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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
GRANT COUNTY

March 20, 2026

**AMENDED AGENDA
AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Grant County Agriculture & Extension Education/Fair Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Extension Office Conference Room at the Youth & Agriculture Center, 916 E. Elm St, Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Consideration will be given and/or action taken on any or all of the following agenda items.

1. Call to order
2. Statement as to Proper Notice of Meeting
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held February 16, 2026
5. Business Relating to Grant County Extension or the Youth and Ag Center
 - a. Educator Updates
 - Bev Doll, Human Development and Relationships Educator
 - Charisse Orth, 4-H Program Educator
 - Casey Lobdell/Jackie McCarville/Jordyn Sattler, Regional Agriculture Educators
 - b. Area Extension Director Update
 1. County Official Workshop Training – May 15, Dodgeville
 2. Rural Community Economic Development Specialist Update
 - c. Snowmobile Trails Public Funding Resolution
 - d. Farm Progress Days Scholarship
 - e. Review Vouchers
6. Grounds and Maintenance Report & Youth and Agriculture Center
 - a. Grounds Repair
7. Grant County Fair and Fairgrounds Business
 - a. Youth & Ag Center - Christmas for Kids
 - b. PRRS and PEDv for Swine
 - c. Poultry – Suspension of events through May 10, 2026
 - d. Grandstand Events
 - e. District Meeting, April 8
 - f. Ewaste 2026 Event
 - g. Sponsorship
 - h. Review all Fairgrounds Vouchers
8. Livestock Claims
9. Adjourn

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, February 16, 2026
Youth & Agriculture Center, 916 E. Elm St., Lancaster, WI 53813

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Roger Guthrie. Roll Call was taken with five committee members present: Roger Guthrie, Joe Mumm, Pat Schroeder, Gary Northouse and Kathy Kopp. Others present were Bob Keeney, Nate Dreckman, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Charisse Orth, Bev Doll, Jackie McCarville, Casey Lobdell and Lynn Perkins. Present by Zoom was Tonya White and Dakota Romine. Mike Timmerman was excused.

The meeting notice was posted at the Extension Office, Youth & Agriculture Center, Administration Building, on the Grant County website and emailed to media.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 16, 2026. Motion carried.

Educator updates were given by Bev Doll, Charisse Orth, Jackie McCarville and Casey Lobdell.

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update. Sarah Bremmer, Geoscientist with Extension Natural Resources Institute, is scheduled to present to the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Committee on April 2 about a Grant County groundwater project.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to approve the Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy gave the grounds and maintenance and Youth & Agriculture Center report.

Staff is prepping for flooring to be installed in the Extension Office area and Fair Office during the week of March 2-6.

Fair and Fairgrounds Business

A presentation was given on fairs.com by Dakota Romine.

The Livestock Auction Committee discussed allowing Sale of Champs selling with their species, being the first sale of that species. Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve the Livestock Auction Committee's suggestion. Motion carried.

The Livestock Auction Committee also discussed auctioning each species of livestock per head, versus per pound, with the consensus leaving it as selling per pound.

Pricing for vendor space and commercial tents were discussed. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Pat Schroeder to increase prices. Motion carried.

Prices for camping during the fair will increase \$5 for non-exhibitors and exhibitors. Sale of all event tickets for 6-10 years old at a cost of \$5 each will be offered for those attending with parents who have All Event Tickets.

Amy will check on dates for an EWaste event in 2026.

Motion by Kathy Kopp, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Joe Mumm, to adjourn. The next scheduled meeting is March 23, 2026. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Kathy Kopp
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONSHIPS - Bev Doll



The Extension Institute of Human Development & Relationships provides the tools Wisconsinites need to thrive as well-rounded, capable individuals and families. We support families in caring for each other in ways that promote growth and understanding. Our programs promote aging-friendly communities, coach effective parents and help families put technology, mindfulness, and financial awareness to use.

