-yr old can wash fruits and veggies or tear lettuce!

Horticulture

Margaret Murphy | Regional Horticulture Educator

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A program on adaptive gardening for participants of two StrongBodies classes where participants learn about strategies and techniques that help us to continue to garden safely as we age.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

The two StrongBodies programs were a result of requests from the FoodWise coordinators in La Crosse, Dunn, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. The programs included an overview of health and wellness benefits of gardening and adaptive gardening strategies in a PowerPoint and handouts and Q&A period. The goal of this effort was to help gardeners to keep gardening as we age. Participants' comments

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Jeanne Walsh | Human Development and Relationships Educator



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A workshop (Read and Connect) where parents in jail and prison learn the importance of reading aloud to children and ways to engage their child through books. The goal of this program is to help parents strengthen the parent-child bond and build children's early literacy skills, which are an important foundation for success in school and life.

A program (Making Reading Memories) for families involved in the justice system where parents in jail are video recorded reading storybooks, which are then shared with their children at home. The goal is to reduce the trauma of separation, strengthen family relationships and at the same time increase children's exposure to books and reading.

Worked with the Chippewa County Criminal Justice Dept. to develop a new reentry curriculum for inmates within the Chippewa County Jail. The goal of the program is to reduce recidivism rates by helping individuals prepare for release after extended incarceration.

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Positive Youth Development

Jordan Blue | 4-H Program Educator

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A bi-weekly classroom club for 2nd grade students in New Auburn, supported by our previous AmeriCorps Member, where 21 youth explore different areas of 4-H each week. Through this program, students develop diverse skills and interests, fostering personal growth and a love for learning. Total Reach: 21 youth participants

Planning for a summer camp program for youth, including a day camp, one-night camp, and a three-night base camp. The goal is to provide participants with immersive outdoor experiences and skill-building opportunities, so that they can develop resilience, teamwork, and a deeper connection to youth and adults in the 4-H Program.

Assisted by: Amber Gilles, Chloe Nicolaus

Planning for Discover Wisconsin, a program for 5th-8th grade students in Superior, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota. The goal is for youth to learn about the history of the region, grow as individuals, and develop decision-making skills, so that they can become informed and engaged members of their communities.

An eight week after school program for Kindergarten-8th grade students in Cornell, supported by our previous AmeriCorps Member, Chloe, where 75 youth explore different areas of 4-H each week. Through this program, students develop diverse skills and interests, fostering personal growth and a love for learning.

Four learning sessions for youth, where participants are engaging in hands-on activities and discussions focused on small animal care, behavior, and project preparation. Through this effort, youth gained practical knowledge, built confidence in working with animals, and strengthened their connection to 4-H project work.

Planning for a sewing project workshop for youth in collaboration with a dedicated 4-H volunteer. The goal is to teach participants basic sewing skills, including how to use a sewing machine, follow patterns, and complete simple projects, so that youth gain confidence in practical life skills, express creativity, and

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build a foundation for future learning and leadership in 4-H. This effort responds to a local need for more hands-on, skill-building opportunities in the county.

*A training overnight camp counselors, where participants developed leadership, safety, and youth engagement skills. Through this program, counselors were better equipped to create safe, inclusive, and enriching camp experiences for youth in their communities. Total Reach: 24 camp counselors
 Assisted by: Amber Gilles*



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:



Following the recent funding cut to AmeriCorps, our program—one of the largest in the area—recognized a critical need to expand staff capacity to sustain and grow 4-H programming. With fewer AmeriCorps members available to support youth development efforts, we identified the onboarding and training of interns as a strategic way to fill this gap. This effort aims to ensure that interns are well-prepared to contribute meaningfully to program delivery, outreach, and engagement, helping maintain the quality and reach of 4-H initiatives across the region. To address the staffing gap

created by the AmeriCorps funding cut, we began developing a structured intern orientation and onboarding program to build capacity within our 4-H program. With generous funding support from the Chippewa County 4-H Leaders Association and the Positive Youth Development Institute, we are designing a comprehensive training experience that prepares interns to assist with program delivery, youth engagement, and event coordination. The onboarding process includes orientation sessions, mentorship opportunities, and skill-building workshops tailored to the needs of our local 4-H programs. This effort ensures that interns are not only ready to step into supportive roles but are also aligned with the values and goals of positive youth development.

