Extending the resources and knowledge of the University of Wisconsin to the people of Green County
Meet the Green County UW-Extension Staff

Green County UW-Extension staff are faculty members of the University of Wisconsin, employed by a cooperative arrangement between the University and the county. County faculty are responsible for conducting applied research and delivering researched based information to county residents.

Mark Mayer – Professor – Department of Agriculture & Agri-Business, Agricultural Agent and Department Head

Major responsibilities: Develop and teach programs to strengthen the profitability and productivity of Green County farms and agri-business.

Cara Carper – Associate Professor - Department of Community Resource Development, Community Resource Development Agent

Major responsibilities: Develop and teach programs that build decision-making and leadership capacity in the areas of land use, local government operations, and community and economic development.

Alissa Grenawalt – Associate Professor - Department of Youth Development, 4-H and Youth Agent

Major responsibilities: Develop, teach and coordinate county 4-H and Youth Development programs.

Bridget Mouchon – Associate Professor – Department of Family Development, Family Living Agent

Major responsibilities: Develop and teach programs which build parent support and community partnerships for families.

Jayne Butts and Amy Krass – Extension Activity Assistants
Major responsibilities: Assist in the promotion and coordination of UW-Extension programs.

Nicole Witt - Student Assistant
Major responsibilities: Assist with clerical functions of office.

The staff serves under the supervision of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee. Those members are:

Ron Syse, Chair
Oscar Olson, Vice-Chair
Ken Hodgson, Secretary
Arthur Carter
Betty Grotophorst
March 12, 2013

Dear Green County Board of Supervisors:

Attached is the 2012 Annual Report for the University of Wisconsin Extension Office. Green County UW-Extension Agents are jointly employed by UW-Extension and Green County. This joint employment assures responsiveness to local needs, reduces county costs, and provides an important link to University of Wisconsin resources. UW-Extension faculty serve under the supervision of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee.

Cooperative Extension in Green County brings the resources of the University of Wisconsin directly to Green County residents. Staffed by UW faculty, we offer Green County residents research-based education designed to meet local needs in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family Living, 4-H/Youth Development and Community Resource and Development.

This report highlights some of the major educational programs that were conducted by the University of Wisconsin-Extension faculty in Green County during 2012. To give you an idea of the scope of our outreach we’ve listed the state and county organizations that we worked with this past year on the inside back cover of this document. Our office also conducted a recent local needs survey of Green County residents asking them to identify the major issues facing Green County for the next five years. The top 15 issues identified by county residents are listed on the back page of this report.

We hope this report provides you with a better understanding of UW-Extension programs being conducted in Green County. If you have any questions about this report or our mission, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Mayer, Department Head
Agriculture Agent

Cara Carper
Community Resource Development Educator

Alissa Grenawalt
4-H & Youth Development Agent

Bridget Mouchon
Family Living Educator
Agriculture Educational Programs: Number of Participants in Parenthesis

- Green County Dairy Management Seminar (50)
- Advanced Crop Nutrient and Tillage Seminar (34)
- Nutrient Management Planning Classes with Land and Water Conservation (12)
- Dairy and Livestock Facility Design Consultations in Southern WI (16)
- Taught Two Pesticide Applicator Certification Training Sessions (44 Certified)
- Farmland Lease and Rental Program (36)
- Midwest Animal Husbandry Conference (101)
- Three Green County Drought Informational Meetings (342)
- Presentations to Brodhead Optimist and Green County Leaders on Agriculture (41)
- Presentation on Dairy and Livestock Nutrition Tools to BTC Classes (19)
- UW-Extension Master Gardener Gardening Seminar (64)
- 36 Hour Master Gardener Volunteer Training Classes (12)
- Freestall Housing for Registered Holsteins Presentation, WI Holstein Association (91)
- Cheese Days Educational Farm Tours (687)
- PEAQ Spring Alfalfa Readings for Radio and Internet Postings
- Cattle Handling Workshop for Hispanic Workers (17)
- UW-Extension No-Till Tour and Field Day (93)
- Instructor for UW Agriculture Short Course (31)

Youth and Other Programs:

