



UWEX-Richland County

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This Issue: 2016 IN REVIEW



Chelsea Wunnicke
Family Living Agent

Background

Master's Degree: Masters of Public Administration
University of Illinois at Springfield
May 2014

Date of Hire: January 1, 2015

Major Program Areas:

- Financial Education
- Food Preservation
- Strengthening Individuals, Families & Communities

Groups and Associations:

Richland Co. Children & Families Advocacy Council
 Richland Co. Home & Community Education, Advisor
 Richland Co. Homelessness Prevention Coalition
 Health Assessment & Wellness Commission
 Richland FIT (Fitness in Total) Coalition
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Educational Programs:

Family Living Program Accomplishments 2016

Financial Education:

- Presented 14 financial education workshops and 8 outreach booths on topics such as budgeting and credit. Partners include Brewer Public Library, Ridgeview Commons, FSET, UW-Richland, and Passages.
- Provided one-on-one financial education with 19 individuals, plus 36 Richland County Head Start households received 8 monthly financial newsletters in English or Spanish.
- Co-leader of "Small Savings Build Big Dreams" College Savings statewide team, with lecture filmed for Wisconsin Public Television.
- Coordinated annual "Get Real!" financial reality simulation with 200+ High School students from 5 schools and over 100 volunteers.

Food Preservation:

- Answered individual questions regarding safe food preservation. Information provided at Farmer's market, Viola and Brewer Public Libraries and Garden Expo reaching over 100. Offered 2 hands-on classes on preserving tomatoes and pickles.

Strengthening Individuals, Families, and Communities:

- Homelessness Prevention Coalition outreach and distribution of Community Resource Guides.
- An author of 2016 Richland County Community Health Needs Assessment with Richland County Public Health and the Richland Hospital.
- Co-leader of Richland FIT Coalition and Point of Purchase campaign to encourage healthier food options throughout Richland County.
- Taught 3 sessions of "Raising a Thinking Child" for parents of children 4-7 at Richland and Ithaca School Districts

No Longer in the Extension Office:

Andy Ziehli
CNRED Agent
September 1, 2013 - January 4, 2016

Danielle Sander
FoodWise Coordinator
March 1, 2006 - January 23, 2017

Mission

With an office in each Wisconsin county, Cooperative Extension develops practical educational programs tailored to local needs and based on university knowledge and research.

County-based Extension educators are University of Wisconsin faculty and staff who are experts in agriculture and agribusiness, community and economic development, natural resources, family living and youth development.

Extension county-based faculty and staff live and work with the people they serve in communities across the state. Extension specialists work on UW System campuses where they access current research and knowledge. Collaboration between county and campus faculty is the hallmark of Cooperative Extension in Wisconsin.

Purpose

To which we commit:
We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.





Adam Hady
Agriculture Agent

Background

Master's Degree: Adult Education, UW-Platteville, 2005
Date of Hire: November 15, 2004

Administrative Shared Leadership Role:

Co-Department Head – Budget, Personnel, and Campus Relations

Major Program Areas:

Dairy/Livestock Production
Addressing the Non-traditional Agriculture Producer

Groups and Associations:

Richland Co. Meat Animal Sale and Affiliated Groups, Advisor
Richland County Fairgrounds Improvement Committee
UW Richland Safety & Smart Farm Committee
Outstanding Young Farmers

State Program Teams

UWEX Swine Team & Wisconsin Pork Associations Animal Health Committee
UWEX Livestock Team – Cattle Feeders & Poultry Workgroups
UWEX Small Farms Team
UWEX Dept. of Ag and Life Science – Standards Rank & Promotion Committee

Programming Highlights:

Beef Production: This year Richland County hosted a UWEX Cattle Feeders Workshop. There were 30 people in attendance; the workshop covered the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD), Beef Cattle Outlook, Steer Yardage Costs and Finishing Ration Research. The Beef Producers Field Day out at the Mathews Farm that highlighted beef quality and live grading of steers. I partnered with the Grant County Extension Office and Southwest Tech to provide an educational seminar on the changing regulations and what producers can expect with the VFD.

Crop Production Meetings: Working with the Monroe County Extension Office, we offered two crop production meetings during the year. The Winter Crops Meeting included the following topics emerging technologies in Agriculture, managing fertilizer inputs for 2016, potassium research trial update, and field corn disease management update. The second meeting was hosted by Perkins Farms and the discussion was based on crop scouting, field pest and disease issues for 2016.

Other Meetings: This year I expanded programming to work with the produce growers in the county, I was able to host an on farm safe produce handling workshop and 12 growers attended the workshop. I also offered an Ag grants workshop in the fall in cooperation with the DATCP and Michael Fields. The workshop addressed various grant opportunities, tips for successful grant writing, and other resources besides grants for funding.

