



**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
GREEN COUNTY

**2022**

# Extension Green County Annual Report

## The Wisconsin Idea in Action

Agriculture  
4-H Youth Development  
Community Development  
Health & Well Being  
Nutrition





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Dear Green County Board of Supervisors:

Attached is the 2022 annual report for the University of Wisconsin Extension Green County office. This report highlights some of the major educational programs conducted by the Extension Educators in Green County this past year.

Extension Green County brings the Wisconsin Idea to Green County. UW academic staff and faculty use university research-based resources to deliver programs and meet community needs in the areas of Agriculture, Health and Well-Being, Nutrition, 4-H Youth Development, and Community Development. Our Educators are contracted with UW-Madison to serve the residents of Green County. This unique partnership, between UW-Madison and Green County, assures responsiveness to local needs, reduces county costs, and provides an important link to UW resources.

In addition, we collaborate with valuable partners throughout the county and state. We have included a list of the organizations that we work with to delivery important programs to serve the needs of Green County citizens.

We hope this report provides you with a brief overview of the programming and impact our educators, staff and programs have had in Green County. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us to ask questions or learn more about our programming efforts.

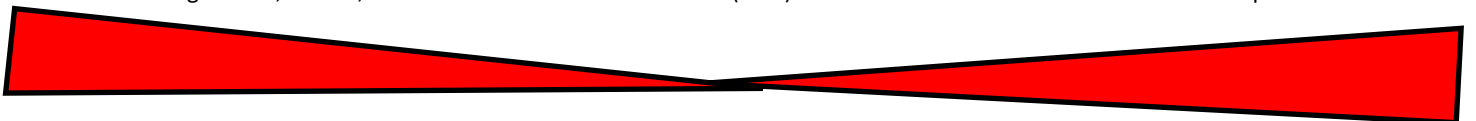
Respectfully submitted,

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Gerilynn (Lynn) Perkins,  
Area Extension Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jayne M. Butts'.

Jayne M. Butts  
Extension Green County Office Manager



# Meet Extension Green County

Extension Green County staff are academic and faculty members contracted by UW-Madison to serve the needs of Green County and surrounding counties. County educators are responsible for conducting applied research and delivering researched-based information to county residents.



**Gerilynn (Lynn) Perkins** – *Area Extension Director* for Grant, Green, Iowa and Lafayette Counties.

Developing and directing Extension Educator Teams in Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties.

- **Ellen Andrews** – Institute of Positive Youth Development, 4-H Youth Development Educator
- **Bridget Mouchon** – Institute of Health & Well-Being, Health & Well-Being Educator
- **Victoria Solomon** – Institute of Community Resource Development, Community Resource Development Educator
- **Amanda Cauffman** – Institute of Agriculture, *Regional Livestock Educator*
- **Joshua Kamps** – Institute of Agriculture, *Regional Crops & Soils Educator*
- **Jackie McCarville** – Institute of Agriculture, *Regional Dairy Educator*
- **Maggie Milcarek** – FoodWise- Grant, Green, Iowa & Lafayette Counties, *Nutrition Coordinator*
- **Kathy Lange** – FoodWise-Grant, Green, Iowa & Lafayette Counties, *Nutrition Educator*
- **Joe Bonnell** – Institute of Natural Resources, *Regional Natural Resource Educator*



The principle that education should benefit people's lives beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

This principle has guided the University of Wisconsin system for over a century.

Guided by a common purpose, UW students, alumni, faculty and staff give back to every county in Wisconsin through research projects, professional careers and public service.

**Jayne Butts** *Extension Office Manager* and **Katie Thurow** *Extension Activity Assistant*  
Major responsibilities: Assist in the promotion and coordination of Extension Green County programs.