- Advisor/Coordinator for Green County Fair Dairy Youth Recognition and Livestock Auctions (223)
- Green County Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee (43)
- Steer, Lamb and Swine Weigh-ins & Auction Meeting for Livestock Youth Projects (421)
- World Dairy Expo Assistant Superintendent (400+)
- Green County Fair and Dairy Day (364)
- Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Group for Agriculture (42)
- Chaired 2013 Green County Clean Sweep Committee
- Advisor to South Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association, Green County Milk Quality Council and Green County Beef and Pork Producer Boards

County/State Administration:

- UW-Extension Department of Ag and Natural Resources Professor Committee
- Mentor Agent for New Southern District Agriculture Agents
- UW-Extension Dairy Modernization Team
- Evaluation and Hiring for UW-Extension County Faculty and Support Staff
- WI Association of County Agriculture Agents Awards Committee Chair
- Blackhawk Technical College Agriculture Advisory Committee
- Green County Advisory Committee for USDA Agencies
- Preparation and Oversight of UWEX Green County Office Budgets and Daily Operations

Use of Media for Educational Outreach:

- 52 weekly and 24 monthly AM and FM programs, along with other news spots on Big Radio
- Interviews dealing with drought for Monroe Times, Wisconsin State Journal and Fox News Network
- Monthly DHI Newsletters sent to 202 Clients: Green County Agri-News sent to 772 clients
2012 Contacts Summary

Direct Individual Contacts: Office (73) Farm Visits (37) Phone (835) Emails (4,131) Group (3,422)
Total 2012 Direct Client Contacts: 8,498

Indirect Contacts through Media:
County UW-Extension Newsletters and Local News Articles: 6,200, Regional Radio: 90,000, Country Today, Agri-View and Wisconsin State Journal Newspapers: 146,000, WI Agriculturist and Ag Web page: 26,989
Total In-Direct contacts for County, Region and State: 269,189

2012 Impacts:

Drought: Over 350 farmers and agribusiness representatives attended one of three drought informational meetings held in July and August. This agent presented information on drought related issues such as nitrates levels, corn pollination, pricing and proper harvest time for drought stressed corn silage, aflatoxins, management of drought stressed alfalfa, and alternative forage crops. By mid-July many farmers were panicking and harvesting drought stressed corn too early because the corn appeared to be dying. In response, this agent secured the use of a portable NIR Forage Testing unit for Green County to run rapid Dry Matter tests of corn silage plants for free in the local office. Over 30 samples were run in mid-July and the results were distributed back out to farmers and nutritionists. Based on the farmers this agent worked with directly, these actions prevented over 4,000 acres of drought stressed corn silage in the county from being chopped prematurely. By delaying harvest farmers received increased forage and grain yields from the rains that came in late July. Delaying harvest also resulted in plants with moisture levels more favorable for good fermentation ensuring that the already reduced yields would not be reduced even further due to storage losses. This agent also arranged free nitrate testing on 38 corn plant samples brought in by farmers to the August drought meeting. Results of these tests were shared on the radio and posted on our website. 11% of the samples tested over 1,000 PPM for nitrates and could have been toxic to cattle if not feed correctly. This agent responded to over 400 individual phone calls and emails with inquiries regarding the drought from July through October.

Midwest Animal Husbandry Conference: 101 participants attended the conference held in Madison and all were given a pre/post knowledge evaluation. On a scale of 1-5 with 1= no knowledge, and 5= high, knowledge levels for Housing to Optimize Cow Wellbeing jumped from an average of 2.82 to 4.31 (53%). For Animal Pain Management the participants level of knowledge increased from 2.59 to 4.88 (88% increase). Level of knowledge on Cattle Handling increased from 3.41 to 4.06 (19%), and level of knowledge for Dehorning Pain Management increased from 2.29 to 3.76 (64%). 93% of the conference participants stated that the conference motivated them to make changes to their farming operation or husbandry protocols.

Cattle Handling Workshop for Hispanic Employees: A cattle handling safety program was co taught by this agent through the use of a translator. 16 Hispanic employees attended the training held at the Blue Star Dairy Farm, Arlington. The training consisted of an animal handling safety video in Spanish, followed by a hands-on demonstration showing the basics of low stress animal handling in confined spaces.

Cheese Days Farm Tours: 687 urban residents gained a better understanding of how their milk and other foods are produced and processed through participating in educational dairy farm tours conducted during Cheese Days by this agent. The majority of the participants had never visited a farm and developed a higher level of understanding regarding animal care on farms as result of participating in the tours.

