



Division of Extension - Richland County

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This Issue: 2019 IN REVIEW



Chelsea Wunnicke
Extension Educator, Human
Development & Relationships

Background

Master's Degree: Public Administration
University of Illinois at Springfield
Date of Hire: January 1, 2015

Major Program Areas:

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

Groups and Associations:

Richland Co. Children & Families Advocacy Council, VP
Richland Co. Home & Community Education, Advisor
Richland Co. Homelessness Prevention Coalition
Richland FIT (Fitness in Total) Coalition, Co-leader
Kinship of Richland County, Secretary

Educational Programs:

Financial Education:

- Coordinated annual "Get Real!" financial reality simulation with nearly 200 High School students from 5 schools and over 100 volunteers.
- Supervised UW-Madison student interns to bring financial education to area children through the "Dollars During Development" partnership with Brewer Public library.
- Provided one-on-one financial education with 14 individuals.
- Co-leader of "Small Savings Build Big Dreams" College Savings statewide team, winner of 2019 National "Dean Don Felker Financial Management" award at NEAFCS convention in Hershey, PA.
- Advised a team of UW-Madison graduate students who prepared a report and presented results to Richland County stakeholders.
- RentSmart curriculum taught to local teens in YES program.

Strengthening Individuals, Families, and Communities:

- Taught "Raising a Thinking Child" & Emotion Coaching class to 21 parents.
- Member of Southwest Wisconsin Behavioral Health Partnership Steering Committee & winner of SWCAP Community Partner Award 2019. Initiating work in support of area farmers.
- Coached "Addiction Treatment Options Mapping" team for Richland County resulting in new Quick Start Guide.
- Co-leader of Richland FIT Coalition resulting in updated school wellness policies, youth gardens, and Food, Fun & Fitness summer class.
- Grant writing team of Partners for Prevention resulting in federal Drug Free Communities award to Richland County.
- Contributed to 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment & led focus groups.
- Richland Co. Resource Guide updated.

Food Preservation:

- Hands-on food preservation classes offered to 29 participants.

No Longer in the Extension Office

Adam Hady, Ag Agent
November 15, 2004 - June 30, 2019

Sonya Lenzendorf
FoodWise Coordinator
February 2017 - February 2019

Mission

With an office in each Wisconsin county, Division of 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 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.



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RICHLAND COUNTY



Adam Hady
Agriculture Agent

Background

Master's Degree: Adult Education, UW-Platteville, 2005
Employed: November 15, 2004 - June 30, 2019
Shared Position: January 1, 2019 - shared position with Crawford County

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
 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 Department of Agriculture and Life Science— Vice Chair
 UWEX Department of Agriculture and Life Science — Standards Rank & Promotion Committee

Programming Highlights:

Beef Production: Co-hosted a UWEX Cattle Feeders Workshop. The workshop covered topics related to Controlling Costs in the Feedlot, Comparing Self Feeders to Fenceline Feeding, Tips for Selling Beef Direct to Consumers; and Market Outlook.

Dairy Production: I worked with FSA to host meetings regarding the changes to the Dairy Margin Protection Program and worked with a couple of farms on enterprise budgeting and management.

Swine Team Functions: As part of the Swine Team, I worked with swine producers to become certified in Transport Quality Assurance (TQA), Pork Quality Assurance (PQA), and completed PQA site assessments. I offered four training sessions for Advisor Training.

Poultry Production: I was asked to present to a group of poultry producers in the local area on the topic on parasite control in layer houses. I worked with a group of poultry processors and Iowa County Extension Office to form a poultry group, that applied for and received a USDA grant, to explore the feasibility of building a poultry processing facility in Southwest Wisconsin. As part of that, I hosted a focus group here in Richland County and worked with the producer's survey. I updated a poultry publication from 1979 titled *Chicken Breeds and Varieties*.

Other Programs: I worked with a group called Food, Faith, and Farming to help organize a series of focus groups around southwest Wisconsin to evaluate the needs of local food and farming systems. I hosted and presented a program *Shifting Gears*. It was a 3-day program looking at where farmers are now, where they want to be, and how they get to where they want to be. The program was held in Soldiers Grove at the Public Library.



Sheena Cook-Fuglsang
FoodWise Nutrition Education
Coordinator, Crawford, Richland,
and Vernon Counties

Background

Bachelors Degree: Exercise and Sport Science
 UW-La Crosse, B.S.: 2006, M.S.: 2008
Date of Hire: August 7, 2019 (formerly an Educator since 5/18/15)

About Me:

I have been with UW-Extension for 4 years as an educator with FoodWise in Vernon and Crawford counties, and, most recently as Coordinator for Crawford, Richland, and Vernon counties. I have been working as an educator in the area of health and wellbeing for over 13 years.



