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Extension Education Committee Agenda
Videoconference
OR
Jefferson County Extension Office
864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549

DATE: November 09, 2026
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
Committee Members: Matt Foelker, Francine Gies, Elizabeth Hafften, John Kannard, Dwayne Morris

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call (to establish a quorum)
3. Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
4. Approval of Agenda (for possible rearrangement)
5. Public Comment (Members of the Public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
6. Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from August 10, 2026
7. Communications
8. Review of 2026 Departmental Budget
9. Division of Extension update – Chrissy Wen, Area Extension Director
10. Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports – Steve Chmielewski (Community Educator), Jerry Wilcenski and Cadance Hawk (4-H), Julie Hill (Horticulture Educator), Alison Pfau (Bilingual Regional Dairy Educator), Josh Kamps (Regional Crop Educator)
11. Possible Items of Discussion/Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings
12. Discussion and Possible Decision on Dates/Times of Extension Education Committee meetings:

    Dec 14 & Jan 11
13. Adjourn

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Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: October 12th, 2026

Call to Order: Supervisor Foelker called meeting to order at 0833

Roll Call: Quorum – Supervisor Dwayne Morris, Supervisor Francine Gies, and Supervisor Matt Foelker were present in person. Supervisor Elizabeth Hafften was present online. Supervisor John Kannard was absent.

Jerry Wilcenski, Steven Chmielewski, Alison Pfau, Josh Kamps, Cadance Hawk, and Lilianne Bidwell were present in person. Chrissy Wen, Julie Hill, and Michael Luckey were present online.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: In compliance.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as printed by Foelker, second by Gies

Public Comment: None.

Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from July 13, 2026: Motion by Morris to approve the minutes as printed. Second by Gies and passed.

Communications: Jefferson County Youth Government Day is November 20th. UW Extension will be participating in the scavenger hunt and the career fair.

Review of 2026 Departmental Budget: Wen stated nothing new with budget and is on track.

Division of Extension update: Wen stated the 2027 contracts will be sent to counties in November. She also mentioned that there are some local events that are happening in Jefferson County. 1. Mental Health Summit featuring Dr. Roxy Etta. 2. A soil testing course by Kevin Erb.

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports: Steve Chmielewski (Community Educator), Alison Pfau (Bilingual Regional Dairy Educator), Jerry Wilcenski (4-H Program Educator), Josh Kamps (Regional Crop Educator), and Cadance Hawk (4-H Associate Educator) presented in person. Julie Hill (Horticulture Educator) presented online.

Steve Chmielewski, Community Development Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- Local Government Leadership series: Planning team includes department heads, county board supervisor and County Administrator. The purpose is to assist with the strategic priority of advancing a Transformative Government by bridging the gap between residents and county operations. Goals include demystifying local governance, building a sustainable pipeline for public service and strengthening inclusive civic engagement, empowering residents to become active, and developing opportunities for new county employees, committee members, elected board supervisors or community leaders. In the current stage of our program planning process, a resident survey will be launched the week of 10/12 to gather input on learning objectives, structure and logistics. This fall/winter results will be applied for program development, in January the program will be promoted/registration opened, with the series planned to start in March.

- Rural Entrepreneurial Venture (REV) supports the development of rural entrepreneurial ecosystems across Wisconsin with 2 efforts in Jefferson County
    - Palmyra REV Team: Sept. 9 presentation on RenewTowns program engaged 12 key community players in a discussion on a process to strengthen upcoming entrepreneurs and help fill commercial vacancies. The team will provide the community with more information as well as gather input from business operators. Next steps include developing timeline/promotional schedule, engage property owners and finalize fund development for the project budget.
    - Jefferson REV Team: Sept. 24 presentation on RenewTowns and discussion held with 20 key community players. The community demonstrated readiness to begin this community-led effort. Program leadership is provided in cooperation with the Main St Association, Jefferson Area Chamber, City officials and UW-Whitewater.
        - Daily Jefferson County Union 9/21/26 article: https://www.dailyunion.com/news/local/renewtowns-initiative-hopes-to-bring-new-downtown-business-in-jefferson-community-meeting-scheduled-for-thursday/article_c5536b7a-0af7-4373-9a6d-880e941dcbe2.html
        - Project sponsor has been secured for the process, waiting on official announcement; final budget pieces in the works
        - Discussions with REV teams also informed development of a resource page highlighting available business startup and foundational resources specific to four phases of a business hosted on Extension Jefferson County website:https://jefferson.extension.wisc.edu/starting-a-business-business-foundation-resources/

- Planning for Statewide Housing Webinar Series: In cooperation with our statewide Housing Team, we are developing a lunch and learn series to address statewide priority topics with local governments staff and elected officials. November kick off date to be announced soon.