Housing Registered Holsteins in Freestalls: This agent presented a program on cow comfort at a regional barn meeting conducted by the WI Holstein Association near Platteville, WI in April. 91 dairy producers attended the meeting and learned how to design freestall facilities and stalls for handling and housing large registered Holstein cattle.

Green County Fair Dairy Youth and Meat Animal Auctions: This agent serves as the advisor to the Green County Dairy Youth Recognition Auction and the Meat Animal Sale. A record $13,500 was collected through the dairy auction with 50% being paid directly to the youth and the other half going to a scholarship fund. $2,975 in scholarships was paid out in 2012. $222,852 was also distributed to over 150 Green County youth through the County Fair Meat Animal Auctions in 2012.
Carper's programs share a common goal reflected in her commitment to community development. Backed by University of Wisconsin research, Carper works in partnership with people in government, community organizations, volunteers, business and industry. With more than 100 specialists available for consultation and research, Carper gives Green County access to University research and knowledge in:

- **Leadership and Organizational Development** - Bringing services that facilitate collaboration, local leadership development and community-based problem-solving.
- **Strengthening Local Government** - Providing educational resources for civic engagement and partnerships in local government decision-making.
- **Natural Resources** - Providing education in environmental protection, energy management and land use.
- **Economic Development** - Enhancing local economic health and quality of life.

Select highlights of Carper's work in 2012 follow:

**Women in Sustainable Ag Farm Tour**
The “Soil Sisters South Central Wisconsin Women in Sustainable Agriculture Farm Tour Day” was a collaborative educational farm open house showcasing seven women-owned and operated sustainable operations in Green County. The goal of this project was to connect youth with local women farmers and to provide educational outreach on sustainable agriculture. The farm tours and related kids' activities collectively highlighted a diverse range of sustainable agriculture practices. Participating farms included: Circle M Farm (Blanchardville), Grassroots Farm (Monroe), Inn Serendipity Farm and B&B (Brownstown), Kinkoona Farm (Brodhead), Scotch Hill Farm (Brodhead), and Sugar Maple Emu Farm (Brodhead). These women farmers represented a diverse mix of seasoned growers and beginning farmers, ranging from under five years to over 15 years in business and representing an age span of 20s through 60s.

Between 100 and 400 people visited each farm (many folks visited 2-3 farms). Farms earned up to $700 of income from on-farm sales that day. The project garnered incredible media coverage (NBC-15 news, local papers, Wisconsin Farm Report, Country Today, Wisconsin State Farmer and Isthmus).

**Groundwater Education**
All Green County residents depend on groundwater as a drinking source. Green County is located in a susceptible area of the state for groundwater contamination. During the four-year county Needs Assessment in 2008, “protecting and preserving our natural resources” and specifically, “Protecting our water supply” was identified as a top 10 issue for the county. Ag and Extension Committee members felt strongly that a Drinking Water Testing program should be offered, in partnership with Town Boards.

In June 2012, Carper worked with Natural Resource Educator Peggy Compton and town board officials to provide the Drinking Water Testing Program for the towns of York and New Glarus. The Drinking Water Testing Program allows people who are concerned about the quality of their drinking water to have their well water tested at a reduced cost and learn of the results during educational programs.

Eighty eight residents chose to have their water tested. Results for the Drinking Water Testing Program were provided during a standing-room-only educational program. Coliform bacteria, a common health related water quality concern, were detected in 25 percent of the wells tested. No samples tested positive for e. coli. Two percent of wells from this program exceeded the drinking water limit for nitrate-nitrogen.
Green County Leaders
The need for leadership development has been identified as a top priority since 1995 by Green County stakeholders asked to name the top issues facing the county. The Green County Leaders program was developed in 2002 through a partnership with Green County Cooperative Extension, Green County Development Corporation and Blackhawk Technical College. Since 2002, the Green County Leaders program has increased the skills, knowledge and confidence of 200 leaders who live or work in Green County. The program consists of an orientation, nine classes (held the second Wednesday of each month, September through May) and graduation.

Since its inception, the Green County Leaders program has relied on the Green County Extension office to provide curriculum development, teaching and evaluation. Sixteen leaders graduated in the 2011-2012 class. The 2012-2013 class includes 24 people.