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Value Added Programming

Investment in Chippewa Extension brings additional resources.

Co-Chairing the Chippewa Valley Suicide Prevention Workgroup, which covers suicide prevention efforts in Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire Counties. The goal of this group is to collaborate on efforts to reduce deaths by suicide in the region. (Margo Dieck)

Area Extension Director

Kristen Bruder | Chippewa, Eau Claire and Dunn Counties



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Crops & Soils

Jerry Clark | Regional Crops and Soils Educator

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An on-farm research study to better understand manure application, commercial nitrogen application rates, and nitrogen credits on corn yield and potential effect on groundwater. Results from this study will help farmers, agriculture industry professionals, and agency professionals in adjusting manure and commercial nitrogen applications to optimize corn yield and protect groundwater resources. Total Reach: Educational field days are planned throughout the summer and fall 2025.

An on-farm study to better understand the effect of nitrogen application rates on nitrogen cycling and corn yield. Results from this study will help corn growers in that they can implement and adapt nitrogen management practices to optimize economic return, improve efficiency of nitrogen fertilizer resulting in more sustainable corn production and farm profitability.

A series of alfalfa measurements that will help to better understand optimum alfalfa and winter cereal harvest across Wisconsin. The results of this study will help forage growers to determine what techniques can best predict optimum forage harvest timing to improve first cutting forage quality for livestock. Partnered with: Ryan Sterry

Livestock

Ryan Sterry | Regional Livestock Educator

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Continued data collection for a multi-year bale grazing project. Bale grazing is a winter feeding strategy where cattle graze hay bales placed in fields in a grid pattern. Data is being collected to quantify the potential benefits of implementing this management practice, such as increased pasture fertility, reduced labor, and minimized equipment use.


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In an effort to identify host sites for field day programs and demonstrations, Ryan has continued to meet with livestock producers, public agencies, and agribusinesses in the Chippewa Valley.

A series of introductory videos introducing regional livestock educators to provide examples of livestock area programs to county partners and public stakeholders.

Internal parasites can significantly impact the health and performance of a flock or herd. For follow-up to an Extension workshop on intestinal parasite life cycles and the development of resistance, we are working with a beef producer to sample internal parasite populations in their herd before and after the use of deworming products. Our ultimate goal is to equip producers with tools and strategies to help curb internal parasites.

An educational article for the Midwest Forage Association's "Clippings" newsletter, focused on forage growers and agri-business professionals, where the audience will learn about forage needs and planning if transitioning from dairy cattle to beef cattle.

An educational article for the Wisconsin Agriculturalist, focused on beef producers and agri-business professionals, where the audience will learn about setting breeding and calving seasons

<https://livestock.extension.wisc.edu/articles/defined-breeding-season-simple-yet-important-strategy/>

Community Development

Garret Zastoupil | Regional Community Development Educator



Continued development of the Chippewa Valley Health Cooperative and its efforts to re-open the former St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls as a full-service interim healthcare facility, and to build a new full-service hospital in Lake Hallie, Wisconsin to replace the 34% of regional health care lost with the closure of the two HSHS hospitals in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls and 19 Prevea clinics across the region. (Bill Oemichen, Garret Zastoupil, Karl Green, Kristen Bruder)

A facilitated workshop of Momentum West Housing Summit participants to identify successes, challenges, and resource gaps to support housing development in western Wisconsin. Through this workshop, participants were able to share with one another and identify opportunities for ongoing

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professional development for local government leaders, housing developers, and community economic development professionals. Total Reach: 400 workshop participants

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: Scenario Planning with Literacy Chippewa Valley