Events Coming Up:

- Oct 12, 11am - 1pm Grant Writing 101 https://extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D205603853

- Oct 13, 6pm - 8pm Grant Writing 101 https://extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D205603855

- Oct 29, 12pm-1pm Cooperative Childcare Solutions Webinar – Wisconsin https://extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D207720158

- Nov 5, 9:30am - 3pm Renewable Energy Academy - Vaughn Library 502 Main St. W Ashland, WI 54806 https://extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D204775245

- Nov 10 8:30am - 4:30pm Southwestern Wisconsin Housing Summit - Southwest Technical College 1800 Bronson Blvd. Fennimore, WI https://extension.wisc.edu/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D209993019

Jerry Wilcenski 4-H Program Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- Countywide Cloverbud Programing that highlights the various projects and activities 4-H has to offer.

    - Improved understanding of 4-H, excitement for Cloverbud projects, improved sense of belonging to 4-H

- Weekly in-school programing at the Palmyra Montessori school that provides and exploration of 4-H and its diverse project areas for new and primarily first generation 4-H youth.
    - Programming completed in: Legos, Food Science, Plants and Soil Sciences, Rabbits, Global Exploration, Archiving and Collections and Gems and Minerals.

- The Youth Livestock Producers is series of programs and a youth lead committee that aims to build future leaders in fields of genetics, animal science, meat science and veterinary science.
    - Aug 27th- New Youth Leader Orientation.- 23 youth participated in orientation for their roles, team building and beginning planning of the new educational year.
    - Sept 22th- Planning meeting. Youth reviewed last year's guide book and awards and worked on drafting a new guide book and program calendar. Youth species chairs take the lead on educational programing in their areas as well as holding regular meetings to help coach youth through the project cycle.

Cadance Hawk 4-H Associate Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- Connected with Lake Mills and Johnson Creek schools to plan afterschool programs for middle school students. Lake Mills is set to start on November 12th for a 5-week fall program. This program will serve as a catalyst for a longer spring program at the middle school and has potential to serve as a catalyst for a program at the elementary school as well. Johnson Creek is still in the planning stages.

Julie Hill, Horticulture Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- An in-person presentation for the general public, in partnership with UW-Whitewater's Continuing Education Enrichment Classes, where participants learned research-based strategies to prepare for and respond to extreme weather impacts in their gardens and landscapes, to improve their ability to successfully garden in a changing environment.

- An in-person presentation for Jefferson County Retired Teachers group where participants learned about horticulture practices so that they can prevent pests, improve pollinator habitat, and reduce the use of horticulture chemicals in the landscape.

- A weekly social media outreach campaign for consumer gardeners utilizing Extension Jefferson County Facebook page to help promote local plant health diagnostic services and upcoming programs,and improve understanding of how sustainable horticultural practices positively impact landscapes and ecosystems.

- A yearlong activity/service for residents of Jefferson County to provide research based answers to their horticulture questions. The goal of this effort is to educate individuals of Jefferson County so they can implement best practices in their landscapes that will positively affect the environment and their communities.

Events Coming Up:

- Understanding Your Garden Soil, October 5, 5:30 p.m., at Big Foot High School, in partnership with Big Foot Recreation District.
    - For more information and to register, visit: https://www.bigfootrecreation.org/

- Informational booth at the Beloit Senior Fair, October 6, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Central Christian Church, Beloit

- Fall Gardening for a Winter Ready Landscape, October 12, 5:30 p.m., MATC Watertown Campus (Enrichment Classes).
    - For more information and to register, visit: https://ce.madisoncollege.edu/madisoncollege/course/course.aspx?C=361&pc=96&mc=100&sc=123

- Gift Plants Unwrapped, November 10, 5:30 p.m., at UW-Whitewater campus, in partnership with UW-Whitewater Continuing Education.
    - For more information and to register, visit: https://www.uww.edu/ce/gardenlandscape/giftplants

Alison Pfau, Bilingual Regional Dairy Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- A bilingual (English and Spanish) newsletter, Bovi-noticias, for dairy farm owners, managers, employees, and industry partners, where readers gain practical, research-based information that explains the reasons behind key farm management practices and supports everyday decision-making. Through this effort, dairy operations are better equipped to strengthen workforce engagement, improve communication and safety, enhance animal well-being, and support long-term farm sustainability and profitability.

- The El "Break" Info-Lechero 2026 Webinar

Webinar Dates:
For the El "Break" Info-Lechero 2026 Webinar

- October 14th, 2026, 12:00 pm Manuel Peña, Bilingual Regional Dairy Educator – Dairy Cow Nutrition: Nutrients, Management, and Production. University of Wisconsin Madison, Division of Extension.

- October 21st, 2026, 12:00 pm Dr Paola Bacigalupo, Dairy Technical Services Veterinarian – Drying Off Dairy Cows: Preparing Them for a Healthy and Productive Next Lactation. Zoetis

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- October 28th, 2026, 12:00 pm Dr. Victor Cabrera, Professor & Extension Specialist Dairy Farm Management Extension; Ing. Pablo De Caso Udave, MS student at the Department of Animal & Dairy Sciences – Create Your Own AI Advisor: Converting Farm Data into Profitable Decisions. – University of Wisconsin Madison

- November 4th, 2026, 12:00 pm Katy Schultz - Schultz Dairy Farm; Rosario Ibarra - Grotegut Dairy Farm Inc; David Maldonado - Statz Bros., Inc. Dairy Producer Panel from Wisconsin

Josh Kamps, Regional Crops Educator, provided an oral report based on the written report provided to the committee.