Household and Agriculture Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep
Historically, Green County has applied to the Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for a temporary hazardous waste Clean Sweep collection grant every 3-4 years. In 2012, local officials made it clear that a continuous Clean Sweep program would make environmental and fiscal sense. Funding was requested and received from DATCP and Green County to build a Continuous Clean Sweep site at the Green County Landfill Transfer Station. Carper wrote the DATCP grant application and is working with the Solid Waste Committee to fulfill DNR paperwork requirements.

Cheese Country Trail
Several locally elected public officials in concert with local stakeholder groups approached UWEX Cooperative Extension to do a comprehensive, up-to-date economic impact study of the trail. Carper worked with CNRED Educators Ela Kakde in Lafayette County and Paul Ohlrogge in Iowa County, Extension Specialist Dave Marcouiller, County Board officials from Green County (Jerry Guth) and Lafayette County (Leon Wolfe), and 74 local volunteers to develop and implement a year-long applied research project.

The goal of the survey was to collect a representative sample of users and numbers of users of the Cheese Country Trail through observation and intercept surveys. Results of the study are being used to improve trail experiences for future users, and have been provided to local communities, businesses and counties to help create economic development related to the trail and its users. Results have led to policy change. The Monroe City Council agreed to allow an all-terrain vehicle route that takes riders through the downtown central business district and then east to the Green County fairgrounds for camping. Local leaders then stepped up to provide funding for signage through the city. The City of Brodhead is actively pursuing routes to extend the trail 18+ miles from Monroe to Brodhead.

In 2012, the full report, “Motorized Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Development within Trailside Communities: A case study of Cheese Country Trail users and economic impacts on Southwestern Wisconsin,” and a series of three fact sheets (“User Characteristics,” “Economic Impact” and “Future Directions”) were completed.

Healthy Kids/Healthy County Pilot Program for Home Visitor Program
Carper helped the Green County Health Department receive a two-year $50,000 grant from the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) to address the nutritional needs of rural underserved areas and families by increasing access to and knowledge of healthy local food options.

Local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms will provide 20 shares for the 2013 growing season for the Health Department’s Home Visitors to distribute to each of the 47 families. Families will receive fresh, locally grown produce and be taught how to best prepare it (cooking instruction and recipes).
In 2012, the Green County 4-H Program continued to provide youth and adult opportunities to build and provide educational programming in the areas of leadership development, personal growth and the value of service to their communities. “Learning by Doing” is the 4-H slogan while the 4-H Motto is “Making the Best Better!” In 2012, approximately 590 youth members and 260 adult volunteers were involved in the Green County 4-H Program.

**Green County 4-H Community Club Program Activities**

*(Based on quarterly activities)*

**January-March**

- Planning and preparation for Green County Junior Fair. Recruited 60 superintendents, made 45 contacts to fill 30 fair judge positions, reviewed fair book for changes, met with Green County Fair Board, and assisted with the recruitment of trophy donors.
- Met with the Green County 4-H Executive Board and Adult Leaders organization three times to provide educational programming for leadership and advise 4-H business affecting the program.
- Held 1 New Volunteer Orientation session certifying 14 new leaders to the program.
- Met with 12 4-H county project committees totaling 30 adults and 10 youth to teach project planning, implementation and program evaluation skills.
- Served on the Green County United Prevention Professionals for Youth (G.U.P.P.Y) Coalition. The coalition worked to implement the Youth Risk Behavior’s follow up Survey to collect data pertaining to the youth of Green County and the trends in youth development.
- Conducted weekly radio programs, and submitted various news releases highlighting 4-H program activities.
- Began organizing and making contacts for the 2012 Tractor Safety Course.
- Began meeting to plan youth activities for the Green County Fair Family Farm Adventure.
- Began planning for the 2012 Green/Iowa/Lafayette County 4-H Camp experience.

**April-June**

- Met with the Green County 4-H Executive Board and Adult Leader’s 3 times to provide educational leadership and advise the group with 4-H business.
- Assisted 15 county level 4-H committees implement 12 countywide educational programs and events with over 200 youth and adults involved. Activities included: style, cake and foods review, 8 dairy judging practices, livestock and meats judging, 14 dog and 6 horse project trainings, Communication Arts and Performing Arts program and Green/Lafayette/Iowa County 4-H camp.
- Collaborated with area organizations and businesses to implement the Green County Tractor Safety and Machinery Certification program. 18 youth were certified in 2012. Handled all organizational aspects of the program as well as taught portions of the classes.
- Conducted weekly radio programs, and submitted various news releases highlighting 4-H program activities.
- Continued planning for the Green County Family Farm Adventure for the Green County Cheese Days.
- Finished planning and took part in the 2012 Green/Iowa/Lafayette County 4-H Camp experience.
July-September