The staff serves under the supervision of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee. Those members are:  
**Sue Nelson, Chair; Dawn Sass, Vice-Chair; Kathy Pennington, Secretary;**  
**Jerry Guth; Peg Sheaffer.**



## 2022 Extension Program Summary Report

### Bridget Mouchon

#### Extension Health & Well-Being Development Educator

Mouchon gives Green County access to university research, knowledge, and evidence-based programming in:

- **Suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention**
- **Mental and behavioral health and wellbeing**
- **General health and wellbeing**

#### **safeTALK**

Taught a 3-hour evidence-based suicide prevention program (*safeTALK*) for youth or adult community members where they learn about strategies to reduce stigma and how to assist individuals with suicidal thoughts and possible crises. This program reached 46 Monroe high school students, including interpretation to Spanish for four students, and led Monroe School District to look for a more comprehensive approach: Sources of Strength.

#### **Sources of Strength**

Taught *Sources of Strength*, school-wide evidence-based suicide prevention program in Argyle School District, where staff and students learned the framework and skills to continuously run the program schoolwide. Also continue to work on supporting other districts, to bring this school-wide suicide prevention program on campus. This effort is designed to change how the school connects students with trusted adults, build a more supportive school environment for more students and staff, and help youth get support and help/treatment much earlier when it is needed, thus reducing suicides.

#### **Green County Healthy Community “Super” Coalition**

*Green County Healthy Community “Super”-Coalition (GCHCC)*: Collaboration and technical assistance to the local Public Health Departments and hospitals to create and distribute a community health needs assessment survey, get community input, and develop coalition-based action plans (CHIP). The goal of this super-coalition is to gather data about county health and make informed key decisions over the upcoming years, and continuously provide backbone support to the smaller CHIP coalitions/committees. The GCHCC has determined that mental health and on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) were key health priorities for 2022-2024.

#### **Leadership and Partnering**

Supporting leadership, advising, and partnering with community through two committees of this larger county-wide coalition (GCHCC): *Mental Health Matters* as a steering committee member, and *Resilient Children, Families and Communities* (the committee working on ACEs) as a core member.

#### **Partnership with GWAAR for Community Health Worker**

Mouchon is also actively working to build capacity to reach Spanish-speaking and immigrant people by bringing programming specific to Spanish-speakers and immigrants around mental health and general health. In 2022 we secured a partnership with *GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources)* to bring a bilingual Community Health Worker to the county. This programming will take shape through 2023 and 2024.





# 2022 Agriculture Program Summary Report

## Regional Educators for Grant, Green, Iowa & Lafayette Counties

**Jackie McCarville, Dairy Educator**  
**Josh Kamps, Crops & Soils Educator**  
**Amanda Cauffman, Livestock Educator**

### Agriculture Educational Programs:

- Green County Agriculture & Household Clean Sweep Collection
- Badger Dairy Insight -Statewide Webinars
- Heart of the Farm Coffee Chat –Statewide Webinars
- Badger Crop Connect –Statewide Webinars
- Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Training

### Youth and Other Programs:

- Advisor for Green County Fair Dairy Youth Recognition and Livestock Auctions
- Green County Fair Support for Dairy and Livestock Superintendents
- Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goat Identification for Youth Livestock Projects
- Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) trainings

### County/State Administration:

- UW-Extension Dairy Team, UW-Extension Livestock Team, UW-Extension Crops Team
- Clean Sweep Grant Applications and Reports to the WI Department of Agriculture
- Blackhawk Technical College Agriculture Advisory Board

### Media Educational Outreach

- Monthly DHI Newsletter
- Monthly Radio Programs on Big Radio AM and “Farm Talk” Programs on WBGR FM Radio
- Programming promotion on Extension Green County Facebook page
- Articles in the Wisconsin Agriculturist and Wisconsin State Farmer
- UW-Extension Green County Agriculture Website: <http://green.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/>
- UW-Extension Lafayette County Agriculture Web Site: <http://lafayette.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/>
- UW-Extension Grant County Agriculture Web Site: <http://grant.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/>
- Dairy Topic Hub: <http://dairy.extension.wisc.edu>
- Livestock Topic Hub: <http://livestock.extension.wisc.edu>
- Crops & Soils Topic Hub: <http://cropsandsoils.extension.wisc.edu>

### 2022 Program Impact Statements

#### Regional Agriculture Educator Model:

The University of Wisconsin – Division of Extension is moving to a Regional Agricultural Educators staffing model across the state. These positions will provide research-based education to dairy, livestock, and crop producers by assessing the needs of farmers in their region and design and deliver educational programming and services to meet those needs. Dairy, Livestock, and Crop production are the largest agricultural industries in the Southwest area of Wisconsin. The Regional Agriculture Educators have specializations in these areas and will offer their expertise to serve those industries and producers. The regional model went into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup> for Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties.