- A study to better understand corn rootworm pressure within different corn management systems. Results from this study will help farmers, agronomists, and crop consultants with identifying effective control strategies that reduce the risk of resistance developing.
    - Farmers and agricultural professionals will have increased knowledge and confidence in selecting corn rootworm management strategies based on pest pressure and production system. Improved decision-making will support effective pest control, promote responsible use of management tools, and reduce the risk of resistance development.

- A study to better understand the prevalence of Johnsongrass, Sorghum halepense, populations and differentiate it from similar species across southern Wisconsin. Results from this study will help farmers, agronomists, and crop consultants in properly identifying this grass weed plant, choosing appropriate control measures, and reducing the risk of these populations from spreading.
    - Farmers and agricultural professionals will have increased confidence in identifying and managing Johnsongrass populations. Improved identification and timely management will support more effective control decisions and help reduce the risk of Johnsongrass spreading to additional cropland across southern Wisconsin.

- Planning for an on-farm educational event for state legislators to learn about farmer's decision-making process when balancing reduced nitrogen leaching with farm profitability. The goal is to highlight the work underway by Producer-led groups, County partners, and Extension to support farmers with navigating this balance so that legislators are more informed when making decisions to support future opportunities.
    - Legislators will gain a more informed understanding of the opportunities and challenges farmers face when working to reduce nitrogen losses while maintaining profitable farming operations. This increased understanding will help inform future policy, funding, and program decisions that support practical, farmer-led approaches to improving water quality and agricultural sustainability.

- An on-farm research study to better understand manure application, commercial nitrogen application rates, and nitrogen credits on corn yield and potential effect on ground water. 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.
    - Commercial nitrogen application can be a major expense in the production of corn grain and silage. Nitrogen also possesses risk to moving through the soil profile to groundwater and off-site to surface waters such as rivers and lakes.

- Soil fertility consultations for farmers where soil test reports are analyzed, crop goals are identified, and options for meeting crop fertility requirements are discussed to aid farmers with limited acres and

farmers that are new to nutrient management with making fertilizer decisions based on UW-Madison soil fertility recommendations that promote profitable crop production.
    - Farmers will increase their knowledge and confidence in making soil fertility and fertilizer decisions based on soil test results and crop needs. These consultations will support appropriate fertilizer use, efficient use of farm resources, and profitable crop production.

- Planning for an educational breakout session during the 2026 WWASH Conference which brings together farmers, crop consultants, agronomists, and conservationists. This breakout session will focus on the pest management risks and benefits within conservation cropping systems known to improve soil health, reduce nutrient losses, and increase farm resilience. The goal of the break out session is to improve confidence and expand adoption of these systems on cropping acres in Wisconsin.
    - Participants will gain a better understanding of the pest management risks and benefits associated with conservation cropping systems and increased confidence in implementing or recommending these practices. Ultimately, the effort aims to support greater adoption and successful management of conservation cropping systems across Wisconsin cropland.

- A workshop for farmer and agronomists, where attendees learned how to better manage herbicide resistance and use pesticide adjuvants. Through this workshop, farmers and agronomists will have gain knowledge to improve weed management efforts.
    - This workshop was aimed at helping Wisconsin farmers and agronomists with the adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and agroecological approaches to achieve long-term pest suppression by generating and sharing research-based knowledge through UW-led and on-farm research, and by translating findings into practical tools, Extension publications, and multimedia resources for farmers and agricultural professionals. We developed the Wisconsin Extension Weed Management workshop to help Wisconsin farmers and agronomists address critical weed management challenges. The agenda was drafted based on evaluation data from previous events and considering the plan of work strategies. Wisconsin farmers and agronomists gained valuable knowledge on identifying different cases of resistance, planning to prevent resistance, using new crop trait technology, and selecting proper spray adjuvants. Herbicide resistance is a very large challenge for farmers and this information should help slow the spread of herbicide resistance.

The full reports are included in the meeting packet distributed prior to this meeting and are also available on Jefferson County's website at www.jeffersoncountywi.gov.

Possible Items of Discussion/Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings: Would like to keep this on the agenda to ensure it's an ongoing cause.

Next Scheduled Meeting: November 9th & December 14th @ 0830

Adjourn: Motion by Morris to adjourn at 0937. Second by Gies and passed.