- Green County 4-H volunteer leaders met with Green County 4-H Executive Board and Adult Leader’s 2 times to provide educational leadership and advise the group about 4-H business affecting the program.
- Helped implement the junior portion of the Green County Fair for approximately 700+ youth exhibitors.
- Successfully worked with 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters to raise money purchasing new rabbit cages for the Green County Fairgrounds.
- Held mandatory orientations for the 85+ Green County youth who participated at WI State Fair. I also coordinate volunteers as chaperones and collect paperwork for this cause. UWEX office staff helps tremendously with implementation also.
- Collaborated with 4-H youth and adults in planning for National 4-H week promotion. Conducted weekly radio programs, and submitted news releases highlighting 4-H program activities.
- Taught at the 2012 Brodhead FFA Food for America program, helping to educate the 450 fourth grade students that participated.

October-December

- Green County 4-H volunteer leaders met with Green County 4-H Executive Board and Adult Leaders 3 times to provide assistance for leadership and advise the group about 4-H business that affected the program.
- Held 1 New Volunteer Orientation session that certified 18 new leaders to the program.
- UW-Extension staff began the 4-H re-enrollment process. The 4-H year runs from September 1st to August 31st annually.
- Assisted with the 2012 UW-Extension Green County 4 year program planning surveys.
- Held 4-H club officer and general leader trainings to help assist general leaders and officers in their leadership positions. These clubs completed the annual Charter Process required of local 4-H clubs and committees. Successfully chartered 17 4-H clubs and 5 county committees.
- Held two (2) “Scoopie Night” Fundraisers with Culver’s Restaurants in Monroe and New Glarus during National 4-H week to help raise funds for county 4-H activities.
- 4-H volunteers orchestrated the National 4-H week promotional activities.
- Implemented the 4-H financial committee to help oversee matters with 4-H clubs and committees chartered through the Green County 4-H Program.
- Conducted weekly radio programs, and submitted news releases highlighting 4-H program activities.

2012: Phone Contacts: 1000   E-Mail/Social Media Contacts: 10,000   Total Teaching hours: 400

Enrollment trends of the Green County 4-H Program since 1990
The Green County UW-Extension Family Living Program serves as a link to University resources for local clientele in such areas as:

- Child development, parenting, and childcare provider continuing education
- Family financial and housing issues
- Building support for and capacity of families in the community context
- Nutrition, food safety and food preservation (canning/freezing)
- Family caregiving and aging

In 2012, the Family Living Agent focused her programs on three areas, based upon the 2007 Green County Extension Needs Assessment and information collected from county partnerships such as the Green County Healthy Communities Coalition. These three broad areas included: 1) Caregiving Across the Lifespan, 2) Family Financial Management and Housing, 3) Family and Community Mental Health. UW-Extension’s Family Living Programs bring research and evidence-based programs, assessment and evaluation tools and strategies to bear on local community issues. Family Living Agents also bring content area knowledge and resources to work with community partners and families. Following are the program highlights for 2012:

**Caregiving Across the Lifespan:**

- **Trainings for Childcare Providers:**
  Childcare providers play a crucial professional role, helping families understand child development and parenting issues and challenges. They also enable parents to work, both adding to and providing stability to local economies. Childcare providers receive research-based training through Green County Extension. They also receive continuing education hours which they need in order to maintain their certification or licensure. Six 2-hour classes were held in 2012.

- **Parent Education:**
  Parents are faced with a different set of circumstances than they were a couple of decades ago. Dual-income and single parent households are now the norm, and often neighbors and grandparents are working. Technology, changing cultural values, and less first-hand knowledge of infants and children on the part of new parents make parenting a significant challenge. Extension is responding with programs like the evidence-based “Raising a Thinking Child”. As part of a team locally and statewide, I am expanding this program. I have taught it multiple times in Green County. In 2012 I worked to set up a February 2013 training to certify 10 additional parent educators trained to hold classes for parents throughout the county.