## **2022 Program Impact Statements (continued)**

### **Badger Dairy Insight (BDI):**

Dairy educators decided to build on the success of Badger Dairy Insight. Badger Dairy Insight is the webinar series that dairy educators hosted for 6 sessions in January thru March. The webinar series featured state specialists along with county educators on weekly presentations. We had over 500 registered participants for this series. Jackie took the lead of BDI which involved setting up registration, creating promotional material, and follow-up emails to registrants. Jackie gave a presentation during the Optimizing Value of Dairy Beef Cross Cattle from Birth to Harvest webinar series.

### **Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Collection:**

UW-Extension secured \$7850 in state grant funding to maintain a permanent Clean Sweep Hazardous waste collection program for Green County farmers and homeowners. Due to management changes at the Landfill, Clean Sweep went from a permanent collection to a 2-day collection at the end of October. Farmers and homeowners were able to safely dispose of 6,745 pounds of hazardous materials through a permanent collection program coordinated by this agent. The collected materials included 1,572 pounds of pesticides and poisons, 1,171 pounds of lead & oil based paints, 302 pounds of aerosol cans, and 1,000 pounds of solvents/thinners. The collection was conducted by Veolia with the Landfill Manager and employees. Grant funds, secured by Jackie McCarville, covered 51% of the total cost of the 2022 program except for in-kind labor. State grant funds of \$8,240 has been secured by Jackie to continue the program in 2023. The program has safely disposed of over 142,000 pounds of hazardous materials from Green County homes and farms over the past 11 years.

### **Green County Fair Dairy Youth and Meat Animal Auctions:**

Jackie McCarville serves as the advisor to the Green County Dairy Youth Recognition Auction and the Meat Animal Sale. The meat animal sale hit a snag this spring in their auction planning. The auction clerks who have donated their time for many years had a conflict on their calendar and couldn't donate their time this year. Jackie trained the auction committee members and volunteers on a new clerking program. While committee members were nervous about everything running smoothly, we are happy to report that everything went smoothly with the new program!

### **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

YQCA was created in partnership with livestock industry professionals and educators. The certification is required to show at most livestock shows. The Green County Fair requires any youth showing dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry to become YQCA certified. The certification can be done online or in-person. This year we offered classes for youth to sign-up for. Educators must go through a certification process each year to teach the class, which is only offered to educators and veterinarians. YQCA has 3 components that are taught each year. These are: Animal Well-Being, Food Safety and Life Skills.

### **Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)**

A Beef Quality Assurance Certification (BQA) training at the Equity Sale Barn in Monroe for beef producers where they learned about farm-level safe food production practices to decrease animal and carcass bruising, injection site lesions, antibiotic/chemical residues, and biosecurity threats. The goal is to help beef producers improve the value of their marketed beef cattle and enhance their herd profitability through better management.

### **Field Days**

During 2022, multiple crops and soils programs were offered across southwest WI. The field day topics included alternative forage crops, planting cash crops "green", summer cover crop options, soil health evaluation, and precision Agricultural technology. Many of these programs were developed in collaboration with farmer groups, land conservation departments, and ag industry partners.

### **Badger Crop Connect Series**

A virtual crop update program was offered from March through October, twice each month during 2022. The range of topics discussed included pest management, soil fertility, in-season agronomy decision making, market conditions, cover cropping, agricultural equipment modifications, and soil health.



## 2022 Extension Program Summary Report

**Victoria Solomon**

**Extension Community Resource Development Educator**



Solomon gives Green County access to university research and knowledge in:

**Community Leadership Development** – Educational programming to develop community leadership and civic engagement across generations.

**Facilitation & Organizational Development** – Providing unbiased facilitation processes to community and organizational discussions.