Community-serving organizations, including nonprofits, local governments, and coalitions, are more effective when they have a clear purpose/mission, vision, and goals. When there are changes in leadership, resources, community needs, and other internal or external factors that affect the organization, it is a best practice to engage in some form of strategic planning to set priorities, focus energy and resources, and ensure everyone is working towards common goals. Extension met with organization leaders to diagnose the needs of the organization. When strategic planning was identified as a need, Extension worked with the organization leaders to design and facilitate a systematic process that was unique to the organization, and which helped the organization create, affirm, or revise its mission, vision, and goals. Extension also helped the organization facilitate the development of action plans intended to move the organization forward in addressing its goals. The strategic planning process facilitated by Extension generated several important outcomes for the organization. First, the process provided clarity and direction as outlined in the strategic plan report. Second, it taught organization leaders about the importance of planning as a tool for increased organizational capacity. Third, the strategic planning process built trust, understanding, and shared knowledge that will lead to collective action to address local needs. The Community and Leadership Development Educator completed a Scenario Planning Exercise with the board and staff of Literacy Chippewa Valley in May 2025. The Executive Director reached out to the Educator to provide a brief session with relevant individuals to update Literacy Chippewa Valley's Strategic Plan. Given changes in the funding environment, policies, and partnership with local nonprofits and governments, a scenario planning exercise was completed. Literacy Chippewa Valley affirmed its mission to provide accessible, responsive, and community-focused education by continuing to work with partners such as the Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire County Jails. Scenario planning participants identified the need to diversify their support base, deepen engagement with current supporters, and broaden access for learners as three key goals.



Health and Well-Being

Sandy Tarter | FoodWise Regional County Coordinator

Macy Lien | FoodWise Chippewa & Dunn Educator



A 6-lesson nutrition education series with residents at Romeis Apartments. This effort will help residents with foundational knowledge of the food groups and developing sustainable eating habits focusing on meal planning on a budget, reading food labels, portion control, and making balanced food choices.

A collaboration with Eau Claire Master Gardener Volunteers, Eau Claire City Parks and Recreation, Chippewa Valley Builders Association, and Chippewa Valley Technical College to start activities in implementing the FoodWise Garden Grant program- Year 2. This effort will replace 9 raised beds and widen pathways for accessibility in the North River Fronts Kids Garden.

We warmly welcome Macy Lien to the Area FoodWise Team! Macy joined the Chippewa office on June 9th and will cover Chippewa and Dunn County. She has a B.S in Public Health-Nutrition and also worked with LaCrosse County FoodWise prior to joining our team. Macy loves the FoodWise mission and we are happy to have her on our team.

"I'm excited to join UW Extension as a FoodWise Educator in Chippewa and Dunn County! I'm passionate about helping communities make healthy, informed food choices, and I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and being a part of the team!" ~ Macy

Horticulture

Margaret Murphy | Regional Horticulture Educator

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An informational/educational pollinator/tree themed booth at a nature reserve's annual event where the general public learned the value of creating ecological
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niches using native plants allowing urban areas to support a host of different insect pollinators. This effort is to encourage individuals to adopt gardening practices that support pollinator habitat and health throughout the year. Total Reach: 30 people from the public came through the event. Partnered with: Ryan Sterry

Provide garden articles published in the Extension in the Valley, tri-county monthly newsletter that focuses on Agriculture and Horticulture news. In the current issue, participants learned about common pests of cucurbits, and the herb Rosemary. Links to more horticulture articles found at UW Horticulture Division of Extension and upcoming events were also provided. This effort is designed to keep participants connected to current horticulture matters. Collaborated with: Jerry Clark & Ryan Sterry

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Two classes for the Academy for Lifelong Learners participants on the benefits of gardening. This program explored the positive impacts plants have on our lives and offered an activity for participants to build their own sensory garden in a pot. This effort was designed to encourage people to include plants and gardening into their lifestyle and experience the many benefits that gardening provides. Total Reach: Provided 2 classes with a total of 40 people attending.

Planned and planted a native plant demonstration garden for the public. The goal of this effort is to encourage people to incorporate native plants into their landscape for both beautification and an opportunity to support pollinators by increasing habitat. This effort also hopes to demonstrate how native plantings can help reduce the use of water in the landscape as well as the need for fertilizer and pesticides to the benefit of our waterways and to reduce chemical input to our environment.