Minutes recorded by Lilianne Bidwell, Administrative Specialist







OCTOBER 2026

Program Highlights

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JEFFERSON COUNTY

COMMUNITY *Development*



Steve Chmielewski
Community Development Educator

OCTOBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- Planning is underway for a Jefferson County Community Forum in partnership with county leaders and key community players. The forum is designed to help identify emerging challenges, share perspectives on community priorities and help inform Extension programming and collaborations in Jefferson County

- Extension is convening local partners to launch RenewTowns in Jefferson and Palmyra, a community economic vitality initiative focused on supporting small business development, strengthening local networks and helping address commercial vacancies. Both Jefferson and Palmyra have assembled a community planning team to guide the launch and implementation for lasting impact, and are preparing to launch the effort in January

- Extension is partnering with Jefferson County leadership to develop a countywide governance and civic engagement series to help support the strategic priority of a Transformative Government. We are currently gathering input from residents to help inform content and structure with the goal of launching the program in late winter/early spring

- With Extension specialists, a study is nearing completion for the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission for member counties to better understand individual County economic impact from supporting the publicly owned WSOR freight rail system. The findings will be presented to the RTC in December.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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YOUTH 4-H



Jerry Wilcenski
4-H Program Educator

OCTOBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- Countywide Cloverbud Programing that highlights the various projects and activities 4-H has to offer.
  - ·The countywide program is designed to help new to 4-H families in the Cloverbud Project area integrate into countywide activities, learn about 4-H and develop pro-social skills to help them become productive 4-H members Monthly activities where Cloverbuds county wide can connect, feel welcome and participate in a wide range of projects with the security of their parents Improved understanding of 4-H, excitement for Cloverbud projects, improved sense of belonging to 4-H

- Weekly in-school programing at the Palmyra Montessori school that provides and exploration of 4-H and its diverse project areas for new and primarily first generation 4-H youth.
  - Programming completed in: Legos, Food Science, Plants and Soil Sciences, Rabbits, Global Exploration, Archiving and Collections and Gems and Minerals.

- The Youth Livestock Producers is series of programs and a youth lead committee that aims to build future leaders in fields of genetics, animal science, meat science and veterinary science.
  - ·4-H youth throughout Jefferson County identify livestock projects as their biggest Spark in both 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026. Previous to 2023 programing to respond to interest was light, in 2025- 2026 youth have been able to participate in a wide range of learning opportunities to help them prepare for future careers in the livestock industry. Aug 27th- New Youth Leader Orientation.- 23 youth participated in orientation for their roles, team building and beginning planning of the new educational year. Sept 22th- Planning meeting. Youth reviewed last year's guide book and awards and worked on drafting a new guide book and program calendar. Youth species chairs take the lead on educational programing in their areas as well as holding regular meetings to help coach youth through the project cycle.

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YOUTH 4-H



Jerry Wilcenski
4-H Program Educator

OCTOBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES CONT.

- Administration of the county 4-H enrollment process for youth, families, and volunteers, where enrollment records were reviewed and managed to ensure accurate participation and access to 4-H programs. Through this effort, members were able to engage in educational opportunities within a safe and compliant program environment
  - ·Accurate enrollment records are necessary to ensure youth and volunteers are eligible to participate in 4-H programs, events, and activities. Reviewed, processed, and maintained enrollment records while assisting families and volunteers with registration questions and enrollment requirements. Maintained accurate membership records, supported participant access to programs, and ensured compliance with organizational and risk management requirements.

- Management of annual authorizations and club rechartering for 4-H clubs, where volunteer leaders completed required documentation to maintain their standing within the program. Through this effort, clubs remained eligible to deliver safe, educational, and high-quality youth development opportunities.
  - ·Annual authorizations and rechartering are required to verify that clubs are operating in accordance with 4-H policies, procedures, and youth protection standards. Provided guidance, technical assistance, and oversight to club leaders as they completed annual authorization and rechartering requirements. Supported club compliance with statewide requirements, helping ensure continuity of local 4-H programming and the ongoing delivery of positive youth development experiences.

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YOUTH 4-H



Jerry Wilcenski
4-H Program Educator

OCTOBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES CONT.