**Water Education** – Bringing programming in drinking water quality to households and communities.

### Community Leadership Development

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#### Green County Leaders (GCL) 2022-2023

Green County Leaders (GCL) is an educational program where individuals practice leadership skills, deepen their understanding of community issues, and network with leaders in Green County. There are 396 alumni and the program has completed 75 community projects since the program began. The work on these projects is over \$430,848 in volunteer hours contributed to Green County communities.

The 2022-2023 class has 32 participants, the largest GCL class. The class has seven community projects in progress: Aspiring Leaders of Green County, EV charging Stations, Green County Beautification, Art in Public Spaces, Youth Sports, ATV/UTV Mapping, and Addressing Homeless.

GCL has 10 full-day sessions and, after completing the December 2022 session, is half-way through the program. Over the course of the 5 sessions in 2022, the 32 class participants have developed 7 community project teams, connected with 33 unique speakers, and visited 13 locations in 4 communities (New Glarus, Monroe, Belleville, and Albany). Additionally, in 2022 GCL has a partnership with WEKZ so that every session will have interviews with WEKZ to share big learnings from the session.

#### Green County Leaders (GCL) 2021-2022: Civil Leadership for Vibrant Communities

A unique program designed in partnership with nationally-recognized Braver Angels, this virtual program has built skills for community leaders to find common ground on hot topics in teams and community. 47 participants graduated in May 2022. From evaluation responses, 59% of survey respondents indicated that they have honed their civil leadership skills. Evaluation responses include the following participant learnings:

- “[I learned] how to remain constructively engaged.”
- “Ask clarifying questions to understand where the other side is coming from.”
- “[My biggest learnings and takeaways from this session are] that everyone plays a role in creating the dynamics of a situation. Although I can’t change what others think or how they respond, I am in charge of how I respond.”

In response to the question, “What will you do differently in your personal and/or professional life as a result of this program?” people shared...

- “Hopefully be less hotheaded and think more before I speak.”
- “Listen to people and work with them to hear it all.”
- “Stay curious and seek common ground.”
- “I’ve already completely cleaned up my Facebook act.”

## Community Leadership Development (cont)

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### Elevando Wisconsin

Elevando Wisconsin is a statewide leadership program that has been created and co-constructed from hopes and needs identified by Green County's Latino leaders. This program is designed to elevate personal and community leadership skills, building a network of leaders across Wisconsin. Sessions are in Spanish and English. Elevando Wisconsin's spring program has 20 participants from across Wisconsin; 4 participants are from Green County.

## Facilitation & Organizational Development

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In 2022, Solomon assisted a number of Green County organizations and coalitions. These included strategic planning efforts, facilitation, and organizational development. These programming efforts included:

- *Green County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Ad Hoc Committee*, Meeting facilitation.
- *Brodhead Public Library*, Facilitated strategic planning.
- *Home of Our Own*, Facilitated strategic planning.
- *Green County YMCA*, Co-wrote a letter of support for a \$3.7 million grant.
- *Prosperity Southwest Wisconsin (PSW) and Entrepreneur Support Organization Roundtable*, Co-host.

## Economic Development

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### Belleville Economic Development Discussion

The Village of Belleville economic development organizations requested Solomon's facilitation assistance in being intentional about channeling energy to increase economic development efforts strategically. Solomon partnered with Olivia Otte (Green County Development Corporation) to introduce her to different economic development leaders in Belleville and have a strategic subcommittee discussion to advance economic development work.

### Green County Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Summit

Solomon partnered with Olivia Otte (Green County Development Corporation) to deliver a Green County summit on Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations. This provided an opportunity for community members to learn about EV charging stations, implications they have for positive economic development in Green County communities, and discussion for potential action steps. There were 25 participants from Green County and southwestern Wisconsin. Key takeaways from the session:

- The majority of participants (76%) responded "yes" to the question "We hope to have 25 EV stations geographically dispersed in Green County within the next 1-2 years."
- All participants responded "yes" to the question "We want to increase understanding of the EV charging stations in Green County."

## Water Education

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### 2022 Green County Annual Drinking Water Testing Program

Extension Green County partnered with the towns of Brooklyn and Mt. Pleasant to offer a drinking water testing program with an educational session for participants to ask follow-up questions, better understand their sample results, and their options to address possible concerns. 52 wells were tested throughout the towns.