- A team development workshop (Real Colors) for organizations where participants increased their ability to recognize their strengths and the strengths of others, build rapport quickly with others, understand how others process information, and modify their communication to connect with others. The workshop is intended to help teams work together more effectively. Total Reach: 23 participants - Orchard Manor Staff
- A monthly parenting program for fathers where participants learn skills to build their children's social and emotional learning. This series is designed to improve understanding of positive parenting practices, while providing social connections for fathers and father figures.
- A monthly topic-specific series (Resilient Co-Parenting) for parents and caregivers experiencing separation, divorce, or changes in the custody of their children, where they learn skills to improve communication and problem-solving, support children emotionally, and keep kids out of the middle of conflict. This series is designed to improve understanding of positive parenting practices that are useful during stress, while providing social connection for parents experiencing family transitions.
- A workshop for Middle school-aged students, teaching youth about spending plans helping youth develop critical financial literacy skills early on, enabling them to make informed decisions about money, save for future goals, and ultimately achieve greater financial stability in adulthood; it empowers them to manage their money responsibly and confidently. An interactive hands-on activity engaged the youth to reinforce the concepts presented. Total Reach: 21 7th grade youth
- Planning AHEAD: A 7-session course that helps adults of all ages to make end-of-life financial, healthcare, and final wishes decisions in order to reduce the stress experienced by survivors and to ensure that their wishes are honored. 13 Registrants
- Encouraging Financial Conversations: A six-module course for social workers, case managers, and community agency staff where they learn about financial competency skills such as goal setting, budgeting, building credit and paying off debts, strategies for saving money, and how to engage their clients in money management discussions. The goal of this effort is to build their knowledge and confidence when engaging clients in financial conversations. 26 Registered Participants
- A co-parenting class (Parents Forever) for parents and caregivers experiencing separation, divorce or changes in the custody of their children, where they learned skills to prioritize the parent-child relationship and better communicate with their co-parent. This program is designed to increase child well-being and reduce parental conflict during family transitions.



AGRICULTURE - Jackie McCarville, Regional Dairy Educator
- Jordyn Sattler, Regional Crops & Soils Educator



Casey Lobdell



Jackie McCarville



Jordyn Sattler

The Extension Agriculture Institute is your connection to the latest University of Wisconsin-Madison research. Our five program areas; Agriculture Water Quality, Crops and Soils, Dairy and Livestock, Farm Management, and Horticulture, are here to educate and respond to the needs of the agriculture community while providing resources that promote economic and environmental sustainability in Wisconsin. We apply research to challenges facing communities and businesses.

Casey Lobdell

- An in-person meeting for vet clinic clients on pasture management practices at their annual cattle producer meeting. The presentation outlined some practices that producers could do to manage their pastures to better gain yield, quality, and sustain a better environment for their cattle.
- A monthly radio presentation on the Lafayette news on WEKZ Radio. This broadcast is used to highlight upcoming extension programming and reach a broader audience. This would include producers, allied industry professionals, and the general public.

Jackie McCarville

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- Planning for a Webinar for Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) led by Leonard Polzin, Farm Management Outreach Specialist. By participating in DMC, dairy farmers can help protect their operations against declines in milk prices and increases in feed costs, supporting more predictable and stable income. Eligible applicants include dairy operations in the United States that produce and commercially market milk from cows.
- The February 2026, an in-person Save a Calf, Save a Cow, dairy workshop with Spanish interpretation provided dairy producers and workers with practical skills in calving preparation, obstetric techniques, and newborn calf care to strengthen caretaker confidence and support herd health and farm economic viability.



Jordyn Sattler

- A four-part Focus on Forage webinar series for forage growers, livestock producers, agency staff and agricultural consultants where research based forage management solutions are shared to optimize forage yield and quality to improve animal performance and overall farm profitability.
- An article for the agricultural community where forage producers learned how to evaluate their alfalfa stands for winterkill and shared information to take into consideration when seeding a new alfalfa field. Through this article, producers will understand thresholds at which their alfalfa may not be productive enough, evaluate their stand in a timely manner, and take appropriate precautions when choosing and seeding their next alfalfa field.
- Presentations for attendees of the Midwest Forage Association Symposium where participants learned about fertilizer requirements and guidance for various forage crops, fertilizer economics, and the value of nutrient credits from legumes and manure. Through this effort, producers understand the importance of various crop nutrients as they pertain to forage yield and quality. They also have the knowledge needed to maximize their fertilizer dollars, and will consider strategically managing nutrient credits to lower overall cost of production and improve profitability.
- A training session for manure applicators and farmers where participants learn to apply manure safely and accurately to keep themselves safe, protect the environment, and increase farm profitability.
- A series of nutrient management courses for farmers in collaboration with Green County Land and Water Conservation to teach farmers the basics of nutrient management and how to use the SnapPlus program. The goal of this program series is to educate farmers on nutrient management plans and how to generate plans for their farms. Having a nutrient management plan allows for participation in certain programs and promotes responsible commercial fertilizer and manure application.
- A training program for private applicators where participants learned about safe handling and application of restricted-use pesticides to protect themselves and the environment.
- A presentation for attendees of the Premier Insurance crop insurance meeting where attendees learned about the physical, chemical, and biological aspects of soil health and how they impact crop health. By learning more about soil health, growers have a deeper appreciation for their soils and will take soil health impacts into consideration when making management decisions for their farm. Enhanced soil health will improve the sustainability of farms.
- A presentation for attendees of the Town & Country Insurance crop insurance meeting where participants learned about Southern Corn Rust influences during the 2025 growing season and tools available to aid in making fungicide application decisions. By understanding the conditions that promoted Southern Corn Rust in 2025 and learning how to utilize tools that forecast disease pressure and potential return on investment from fungicide applications, growers will be better equipped to make timely decisions based on third-party research and data.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - Charisse Orth