Kristine Lockwood
FoodWise Nutrition Educator,
Richland and Vernon Counties

Background

Bachelors Degree: Political Science
 University of California Irvine, 2004
Date of Hire: November 14, 2019

About Me:

Before joining UW-Extension in November, Kristine was a substitute teacher in Richland School District and assisted in directing food service at Eagle School. In 2015-2017 Kristine was the Richland County AmeriCorps Farm to School Nutrition Educator.

About FoodWise:

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.

Richland County FoodWise Program Partners:

Ridgeview Commons	Jefferson Elementary School
Richland FIT	Doudna Elementary School
SWCAP Head Start	Lincoln Elementary School
Riverdale Food Pantry	Ithaca Elementary School
Richland Center Food Pantry	

Building Relationships:

There was limited education to report for Richland County in 2019 due to staffing challenges. In 2020, we look forward to reestablishing our partnerships by providing direct education as well as resources and support for partners who wish to make changes at a policy, systems, or environmental level. We are committed to helping the families and residents of Richland county, especially underserved populations. We look forward to building meaningful relationships with community agencies and individuals to help make the healthy choice the easy choice in Richland County.



Karleen Craddock
4-H Program Coordinator

Background

Bachelor's Degree: Secondary Education
University of Minnesota-Saint Paul

Date of Hire: May 1, 2016 - Interim 4-H Educator
January 1, 2019 - 4-H Program Coordinator

2019 Richland County 4-H Statistics:

290 Members (10% of Richland County youth in Kindergarten-12th grade)
107 Adult Volunteers (Representing over 5,000 volunteer hours in 2019)
48 Youth Leaders (Serving as Club Officers, Teen Teachers & Counselors)

Groups and Associations

Richland Mental Health Coalition
Richland County Children and Families Advocacy Council
Richland County Wellness Committee
Richland County 4-H Leaders Association
Richland County 4-H Junior Leaders Group
Wisconsin 4-H Volunteer Development Team

Report on 2019 Major Program Priorities

Increase Educational Opportunities for Richland County Youth:

- Initiated 4-H Discovery Day, a hands-on learning program that reached 100 people during the first year.
- Facilitated a weeklong Day Camp for youth in 3-5 grade.
- Coordinated participation in state and national 4-H educational experiences for older 4-H members.
- Assisted with coordination of five local scholarships.
- Worked with six new volunteers who will work directly with Richland County youth.
- Developed curriculum for 4-H volunteers working with youth in Kindergarten-2 grade.

Youth Leadership and Life Skill Development:

- Provided training for 28 youth who served as 4-H club officers.
- Assisted Junior Leader group with community service and outreach activities.
- Mentored two summer interns.
- Provided 20+ hours of training for high school youth serving in major leadership roles.
- Worked with Teen Teachers to present a one week Food Fun and Fitness program.
- Worked with 4-H volunteers to develop youth/adult partnerships.

Expansion of Richland County 4-H Program

- Worked with 4-H Ambassadors and 4-H Leaders Association members to identify potential audiences and develop a plan to reach new families.
- Trained 17 new 4-H volunteers.
- Provided on-going support for 135 4-H volunteers (92 adult, 43 youth).

Community Partnerships:

Richland Public Schools - • Supported the Richland Royals Afterschool 4-H club for at-risk middle school youth.- Recruited volunteers and assisted with Sources of Strength training for Richland and Ithaca Public Schools.
- Conducted job interviews with students in middle school Careers class.
- Co-presented wellness program at Jefferson School Family Night.

Other Community Partnerships • Served on Richland County Wellness Co and Richland Mental Health Coalition.- Co-taught careers class at College for Kids program offered by UW-Platteville Richland.
- Worked with Richland County Fair superintendents to provide educational programs for youth.
- Partnered with Brewer Public Library to provide outreach programs.



Craig Saxe
Area Extension Director
(serving Crawford, LaCrosse, Monroe,
Richland & Vernon Counties)

Date of Hire: July 1, 2017

Area Extension Directors serve as program administrators and supervisors for area faculty and staff. Working to ensure that the educational needs of local communities are met. Providing leadership in program coordination, staff development, financial management, and partnerships.



Sandy Campbell
Program Support Staff

Date of Hire: November 22, 1982

Responsibilities:

Support Staff for 4-H Program Coordinator & Agriculture Agent
Oversee Day to Day Technical Office Operations



Jennie Silver
Program Support Staff

Workforce Development: June 23, 2014

Date of Hire: January 2, 2015

Responsibilities:

Support Staff for Human Development & Relationships and FoodWise Coordinator
Support Staff for Area Extension Director



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meet their educational needs wherever
they live and work."*

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