### Groundwater Quality Trend Data Project—Year 3

In April 2019 the Green County Board voted to move forward with the Livestock Facility Study Group's groundwater quality trend data work. The goal of this information is to better understand whether groundwater quality is getting better, worse, or staying the same. If it is changing, the information will be used to analyze where and what factors may be contributing to those changes. At the end of 2021, test samples were submitted by 307 participants. Tests were analyzed in early 2022; 19% of wells tested higher than health standards on nitrates. A community educational session was held regarding the results; groundwater specialist Kevin Masarik also presented the results to the Green County Board and shared the website trend mapping tool that the team is developing.



## 2022 4-H Youth Development Program Summary Report

### Ellen Andrews

#### Extension Green County 4-H Youth Development Educator



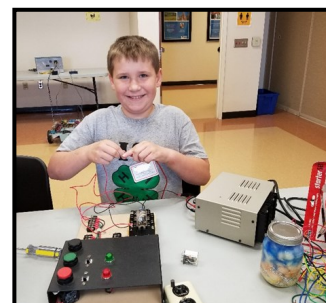
In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. 4-H is America's largest youth development organization-empowering young people across our community to lead for a lifetime.

As the Green County 4-H Youth Development Educator, Andrews is charged with overall leadership and oversight for all Green County 4-H Youth Development programs. This includes guidance and support for the seventeen 4-H clubs, 160 adult volunteers and 515 youth members. Working in partnership with community partners and volunteers, Andrews is able to provide a wide variety of programs, that are research-based and offer life-changing experiences to youth.

### 4-H Project Learning

Project learning is an important aspect of a youth's 4-H experience, and is about more than finding a new hobby or preparing an exhibit for the County Fair. It is also about facilitating youth sparks, which are an essential ingredient for thriving youth. A spark is a passion for an interest or skill, which becomes a source of energy, joy, purpose and direction in a young person's life. 4-H plays an important role in helping young people discover and pursue their spark. Example of county offered project learning experiences this year included...

- **4-H Cloverbud Kits for Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders** – Volunteers were eager to move back to in-person programs, however they were also concerned that some families would still want other options for safety, health or scheduling reasons. In response, Andrews worked with the Cloverbud Committee to develop a 4-H Cloverbud Kit program, that offered families flexibility to participate on their own time, virtually over three weeks, or in a single day in-person workshop.
- **4-H Project Day for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older** - Youth could pick from nine different project sessions, ranging from art to computers to goat products, and so much more. This event was made possible thanks to the 7 adult and 5 youth leaders that volunteered to teach sessions.



### Youth Adult Partnerships

4-H isn't something adults do "to" youth. It isn't even something adults should do "for" youth. 4-H is meant to be something adults do "with" youth. When we are utilizing the practice of "youth-adult partnerships" at their best, then youth feel respected, have a say in planning programs, and share balanced power with adults.

A new 4-H Youth-Adult Committee formed in 2022, focused on sharing skills and celebrating the Performing Arts. The youth leaders on this committee have exhibited outstanding creativity, innovative leadership and follow through. As a result, the partnerships developed two new 4-H events

- **4-H Art in the Park** – A theatre day camp for youth in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade was held at the New Glarus State Park, where youth leaders taught other youth about character and plot development through games and skits.
- **4-H Talent Showcase** – 4-H members in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older gained experience performing before a live audience, while sharing their many talents and interests. The youth leaders, with support from adult volunteers, planned and led all aspects of this event, including securing city permits, developing the program order, running the sound equipment and emceeding the event.