- An open house event for prospective 4-H youth and their families, where participants met with the 4-H educator, local club representatives, and project leaders while learning about county and statewide 4-H opportunities and the enrollment process. Through this effort, families gained awareness of available educational experiences, leadership opportunities, and pathways for youth engagement, helping strengthen participation and access to positive youth development programs in the community.
    - ·Many families in the county are unfamiliar with the breadth of opportunities available through 4-H or are uncertain about how to become involved. As youth and families look for meaningful opportunities to build life skills, connect with peers, and engage in hands-on learning experiences, there is a need for accessible entry points into the 4-H program. New families often have questions about enrollment, project options, club participation, and the benefits of membership. The open house was developed to provide a welcoming environment where interested families could learn about 4-H and make informed decisions about joining the program. To address this need, a countywide 4-H Open House was organized for prospective members and their families. The event brought together the county 4-H educator, local 4-H clubs, and project leaders to provide information and answer questions about participation in the program. Attendees had the opportunity to explore project areas, learn about club activities, discuss educational and leadership opportunities with volunteers and youth leaders, and receive materials about county and state 4-H programming. Families were also provided guidance on the enrollment process and resources to support their transition into 4-H membership. A total of 48 youth and 34 adults attended the event, providing an opportunity for families to build connections with current members, volunteers, and program leaders while gaining a better understanding of how 4-H can support youth growth and development. The open house increased awareness of 4-H opportunities among youth and families interested in becoming involved in the program. Participants left with a clearer understanding of available projects, club structures, leadership opportunities, and enrollment procedures, reducing barriers to participation for new families. The event helped strengthen connections between prospective members and existing 4-H clubs and volunteers, creating a supportive pathway for future engagement. By increasing family awareness and access to youth development opportunities, the effort supports broader community goals of fostering youth leadership, citizenship, workforce readiness, and lifelong learning. Expanding participation in 4-H helps ensure that more young people have access to positive relationships with caring adults, opportunities to develop essential life skills, and experiences that contribute to stronger and more engaged communities.

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YOUTH 4-H



Cadance Hawk
4-H Associate Educator

OCTOBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- Planning for a new 4-H Afterschool Program for Lake Mills Area youth of middle-school age, regardless of their 4-H enrollment status. This effort is being planned and will be executed in collaboration with the Lake Mills Community Recreation department. The goal is to expand access to 4-H programming by meeting students and families where they are at--in the schools--and to decrease commitment stress by allowing students to participate regardless of their 4-H enrollment status. This program will be impactful as students who participate in 4-H are 4x more likely to make contributions to their communities, 2x more likely to be civically active, 2x more likely to participate in out-of-school science activities, and 2x more likely to make healthier choices.
  - Program description:
    - Join us for fun hands-on activities in the seven 4-H project areas! From Expressive Arts to Ag & Animal Science youth will explore interests, learn new skills, and connect with peers while completing activities guided by Jefferson County 4-H Educator, Cadance Hawk! 4-H membership is *not* required to participate in this program.
    - Grades: 5th-8th Grade
    - Day: Thursday
    - Dates: November 12th-December 17th (No Meeting: November 26th)
    - Time: 3:15-4:15pm
    - Location: LMMS FACS Room
    - Fee: FREE!
    - Registration Deadline: October 29th, 2026
      - *minimum participant requirement to run the 4-H program would be 6 students and our max # of participants would be 20.
    - Contact Brianna Pienkowski, Lake Mills Area School District Recreation Supervisor at brianna.pienkowski@lakemills.k12.wi.us with any questions or accessibility requests!

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YOUTH 4-H



Cadance Hawk
4-H Associate Educator

OCTOBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES CONT.

- Planning for the implementation of a new 4-H Afterschool Club (the 9th in the state!) for Jefferson County youth, primarily those in the Johnson Creek Schools. This effort is primarily organized by Cadance Hawk, but logistics and student needs were assessed in collaboration with the principal of Johnson Creek Middle & High Schools. The goal is to expand access to 4-H programming by meeting students and families where they are at--in the schools. Students who participate in 4-H are 4x more likely to make contributions to their communities, 2x more likely to be civically active, 2x more likely to participate in out-of-school science activities, and 2x more likely to make healthier choices.
  - Program Description:
    - Join us for fun hands-on activities in the seven 4-H project areas! From Expressive Arts to Ag & Animal Science youth will explore interests, learn new skills, and connect with peers. Weekly activities will be led by 4-H Associate Educator Cadance Hawk, and supplies will be provided. 4-H membership is required to join this club–register now on 4H-Online if you haven't already!
    - Grades: Any
    - Day: Wednesday
    - Fall semester dates: November 11th – December 16th (No Meeting: November 25th).
    - Spring semester dates: January 6th – May 26th (No Meeting: March 24th)
    - Time: 4:00-5:00 pm
    - Location: Johnson Creek High School–Room 114
    - Fee: $20 for 4-H registration. Waivers available upon request.
    - To register for this afterschool club, select Johnson Creek Trailblazers as a club in 4-H Online.
    - Contact cadance.hawk@wisc.edu with any questions or accessibility requests.

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YOUTH 4-H



Cadance Hawk
4-H Associate Educator

OCTOBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES CONT.

- A community resource fair for families and youth, where 4-H was a participant alongside many other local organizations, providing information and engaging with members of the community in an effort to increase youth involvement and support youth success.
  - Participated in a countywide resource fair for families and youth. Hosted a booth with information about 4-H, its benefits, and how to get involved. Communicated directly with members of the community, helping them feel welcome and increasing their sense of connection to 4-H.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 9th - Countywide Cloverbuds programming
  - 4-H youth in 5K - 2nd grade
  - Fun, hands-on activities led by 4-H Educators! Countywide Cloverbuds is an opportunity for Cloverbuds from all clubs to come together and get an introduction to 4-H topic areas through guided activities and take-home activity kits. Build lifelong skills, friendships, and knowledge, all while having fun.
  - Meets at the Jefferson County UW-Extension Office (864 Collins Rd, Jefferson, WI 53549)
  - 6:00 – 7:00 pm on the second Monday of each month, November-May.