Program for families at the Lake Wissota State Park on pollinators in celebration of Pollinator Week. The program offered a tour through a well-established pollinator garden together with information on pollinators and native plants. This effort was to encourage individuals to adopt gardening practices that support pollinator habitat and health throughout the year.

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Development of the Financial Coaching Foundations Course. This online course is for professionals who provide direct services to individuals and are interested in helping their clients build skills for lasting financial change. This course offers 1.4 CEU's and runs 2 times per year.

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Jordan Blue | 4-H Program Educator

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Assisted in facilitating the Leaders Association Budget, General Meeting, and By-Laws Meeting preparation, contributing to strategic planning and organizational positioning to strengthen infrastructure and streamline processes for the leadership board. Additionally, collaborated with the Association Snack Bar Committee to ensure alignment with local and state program policies. Ongoing coordination includes regular Snack Bar Committee meetings.

In collaboration with State Expressive Arts Specialist Jay Johnson, the newly launched Wisconsin 4-H Arts Ambassador Communication, Marketing, and Media Team made its debut at Summer Academy. While in Madison, team members engaged with media professionals, Extension specialists, and visited the Wisconsin State Capitol. There, they met with state representatives and a state senator to discuss the positive impact of 4-H on youth across the state. During the academy, the team also created promotional content highlighting the Arts Ambassador teams and the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council.



Chippewa County 4-H successfully delivered a dynamic, three-tiered camp program that reached **133 youth participants with the support of 12 dedicated adult volunteers**. The offerings included a one-night overnight camp, a full-day camp, and an immersive three-night camp experience—each designed to meet the diverse needs and interests of our 4-H youth. Trained camp counselors, who participated in monthly leadership and skill-building sessions, led

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engaging lessons and activities throughout each camp. Adult volunteers partnered with counselors to provide mentorship and ensure a safe, supportive environment for all participants. Chippewa County 4-H continues to uphold its strong legacy of providing high-quality, youth-centered camp experiences that foster leadership, creativity, and lifelong memories.

With guidance from the 4-H Educators, the Area 6 interns and AmeriCorps Members have been planning a Day Camp Series. The educators have helped them by offering education on program planning, helping select the sites, and working through a budget. The interns and AmeriCorps Members have selected the themes and planned the activities.

Preparations are actively underway for key youth engagement events at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair, including the Education Stations, Youth Speaking and Demonstration Contests, and the Cloverbud Stuffed Animal Show. These initiatives aim to foster public speaking skills, creativity, and confidence among participants while providing fun, educational experiences in partnership with Chloe Nicolaus and Lily Schwartz, Wisconsin 4-H AmeriCorps Members.

Planning for the upcoming 4-H Summer Awards Celebration in July will honor the accomplishments of graduating seniors and recognize Cloverbuds as they transition to the next level of their 4-H journey. This special event will celebrate the growth, dedication, and milestones of our youth, while bringing together families and the 4-H community to reflect on a year of achievement.

Program planning is underway for Discover Wisconsin, an immersive educational experience designed for 5th–8th grade youth from Superior, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota. This unique program invites participants to explore the rich history, culture, and natural environment of the Lake Superior region while fostering personal growth and civic responsibility. Youth will deepen their understanding of Wisconsin's heritage, develop leadership and decision-making skills, and reflect on their personal values. Through collaborative activities and shared experiences, they will build self-awareness and strengthen their ability to work with others, preparing them to become informed and engaged members of their communities.