The Extension Institute of Positive Youth Development prepares the youth of today to become the effective, empathetic adults of tomorrow. Our research-based youth enrichment programs like teens in governance build youth and adult capacity and partnerships that help both sides grow. 4-H clubs, camps and afterschool programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to develop an understanding of themselves and the world.

- **Ambassadors Meeting - February** - A training for 4-H Ambassadors, where they learned how to welcome and interact with youth who would be attending Family Project Day and other countywide 4-H events. Through this effort, the 4-H Ambassadors felt more comfortable making announcements, serving as hosts and engaging youth in 4-H activities.
- **4-H BINGO Night** - An event for 4-H families and community members, where youth and adults play BINGO. Through this effort we are able to provide a fun community event while the Leaders Association is raising funds to help support the 4-H program.
- **4-H Family Project Day** - An event for youth, where they were able to explore new project areas by completing 4 projects to take home. Through this effort the 4-H program promoted and reached non-4-H members, as well as 4-H members, to increase awareness around project learning and exploration.





Community Development Institute
DIVISION OF EXTENSION
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Grant County Extension - March 2026 Report

Blake Roberts Crall - Rural Community Economic Development Specialist, Community Development Institute (*Crawford, Grant, Lafayette & Richland counties*)



The Community Economic Development program promotes local economic well-being and quality of life in Wisconsin communities. We work with and support community economic development practitioners and organizations, tribal and governmental entities, and business and nonprofit organizations and help gain access to the information, research, education, and technical assistance necessary to make informed decisions.

Regional Situational Analysis

Blake completed a comprehensive situational analysis in Aug 2025-Jan 2026, which included stakeholder interviews and review of strategic/comprehensive plans, community needs assessments, and publicly available data. Findings from the situational analysis were used to identify priorities and set goals for this position.

- Conducted **65 stakeholder interviews** with community/economic development professionals, county board members, city/village elected officials, business owners, child care providers & education professionals, tech colleges, health care institutions, library staff, food pantries.
- Interviews and data analysis identified strengths and assets in the region, existing programming, needs/gaps, goals, and priorities for local leaders and community members.

Key Themes from Situational Analysis

Several patterns surfaced repeatedly during interviews, community events, and data analysis.

Theme #1: Housing Quality and Affordability for All Ages

- Housing is a priority area for many economic development partners in the region, and is one of the biggest needs cited.
- Increase housing stock and affordability so businesses can grow/attract workers.

Theme #2: Child Care Accessibility and Affordability

- Some communities are finding ways to innovate on ownership and investment models, and exploring co-location/shared space as solutions
- Despite this progress, child care continues to be unaffordable for families, too far, or schedules are mismatched, leading to parents leaving the workforce, reducing hours, or inability to cover 2nd or 3rd shifts.
- Outstanding question of how new centers opening or expanding impact existing businesses (do they create competition or add to capacity overall?)
- Similar concerns were raised for elder/senior care (limited access to services, expensive, extra strain on workers who are caring for aging family members).

Theme #3: Leadership Development and Civic Engagement

- Limited local capacity is a clearly stated challenge for advancing most community development goals. Supporting the leadership pipeline is a way to build long term capacity for the region, have sustainable impact, and nurture the next generation of leaders regionally.
- Opportunity to address a critical programming gap left post-COVID.

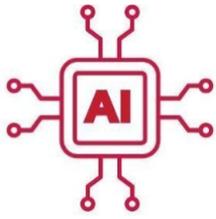
Theme #4: Access to Food and Basic Needs

- Access to basic services and core institutions – such as grocery stores, banks, and pharmacies – is cited as a high priority for communities. Access to services also is needed for attracting and retaining a strong local workforce.
- There was strong agreement that thriving food systems are central to community and economic wellbeing.
- Some reported concerns about impact on food security and local/regional supply chains when grocery stores close, or when social service agencies cease operations, especially for more vulnerable populations, such as senior citizens and children in low-income households.