OCTOBER PHOTO CONTEST

WINNER





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YOUTH 4-H



Cadance Hawk
4-H Associate Educator

OCTOBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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AGRICULTURE

Horticulture



Julie Hill
Horticulture Educator

OCTOBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM UPDATES

- An informational booth at Beloit Senior Fair, aimed at providing information, resources and engaging with senior populations in the Beloit and Rock county area. As a result of this activity, Extension collected data from participants about what matters most to them as they age; additionally, fair visitors gained knowledge about programming and services available to them from Extension, especially pertaining to health, well-being and connecting with plants/gardening

- An in-person presentation for consumer horticulture audiences, in partnership with MATC Watertown Campus, where participants learned about horticulture practices so that they can prevent pests, improve pollinator habitat, and reduce the use of horticulture chemicals in the landscape.

- An in-person presentation for the general public and in partnership with Big Foot Recreation District where participants learned about soil testing, interpreting soil test results, and understanding fertilizer applications so that they can improve and manage healthy soil ecosystems for the benefit of improved carbon storage, plant productivity, and reduced environmental contamination.

- A weekly social media outreach campaign for consumer gardeners utilizing Extension Jefferson County Facebook page to help promote local plant health diagnostic services and upcoming programs,and improve understanding of how sustainable horticultural practices positively impact landscapes and ecosystems.

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AGRICULTURE

Horticulture



Julie Hill
Horticulture Educator

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Replanting After a Storm, November 3, 6:00 p.m. at Lake Geneva Public Library. For more information, visit: https://lglibrary.org/eventcal#/events/volnVXvKY0/instances/7ZVFMfOQDb/
- Gift Plants Unwrapped, November 10, 5:30 p.m., at UW-Whitewater campus, in partnership with UW-Whitewater Continuing Education. For more information and to register, visit: https://www.uww.edu/ce/gardenlandscape/giftplants
- Houseplant Essentials, November 16, 2:00 p.m. at Fontan Public Library. For more information, visit: https://lglibrary.org/eventcal#/events/volnVXvKY0/instances/7ZVFMfOQDb/
- Gift Plants Unwrapped, December 3, 6:00 p.m., Lake Mills High School (Lake Mills Community Recreation). For more information and to register, visit: https://www.lakemills.k12.wi.us/community-rec/program-guide

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- A bilingual (English and Spanish) newsletter, Bovi-noticias, for dairy farm owners, managers, employees, and industry partners, where readers gain practical, research-based information that explains the reasons behind key farm management practices and supports everyday decision-making. Through this effort, dairy operations are better equipped to strengthen workforce engagement, improve communication and safety, enhance animal well-being, and support long-term farm sustainability and profitability.

- Developing a reproduction update program in November; "The Breeding Edge: Reproduction & Crossbreeding Insights" workshop. This program is an update on UW-Madison dairy reproduction research, covering heifer reproduction, sexed semen, the high fertility cycle, crossbreeding insights and more. The workshop training features Dr. JP Martins, Assistant Professor of Department of Medical Sciences School of Veterinary - UW Madison, Dr Paul M. Fricke, Professor & Extension specialist in Dairy Cattle Reproduction, Dr. Victor Cabrera, Professor & Extension Specialist – Dairy Farm Management, and Alison Pfau, Bilingual Regional Dairy Educator.

- Dairy bilingual educators will support and collaborate on the o the first "Wisconsin Farm Team Appreciation Day" to be celebrated Saturday, November 14th, 2026, at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center (FWDC), from 12:30pm to 4pm. This unique celebration offers you a great opportunity to show your appreciation for your Spanish speaking team and their families by sponsoring their experience at FWDC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wisconsin Farm Team Appreciation Day November 14th 12:30pm - 4pm
  - Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center Manitowoc, WI

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- An educational program for legislators, farmers, and local decision-makers discussing decision-making around the intersection of profitable crop production and meeting water quality outcomes when managing nitrogen. Participants learned about the opportunities available for fine tuning nitrogen management strategies through on-farm research, cost share incentives, and implementation of research-based practices to meet the goal of improving crop production profitability while reducing the risk of nitrogen leaching.
    - Participants increased their understanding of the tools, resources, and management strategies available to support effective nitrogen management. This knowledge will help farmers evaluate and adopt practices that improve profitability and environmental performance, while helping legislators and local decision-makers make more informed decisions regarding future agricultural and water quality programs and investments.



Partner panel discussion during the Legislative Day on the Farm.