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Extension - Budget Detail			
2026 DH Requested Budget			
		2026 Initial Budget Request Total incl. Worksheets	2026 Worksheet Total
Worksheet Line Item	Full Postingstring		
Grand Total		0	0
55620 - University Extension		0	0
411100 - General Property Taxes		(236,102)	(236,102)
2025 Property Tax Levy	100.48.55620.411100	(227,774)	(227,774)
2026 Contracted Position Rate Increases	100.48.55620.411100	(8,328)	(8,328)
467701 - UW Extension Revenues		(100)	(100)
Misc Extension Revenues	100.48.55620.467701	(100)	(100)
467709 - UW Postage Revenue		(1,507)	(1,507)
Granted Postage Revenues from University	100.48.55620.467709	(1,507)	(1,507)
521207 - Contracted Services-Extension		231,236	231,236
Amount for Operations Program Associate Position	100.48.55620.521207	74,355	74,355
Co-funded amount for area Community Educator	100.48.55620.521207	16,191	16,191
Co-funded amount for area for Horticulture Educator	100.48.55620.521207	16,191	16,191
Co-funded amount for crops and soils Agriculture Educators	100.48.55620.521207	16,682	16,682
Co-funded amount for Human Development & Relationship Educator	100.48.55620.521207	49,063	49,063
Co-funded amount for Positive Youth Development Educator	100.48.55620.521207	49,063	49,063
Dairy Educator	100.48.55620.521207	16,191	16,191
Discount	100.48.55620.521207	(10,000)	(10,000)
Travel related costs	100.48.55620.521207	3,500	3,500
522500 - Telephone		550	550
6 phone lines	100.48.55620.522500	550	550
531000 - Office Supplies		2,000	2,000
Office Supplies	100.48.55620.531000	2,000	2,000
531100 - Postage		1,507	1,507
Postage for mail and mailings	100.48.55620.531100	1,507	1,507

Worksheet Line Item	Full Postingstring	2026 Initial Budget Request Total incl. Worksheets	2026 Worksheet Total
531200 - Copies/printing		1,506	1,506
Print management charges for all program areas	100.48.55620.531200	1,506	1,506
532200 - Public Education/Materials		1,800	1,800
Resource materials, publications and promotional items	100.48.55620.532200	1,800	1,800
532400 - Memberships & Dues		1,110	1,110
Professional dues and memberships for educators	100.48.55620.532400	1,110	1,110
533500 - Conventions & Meetings		2,000	2,000
Registration, hotels and professional development for staff	100.48.55620.533500	2,000	2,000
595000 - Expenditure Transfer		(4,000)	(4,000)
Program Associate administrative costs transferred for Education Programs	100.48.55620.595000	(4,000)	(4,000)
55622 - Extension Education Programs		0	0
467702 - HDR Revenues		(5,000)	(5,000)
Workforce Resource revenues	100.48.55622.467702	(5,000)	(5,000)
467705 - U W Extension Meeting Revenue		(1,000)	(1,000)
Registration fees paid by clients participating in education programs	100.48.55622.467705	(1,000)	(1,000)
467706 - U W Extension Pesticide Progra		(900)	(900)
Private pesticide application certification license fees	100.48.55622.467706	(900)	(900)
467707 - U W Extension Test Plots Reven		(2,000)	(2,000)
Sale of crops from test plots	100.48.55622.467707	(2,000)	(2,000)
467713 - 4-H Education Revenues		(5,000)	(5,000)
4-H Registration fees for educational workshops	100.48.55622.467713	(5,000)	(5,000)
493000 - Fund Balance Applied		(4,000)	(4,000)
Transferred from non-lapsing for Program Associate administration for educational worksho	100.48.55622.493000	(4,000)	(4,000)
530056 - Pesticide Program		900	900
Private pesticide application license fees and programming training supplies	100.48.55622.530056	900	900
530058 - UW Extension Test Plots		2,000	2,000
Test plot expenses (seed, fertilizer, equipment rental, contracted services, etc.)	100.48.55622.530058	2,000	2,000
533500 - Conventions & Meetings		1,000	1,000
Education program expenses (speaker fees, meals, meeting rooms costs, program materia	100.48.55622.533500	1,000	1,000
539002 - HDR Expenses		5,000	5,000
Workforce Resources expenses	100.48.55622.539002	5,000	5,000

Worksheet Line Item	Full Postingstring	2026 Initial Budget Request Total incl. Worksheets	2026 Worksheet Total
539004 - 4-H Education Expenses		5,000	5,000
4-H materials and supplies for educational workshops	100.48.55622.539004	5,000	5,000
595000 - Expenditure Transfer		4,000	4,000
Program Associate administrative costs transferred for Education Programs	100.48.55622.595000	4,000	4,000