## 4-H Summer Camps

Youth need opportunities to pursue their passions, explore new interests and learn critical skills like resilience, independence and teamwork. 4-H summer camp programs provide youth a wonderful opportunity to have experiences outside of their comfort zone, while supported by caring adults. We were thankful in 2022 to be able to return to a full array of camp programs for youth in 5K thru high school, including two new camp experiences:



- **4-H Outpost Camp** - Andrews and two adult volunteers planned and led eleven 4-H youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade on a 3 day, 2 night camp experience at Governor Dodge State Park. This was a great opportunity for the youth to develop new friendships, have new experiences, and practice important skills like teamwork, cooperation, and responsibility.
- **YMCA Day Camp** - Partnering with other youth serving organizations can be an effective strategy in engaging new audiences of youth. 4-H staff members appreciated the opportunity to lead a morning full of 4-H camp activities for over 35 YMCA youth at Monroe's Kiwanis Cabin.

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## Engaging New Families

4-H is open to all youth in 5-year-old kindergarten (5K) through high school, whether youth live in the city, village or country. We strive to bring belonging, opportunity and experience to all kids from all backgrounds. In fact, 1 in every 5 families in the program this year are brand new 4-H families. It is super important to us, they feel genuinely welcomed and supported as they embark on this new adventure into 4-H. To help our new families, we offered...

- **Orientation & Pizza Party** – The multi-purpose rooms were filled with excited energy when adults and youth leaders served a wonderful family meal for over 70 people, and lead the children in games and crafts, while Andrews provided an orientation to 4-H for the parents.
- **New Family Newsletter** – 4-H has a long history of making a powerful impact in the lives of youth. But with this can come lots of traditions and terminology that can be foreign to a family new to 4-H. To help families better understand 4-H and support their engagement, we are now including a special section of our 4-H newsletter that is designed to help new families understand the importance of various opportunities and connects them with additional resources designed expressly for new families!

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## Volunteer Development and Support

Adult volunteers are Wisconsin 4-H's most valuable asset in delivering the quality youth-led, adult guided programs to support youth as they acquire essential life skills. In 2022, volunteers reported contributing an average of over 33 hours during the year, which was a 57% increase over the previous year. At the Independent Sector's Wisconsin volunteer time value of \$27.87 per hour, Green County 4-H volunteers contribute over \$147,000.00 in value to our county.

Volunteers play a critical role in the delivery of quality educational programs. Research shows there are predictive relationships between the quality of the 4-H programs that volunteers provide and the level by which youth thrive and go on to achieve developmental outcomes. A program evaluation was completed for Green County older youth 4-H members in fall 2022 (n=61) and indicated, overall most youth are experiencing a high quality 4-H Program, including 82% of youth engaging with adults who challenge their growth and empower them to have a voice in decision making.

- **4-H Volunteer in Preparation Training** – We take our 4-H programming seriously – and the safety of all youth and adults we work with is our top priority. In fall of 2022, we had 12 new volunteers go through this two hour training, covering topics of youth protection, risk management and positive youth development. This is one of three trainings required of Extension's 4-H volunteers, to ensure volunteers are prepared for their positions.
- **County Fair Volunteers** – While not a 4-H run event, the Green County Fair provides an important educational experience for 4-H members and youth of other Green County youth organizations. Extension Green County staff help support and advise Green County Fair volunteers and board members in providing educational experiences that help youth reflect on their project work and learn from knowledgeable judges. While County Fair admission only lasts 5 days, Extension actively supports 10 days of judging and educational experiences leading up to and throughout the County Fair, plus supporting pre-event planning that happens throughout the year.





## Healthy Choices, **Healthy Lives**

FoodWise is federally funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). We advance healthy eating habits, active lifestyles and healthy community environments for Wisconsin residents with limited incomes through nutrition education at the individual, community and systems levels.

## The **Landscape**

**33%**

of population lives in census tracts that are low income & have low access to healthy foods



**33%**

of adults have obesity



**8%**

of individuals are food insecure



**11%**

of households receive SNAP benefits



## Achieving More **Together**



UW-Madison Division of Extension works alongside the people of Wisconsin to deliver practical educational programs where people live and work – on the farm, in schools and throughout urban and rural communities. In Green County, FoodWise is currently partnering with elementary schools to provide a series of lessons that help make the healthy choice the easy choice in our schools and communities.

## Community Impacts **In 2022**



FoodWise provided a series of six lessons in two different third-grade classrooms at Albrecht Elementary School in Brodhead.

FoodWise delivered nutrition education to 38 learners at the elementary school.