Theme #5: Supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses

- The region has a strong entrepreneurial ecosystem. This is a priority area and many partners are excited to collaborate on strategies to support and grow small business supports.
- Potential to specifically target industries that compliment other priorities, such as food businesses, child care operations, minority-owned businesses, etc.

Upcoming Events



Understanding AI: A Forum for Tribal and Local Governments

Register Today for Remaining Forums in Eau Claire, Lac du Flambeau and Oshkosh

Join Extension and UW–Madison experts to gain a clear understanding of how governments can use AI. How does artificial intelligence impact local government and how could it be used responsibly? Through hands-on sessions and lectures tailored to address the unique needs of local and tribal governments you will gain critical tools and strategies.

[You can register now](#) for AI forums being held across the state from UW–Madison Extension that are designed specifically for government leaders and employees to gain practical uses of generative AI in their work.

AI Forums will be held in Eau Claire on March 18, Lac du Flambeau on March 26, and Oshkosh on April 22.

Website and registration info: <https://extension.wisc.edu/aiforums/>

Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference

May 13-15 • Green Lake • Registration is Open • About Small Towns, For Small Towns

Join us for a hands-on, immersive conference designed to strengthen rural Wisconsin's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Bringing together local leaders, business owners, and innovators, this event explores new ways to grow and sustain thriving local economies.

This year's dynamic agenda features hands-on sessions including Entrepreneurial Ecosystem 101 and How to Finance Your Local Entrepreneurial Ecosystem, along with How to Foster a Regional Entrepreneurial Ecosystem which will focus on community-level support. Framework for Starting a Business, the Three Most Common Pitfalls of a New Business Venture, featuring the Knuth Brewery success story, Stories from Green Lake will highlight real-world advice for success, and learn about Surviving Seasonal Swings for tourist-town businesses. Create Wisconsin will be there to discuss Weaving Together Arts, Civic, and Economic Vitality and Vibrancy.

Healthcare in the Digital Age: Leveraging Broadband for Better Health and Stronger Communities

Explore the critical connection between broadband access and improved health outcomes—and how these advancements drive local economic growth. As broadband availability grows, the question becomes: How can we maximize its impact on health outcomes and quality of life? This series of free workshops will provide a forum for actionable strategies that strengthen communities and foster economic resilience.

Participants will:

- Discuss the intersection of connectivity and quality of care, identifying how expanded broadband can transform health services and patient experiences.
- Identify opportunities and gaps in connected care, shaping regional priorities for innovation and investment.
- Collaborate on practical solutions to address healthcare service gaps and ensure equitable access to care.

Workshops will be held in Green Bay on April 22, Rhinelander on April 23, Dodgeville on May 6, Rice Lake on May 19, and Milwaukee on June 2.

More info here: <https://economicdevelopment.extension.wisc.edu/healthcareworkshops/>

Extension events are open to all. The University of Wisconsin–Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law. You may request an interpreter, materials in an alternative language and/or format, and/or other services to make this event more accessible. Contact oaic@extension.wisc.edu. Make your request 25 days before the event. There is no added cost to you for these services.

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2026 - \$2556.61
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RESOLUTION NO. #2026-10

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC FUNDING FOR
SNOWMOBILE TRAILS**

WHEREAS, Grant County is interested in sponsoring the maintaining, acquiring, ensuring of the lands for public snowmobile trail use; and,

WHEREAS, said public snowmobile trails are eligible for funds under s. 23.09(26), Stats.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Grant County apply for funds under s 23.09(26) Stats., for such eligible maintenance, acquisition and insurance and hereby authorizes the Agriculture & Extension Education Committee of Grant County to act on behalf of Grant County to: Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available; contact person will be a representative of the Extension Office, and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

Presented and recommended for passage on this 23rd day of March, 2026, by the Agriculture & Extension Education Committee of the Grant County Board of Supervisors, Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Roger Guthrie, Chair

Joe Mumm, Vice Chair

Kathy Kopp, Secretary

Gary Northouse

Pat Schroeder

Mike Timmerman

Presented and approved for passage by the Grant County Board of Supervisors on this 17th day of March, 2026.

Robert C. Keeney, Chair

Tonya White, County Clerk

ATTEST: I Tonya White, Grant County Clerk, do certify that Resolution #2026-10 authorizing participation in Public Funding for Snowmobile Trails was approved by the Grant County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on this 17th day of March, 2026.

Tonya White, Grant County Clerk