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Account	2024 Annual Budget	2024 Full Year Actuals	2025 Annual Budget	2025 June YTD Actuals	2025 Annual Projection	2026 Initial Budget Request
Grand Total	0	(14,605)	0	(134,945)	(570)	0
100 - General Fund	0	(14,605)	0	(134,945)	(570)	0
48 - UW - Extension	0	(14,605)	0	(134,945)	(570)	0
55620 - University Extension	0	(27,168)	0	(121,915)	0	0
Revenue	(226,391)	(226,445)	(229,381)	(228,992)	(229,381)	(237,709)
411100 - General Property Taxes	(224,784)	(224,784)	(227,774)	(227,774)	(227,774)	(236,102)
467701 - UW Extension Revenues	(100)	(46)	(100)	0	(100)	(100)
467709 - UW Postage Revenue	(1,507)	(1,615)	(1,507)	(1,218)	(1,507)	(1,507)
Expense	226,391	199,277	229,381	107,077	229,381	237,709
521207 - Contracted Services-Extension	213,677	187,439	223,408	100,409	223,408	231,236
522500 - Telephone	324	546	650	356	550	550
531000 - Office Supplies	2,000	3,749	2,000	257	2,000	2,000
531100 - Postage	1,507	1,155	1,507	558	1,507	1,507
531200 - Copies/printing	1,240	2,041	1,506	1,253	1,506	1,506
531400 - Equipment < \$5,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
532200 - Public Education/Materials	3,433	2,779	1,500	1,663	1,800	1,800
532400 - Memberships & Dues	810	1,130	810	1,105	1,110	1,110
533000 - Travel	3,900	4,137	0	293	0	0
533500 - Conventions & Meetings	3,500	1,088	2,500	1,183	2,000	2,000
553300 - Leased Equipment - Principal	0	1,685	0	0	0	0
562200 - Interest - Leases	0	9	0	0	0	0
595000 - Expenditure Transfer	(5,000)	(6,481)	(4,500)	0	(4,500)	(4,000)
55622 - Extension Education Programs	0	12,563	0	(13,031)	(570)	0
Revenue	(12,500)	(40,072)	(18,400)	(32,821)	(40,701)	(17,900)
467702 - HDR Revenues	(500)	(590)	(5,000)	(20)	(1,500)	(5,000)
467705 - U W Extension Meeting Revenue	(1,000)	0	(1,000)	0	(1,000)	(1,000)
467706 - U W Extension Pesticide Progra	0	0	(900)	0	(900)	(900)
467707 - U W Extension Test Plots Reven	(1,000)	(24,274)	(2,000)	(21,353)	(21,353)	(2,000)

Account	2024 Annual Budget	2024 Full Year Actuals	2025 Annual Budget	2025 June YTD Actuals	2025 Annual Projection	2026 Initial Budget Request
467713 - 4-H Education Revenues	(5,000)	(15,208)	(5,000)	(11,448)	(11,448)	(5,000)
493000 - Fund Balance Applied	(5,000)	0	(4,500)	0	(4,500)	(4,000)
Expense	12,500	52,635	18,400	19,790	40,131	17,900
530056 - Pesticide Program	0	0	900	0	900	900
530058 - UW Extension Test Plots	1,000	29,023	2,000	13,261	26,750	2,000
531900 - Sundry/Miscellaneous	0	646	0	0	0	0
533500 - Conventions & Meetings	1,000	139	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
539001 - Tractor Safety Expenditures	0	0	0	28	0	0
539002 - HDR Expenses	500	3,866	5,000	1,981	1,981	5,000
539004 - 4-H Education Expenses	5,000	13,961	5,000	4,520	5,000	5,000
595000 - Expenditure Transfer	5,000	5,000	4,500	0	4,500	4,000

County of Chippewa*
Extension - Tax Levy Budget
2026 DH Requested Budget

Fund	2024 Annual Budget	2025 Annual Budget	2026 Initial Budget Request
Grand Total	(224,784)	(227,774)	(236,102)
55620 - University Extension			
100 - General Fund	(224,784)	(227,774)	(236,102)
Total 55620 - University Extension	(224,784)	(227,774)	(236,102)
55622 - Extension Education Programs			
100 - General Fund	0	0	0
Total 55622 - Extension Education Programs	0	0	0