FoodWise staff provided educational handouts for students and parents on how to stay safe and healthy during Halloween.

## Making Healthy Choices at Albrecht

FoodWise provided a series of 6 lessons with the third graders at Albrecht Elementary School in Brodhead. The lessons centered around making healthier food and drink choices.

Four of the six lessons included taste testing a food. Taste tests included: fruits, vegetables, a whole grain, dairy and a healthy fat. The students loved trying new foods they had never eaten, and many students retried foods they originally did not like.

The label reading lessons had a big impact on students and teachers. One of the third-grade teachers said, "The students are looking at the nutrition values of the snacks and food and drink they are eating and drinking!"



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## FoodWise Hires New Staff

FoodWise hired two new staff members in 2022!

Kathy Lange joined FoodWise in July as the Nutrition Educator for Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties. Kathy previously worked as the Nutrition Educator for Crawford County. She has been working on program development and building partnerships in the counties.

Maggie Milcarek joined FoodWise in November as the Nutrition Coordinator for Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties. Maggie has prior experience working with local governments, nutrition programs for seniors, non-profit organizations, and coalitions.

Maggie and Kathy hope to re-establish and find new partnerships in Green County such as: area food pantries, farmers markets, ADRC, Green County Health Department, and others.



# Extension Green County Proudly Works with the Following Agencies & Groups...

Extension Green County assists a wide variety of groups and organizations through educational programming and collaborations. Some of these groups are listed below.

- Area Chambers of Commerce
- Area Childcare Centers & In-Home Providers
- Area Faith-Based Organizations
- Area Farm Fertilizer & Chemical Dealers
- Area Farm Implement Dealers
- Area Financial Institutions
- Area Public Libraries
- Area Optimist Groups
- Area School Districts
- Area Vo-Ag Instructors and FFA Chapters
- Better Brodhead
- Blackhawk Technical College
- Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin
- Dairy Herd Improvement Association
- Department of Natural Resources, State & Local
- Equity Livestock
- Family Promise of Green County
- Fowler Dental Clinic
- Green Cares Food Pantry
- Green County 4-H Adult & Junior Leaders Inc.
- Green County Ag Chest
- Green Co. Aging & Disability Resource Center
- Green Co. Assn for Home & Community Education
- Green County Beef Producers
- Green County Board of Supervisors
- Green County Dairy Youth Recognition Auction
- Green County Development Corporation
- Green County Early Head Start & Headstart
- Green County Emergency Management
- Green County Fair Association
- Green County Family YMCA
- Green County Farm Bureau
- Green County Master Gardeners Association
- Green County Health Department & WIC
- Green County Healthy Communities Coalition
- Green County Holstein Breeders
- Green County Housing & Homeless Prevention
- Green County Human Services
- Green County Landfill
- Green County Law Enforcement Agencies
- Green County FFA & 4-H Meat Animal Auction
- Green County Land and Water Conservation Dept
- Green County Milk Quality Council
- Green County Pork Producers
- Green County Probation & Parole
- Green County Sheep Producers
- Green County Tourism
- Green County Zoning Department
- Green Haven Family Advocates
- GUPPY, Inc.
- Healthy Kids Healthy County
- Home of Our Own
- Literacy Council of Green County
- Monroe Kiwanis
- Monroe Main Street
- Multi-Cultural Outreach Program
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Pleasant View Nursing Home
- SSM Health Monroe Hospital
- Southwest WI Regional Planning Commission
- Southwest WI Small Business Development Center
- Southwest WI Community Action Program
- Sugar River Watershed
- Town, Village and City Elected Officials & Staff
- United Way of Green County, Inc.
- USDA Farm Services Agency
- UW Platteville
- UW State Specialists
- WI Association of Agriculture Educators
- WI Association of County Extension Committees
- WI Cattlemen's Association
- WI Center for Agriculture Safety and Health
- WI Counties Association (WCA)
- WI Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection
- WI Early Childhood Association (WECA)
- WI Farmer's Union
- WI Humanities Council
- WI Towns Association
- World Dairy Expo
- Youth and Adult 4-H Volunteers and Members