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- A collection of NOPP on-farm research trials including cover crop and manure treatments designed to better understand the optimal rate of nitrogen for corn production. Results of these trials will directly assist farm collaborators with identifying the optimal nitrogen rate for their soil management system and will increase the data necessary for updating nitrogen rate and nitrogen credit recommendations for farmers producing corn across WI.
    - Participating farmers will gain site-specific information to help identify economically optimal nitrogen rates for their management systems and improve nitrogen use efficiency. Findings from these trials will also expand the research base used to update nitrogen rate and nitrogen credit recommendations, supporting more profitable and environmentally sound corn production decisions for farmers across Wisconsin.



Ear leaf sampling of NOPP trials to determine the nitrogen content at the tassel growth stage timing across treatments.

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- Planning for an annual soil health workshop for farmers, agronomists, and conservation professionals in collaboration with Land Conservation Departments, Producer-Led Groups, and Farmland Conservation Organizations focusing on grazing and cropping soil health management topics. The goal is to provide practical soil health management information that will assist participants with designing, developing, adopting practices on their farms and their clients farms to meet regional goals of improving farm profitability, reducing the risk of soil and nutrient loss, increasing farmland resilience, and enhancing surface and groundwater quality.
    - Participants will increase their knowledge and confidence in selecting and implementing soil health management practices on their farms and the farms of clients they serve. This increased capacity will support broader adoption of effective soil health practices, contributing to improved farm profitability, reduced soil and nutrient loss, greater agricultural resilience, and enhanced surface and groundwater quality across the region.

- A weed management workshop for agronomists, crop consultants, farmers, and conservation professionals, where speakers discussed the impacts of weather (sunlight, wind, temperature, precipitation), soil microorganisms, inherent soil characteristics, and time on the efficacy of herbicides for controlling weeds. After attending the workshop, participants have an in-depth understanding of the specific field conditions that impact recommendations for selecting herbicides, making herbicide applications, and measuring the success of weed management programs. Through this workshop, participants will implement the knowledge gained to improve the performance of weed management programs for their own fields and fields of clients served.
    - Participants increased their knowledge of the environmental and soil factors that influence herbicide performance and gained a deeper understanding of how these conditions should inform weed management recommendations. As a result, participants will be better equipped to select and apply herbicides appropriately, evaluate weed control outcomes, and improve the effectiveness of weed management programs on their own farms and for the clients they serve.

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- Working on a revision of the WI Crop Scout manual for crop scouts, agronomists, crop consultants, and farmers in collaboration with UW-CALS Extension Specialists for scouting corn, soybeans, wheat, and alfalfa crops. The goal is to increase the usability and practicality of the tool by developing a consistent format, condensing the material, and providing key season long crop scouting guidelines within a single printed resource to improve efficiency and quality of crop scouting efforts in WI.
- Crop scouts, agronomists, crop consultants, and farmers will have access to an updated, user-friendly scouting resource that improves the efficiency and consistency of crop monitoring efforts. Increased use of research-based scouting guidelines will support more accurate field assessments, timely management decisions, and improved crop production outcomes across Wisconsin.

- An on-farm research study to better understand manure application, commercial nitrogen application rates, and nitrogen credits on corn yield and potential effect on ground water. 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.
  - Six rates of nitrogen from 0, the farm rate, +/-40, +/-80 pounds per acre are applied with four replications with and without manure application at two farms across Wisconsin in 2026. Corn grain and silage yields will be measured along with soil nitrate levels. Water quality measurements through lysimeters installed at one location will assist in evaluating the movement of nitrate nitrogen through the water profile. This two-year study continues to analyze and evaluate data from 2024 and 2025. Results will be shared at field days and meetings as this 3-year project wraps up in fall 2026.