Swine Team Functions: Badger Swine Symposium state wide program that the swine team put together for the education of commercial swine producers. It was held at UW-Platteville. Also as part of the swine team I worked with Organic Valley to get their swine producer certified in Pork Quality Assurance, and complete site assessments.

Youth Education: I certified 74 Richland Co.4-H youth in Meat Animal Quality Assurance. I created two skill-a-thon type activities, one for the Richland Pig Project group and one for the Richland Area Sheep Producers. I provided Ag awareness education to two third grade classes in the Richland Center summer school program. Working with UW-R, I conducted an Agriculture related STEM activity for Urban Youth from Korea.

Other: Working with Farm Technology Days, put together a booth on Backyard Poultry. I conducted many farm visits and worked with one-on-one with individuals on topics related to farm finance and budgeting, grant writing and starting enterprises and farm transfer.



Danielle Sander
Nutrition Education Coordinator

Background

Master's Degree: Nutrition Education, Framingham State, 2016
Date of Hire: March 1, 2006

Major Program Areas:

To improve these areas for food stamp-eligible individuals and families:

- Dietary Quality
- Food Safety
- Food Resource Management/Food Security
- Systems and Environmental Change

Richland County Nutrition Education Program Partners:

Health Services	Jefferson Elementary School
Richland FIT	Doudna Elementary School
SWCAP Head Start	Lone Rock Elementary School
Riverdale Food Pantry	Viola Food Pantry
Ridgeview Commons	Richland Center Food Pantry
Lone Rock Food Pantry	

Educational Programs/Partnerships:

Health Services: Provided individual nutrition counseling to HealthCheck families during monthly clinics. Some topics included feeding young children and infants, and food resource management.

Head Start: During parent meetings, participants in Richland Center and Lone Rock received education on using SNAP benefits at the Richland Area Farmers' Market and feeding young children.

Ridgeview Commons: A series of 4 interactive nutrition lessons were offered. Topics included: planning healthy meals, cooking for 1 or 2, using herbs and spices, and choosing healthy snacks.

Elementary Schools: Second through fourth grade students at Jefferson, Doudna, and Lone Rock Schools received nutrition education in the classroom. Lessons focused on USDA's MyPlate Food Guidance System and the balance between food and physical activity. Each lesson included accompanying take-home educational material for the family. Also, participated in Jefferson School's Family Fitness Night.

Food Pantries: Provided lessons and food samples with recipes to clients at Richland Center and Riverdale Food Pantries. Lone Rock and Viola Pantries received written educational materials to distribute. During fiscal year 2016, nearly 170 people received direct nutrition education while at their local food pantry.

Richland FIT: Assisted with promotion of SNAP (food stamps) at the Richland Area Farmers' Market. This resulted in \$145 of SNAP tokens being distributed for use at the market.

State Activities: Quarterly *Food Sense* Newsletter, Safe & Healthy Food Pantries Project, Nutrition Program New Staff Training, *Healthy Weighs for Less* Food Pantry Curriculum, Program Area Evaluation Workshop Planning Committee.



Karleen Craddock
Interim 4-H Youth Development

Background

Bachelor's Degree: Home Economics Education
University of Minnesota

Date of Hire: May 1, 2016

Major Program Areas:

Building Leadership and Life Skills in Richland County Youth
Strengthen Youth-Adult Partnerships
Volunteer Development

Groups and Associations

Richland County 4-H Leaders Association
Richland County 4-H Jr. Leaders Group
Richland FIT

Educational Programs:

4-H Afterschool - Partnered with Richland Middle School to bring 4-H Afterschool to 30 youth.

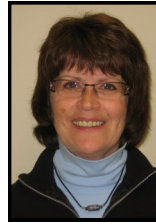
New 4-H Volunteers-Provided orientation for new 4-H leaders. Training includes information about positive youth development and risk management. Also assisted with coordination of background checks for new and current 4-H volunteers.

Youth Leadership – Worked with adult volunteers to increase opportunities for older youth to develop leadership skills.

Choose Health: Food, Fun and Fitness – Co-coordinated program reaching 48 Richland County youth with lessons about making healthy food choices and increasing daily activity levels.

Other Projects:

- Develop partnerships and joint programming with other youth organizations serving Richland County youth.
- Assist with educational youth activities at the Richland County Fair
- Coordinate 4-H community club program.



Sandy Campbell
Program Support Staff

Date of Hire: November 22, 1982

Responsibilities:

Support Staff for 4-H & Agriculture Agents
Oversee Day to Day Technical Office Operations



Jennie Silver
Program Support Staff

Workforce Development: January 2, 2014

Date of Hire: January 2, 2015

Responsibilities:

Support Staff for Resource & Family Living Agents
Support Staff for Department Head





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