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ACCOUNTS FOR: 100 General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
13301 UW Extension							
13301 411100 General Property Taxes	-319,030	0	-319,030	-239,272.29	.00	-79,757.40	75.0%
13301 451100 Misc. Billed	-1,500	0	-1,500	-545.00	.00	-955.00	36.3%
13301 457020 Publication Sales	-50	0	-50	-49.00	.00	-1.00	98.0%
13301 471130 State Billed-Other	-2,608	0	-2,608	.00	.00	-2,608.00	.0%
13301 511210 Wages-Regular	55,196	0	55,196	32,706.44	.00	22,489.64	59.3%
13301 512141 Social Security	3,091	0	3,091	2,494.57	.00	596.54	80.7%
13301 512142 Retirement (Employer)	3,974	0	3,974	2,134.08	.00	1,840.04	53.7%
13301 512144 Health Insurance	23,496	0	23,496	.00	.00	23,496.48	.0%
13301 512145 Life Insurance	7	0	7	5.74	.00	.86	87.0%
13301 512151 HSA Contribution	1,600	0	1,600	.00	.00	1,600.00	.0%
13301 512173 Dental Insurance	1,104	0	1,104	323.72	.00	780.28	29.3%
13301 521258 Computer Maintenance	0	0	0	500.00	.00	-500.00	.0%
13301 529299 Purchase Care & Services	180,071	0	180,071	79,004.00	.00	101,067.27	43.9%
13301 531298 United Parcel Service	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
13301 531311 Postage & Box Rent	2,608	0	2,608	.00	.00	2,608.00	.0%
13301 531312 Office Supplies	4,600	0	4,600	493.31	.00	4,106.69	10.7%
13301 531314 Small Items Of Equipment	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
13301 531322 Subscriptions	150	0	150	.00	.00	150.00	.0%
13301 531324 Membership Dues	370	0	370	125.00	.00	245.00	33.8%
13301 531326 Advertising	0	0	0	97.70	.00	-97.70	.0%
13301 531348 Educational Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	1,405.67	.00	594.33	70.3%
13301 532325 Registration	1,200	0	1,200	1,244.00	.00	-44.00	103.7%
13301 532332 Mileage	3,500	0	3,500	3,052.44	.00	447.56	87.2%
13301 532334 Commercial Travel	700	0	700	.00	.00	700.00	.0%
13301 532335 Meals	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
13301 532336 Lodging	1,000	0	1,000	734.76	.00	265.24	73.5%
13301 532339 Other Travel & Tolls	30	0	30	12.00	.00	18.00	40.0%
13301 533225 Telephone & Fax	315	0	315	323.83	.00	-8.83	102.8%
13301 535242 Maintain Machinery & Equip	2,100	0	2,100	1,570.12	.00	529.88	74.8%
13301 571004 IP Telephony Allocation	1,650	0	1,650	978.03	.00	671.97	59.3%
13301 571005 Duplicating Allocation	65	0	65	48.78	.00	16.22	75.0%
13301 571009 MIS PC Group Allocation	30,244	0	30,244	22,659.03	.00	7,584.97	74.9%
13301 571010 MIS Systems Grp Alloc(ISIS)	2,063	0	2,063	1,547.28	.00	515.72	75.0%
13301 591519 Other Insurance	1,003	0	1,003	395.91	.00	607.12	39.5%
13301 594809 Capital Building	0	0	0	7,608.00	.00	-7,608.00	.0%
13301 594813 Capital Office Equip	0	8,000	8,000	.00	.00	8,000.00	.0%
13301 699999 Budgetary Fund Balance	0	-8,000	-8,000	.00	.00	-8,000.00	.0%
13302 UW 4-H Program							
13302 421001 State Aid	0	0	0	-350.00	.00	350.00	.0%

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13302 457032 Program Public Charges	-11,405	0	-11,405	-7,334.62	.00	-4,070.38	64.3%
13302 521258 Computer Maintenance	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
13302 531326 Advertising	500	0	500	93.12	.00	406.88	18.6%
13302 531348 Educational Supplies	4,175	0	4,175	3,298.07	.00	876.93	79.0%
13302 532335 Meals	500	0	500	350.00	.00	150.00	70.0%
13302 535242 Maintain Machinery & Equip	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
13302 536535 Activity Center Rental	4,000	0	4,000	.00	.00	4,000.00	.0%
13302 594950 Operating Reserve	483	-166	317	.00	.00	316.56	.0%
13302 699700 Resv Applied Operating	-483	166	-317	.00	.00	-316.56	.0%
33001 4-H							
13302 591519 33001 Other Insurance	730	0	730	706.00	.00	24.00	96.7%
13303 UW Ag Programming							
13303 457032 Program Public Charges	-1,000	0	-1,000	-50.00	.00	-950.00	5.0%
13303 531348 Educational Supplies	700	0	700	.00	.00	700.00	.0%
13303 532335 Meals	300	0	300	.00	.00	300.00	.0%
13303 594950 Operating Reserve	3,710	266	3,976	.00	.00	3,976.05	.0%
13303 699700 Resv Applied Operating	-3,710	-266	-3,976	.00	.00	-3,976.05	.0%
13303781 UW Ag Pesticide							
13303781 594950 Operating Reserve	8,003	0	8,003	.00	.00	8,002.83	.0%
13303781 699700 Resv Applied Operating	-8,003	0	-8,003	.00	.00	-8,002.83	.0%
TOTAL General Fund	0	0	0	-83,689.31	.00	83,689.31	.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	-347,788	-8,100	-355,888	-247,600.91	.00	-108,287.22	
TOTAL EXPENSES	347,788	8,100	355,888	163,911.60	.00	191,976.53	

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	-83,689.31	.00	83,689.31	.0%

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Sequence 2	9	N	N
Sequence 3	12	N	N
Sequence 4	0	N	N

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Print full GL account: N
Sort by full GL account: N
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Print revenue budgets as zero: N

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To Yr/Per: 2026/10
Budget Year: 2026
Print totals only: N
Format type: 1
Double space: N
Suppress zero bal accts: Y
Amounts/totals exceed 999 million dollars: N
Roll projects to object: N
Print journal detail: N
From Yr/Per: 2025/ 1
To Yr/Per: 2025/12
Include budget entries: Y
Incl encumb/liq entries: Y
Sort by JE # or PO #: J
Detail format option: 1
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