- **Caregiving Coalition and Community Assessment:**
  As a member of the Caregiver Coalition I have been a part of designing questions and ways to research the needs and challenges of local caregivers of adult family members. Some caregivers care for adult children with disabilities, and for ill or aging parents or spouses. Every caregiver encounters a different path - many have little support and it can be a difficult and isolating role. We conducted a survey and then asked about some things we learned from the survey in a focus group. The things we have learned are already being acted on, with the development of a support group, articles and other outreach in local media, and focusing resources to help caregivers communicate with healthcare providers and other community professionals. Additional education and outreach will be developed as well, since many people really felt a need to understand more about their role and other issues such as finances and long-term care decisions.
Family Financial Management and Housing:

- **Financial Counseling/Education:** Financial literacy, or basic understanding of how to budget, manage credit, and save for the future is no longer something we can assume young people know. Even middle-aged adults have not saved nearly enough for their retirements (notwithstanding the stock market crash). The Family Living Agent provided one-on-one counseling from an educational perspective to Habitat for Humanity families, Head Start families, and Work-n-Wheels families (through SWCAP), and referrals from probation and parole.

- **Rent Smart:**
  A total of 11 people completed the Rent Smart curriculum, which aims to educate renters about how to manage expenses, be a good tenant, and prevent eviction. People who attended felt more confident (rising overall 1.25 points on a scale of 1-5 from before to after the classes) about the knowledge and skills involved in renting, and found the class provided valuable resources.

- **Co-Chair of the Homelessness Prevention Coalition of Green County.**
  Prior to 2009, numbers of homeless and near homeless were not tracked accurately - in 2009 there were 112 unduplicated homeless and near-homeless households served by Green County Human Services, and in 2011 that number was 225 (double). The numbers were down somewhat in 2012, largely due to referrals to Family Promise. The Family Living Agent works to help the group plan its overall strategies based upon best practices in similar kinds of communities, and to involve education - both for the wider community, and for the homeless - in these plans. The Poverty Simulation and work with the Green County Leaders have led to outstanding leadership from this group and has helped expand homelessness prevention efforts throughout Green County. The group helped pave the way for and works closely with Family Promise of Green County. We are also looking for, and have begun to find ways to improve emergency housing for people who do not fit the Family Promise criteria, as well as housing options for those leaving Family Promise.

Family and Community Mental Health

- As chair of the Mental Health Committee of the Healthy Communities Coalition, Worked to plan education and build community resources for family members who need mental health support and access to services. Actively working to bring more awareness of mental health to the wider community, as well as actual solutions that will make mental health care more accessible.
- The 2012 Mental Health Forum was well-attended, and included speakers on topics of depression, veterans’ mental health, farm families and mental health, and suicide prevention. Also invited the speaker on farm family mental health to present at the drought information event in August.

Additional Roles of Family Living Agent

- Educational advisor for the Green County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE), a local non-profit organization with 92 members.
- Serves as the food safety, food science, clothing, and textiles advisor for the Green County 4H clubs and Green County Fair.
- Takes calls and provides information and referrals to general public about food safety, food preparation, food preservation, and other household and home management issues.
- Provides Food Preservation classes in collaboration with local Master Food Preservers.
Agencies & Groups the Green County UW-Extension Office Worked With in 2012

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

- Albany Sustainable Agriculture Education Center
- Area Childcare Centers & In-Home Providers
- Area Clergy & Churches
- Area Farm Fertilizer & Chemical Dealers
- Area Financial Institutions
- Area Optimist Groups
- Area School Districts
- Area Vo-Ag Instructors and FFA Chapters
- Barn Quilts of Green County
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Green County
- Blackhawk Technical College
- Business Improvement District Boards
- Catholic Charities Rural Life Office
- Chambers of Commerce
- Child Care Resource & Referral of S.C. WI., Inc.
- Dairy Herd Improvement Association
- Department of Natural Resources, State & Local
- Family Promise of Green County
- Future Forward! Green County
- Green County 4-H Adult & Junior Leaders Inc.
- Green County Ag Chest
- Green Co. Assn for Home & Community Educators
- Green County Beef Producers
- Green County Birth to Three
- Green County Board of Supervisors
- Green County Cheese Days, Inc.
- Green County Dairy Youth Recognition Auction
- Green County Development Corporation
- Green County EMT & Firefighters
- Green County Emergency Management
- Green County Family Court Commissioner
- Green County Farm Bureau & Ag In the Classroom
- Green County Gardeners and Homeowners
- Green County Habitat for Humanity
- Green County Health Department
- Green County Healthy Communities Coalition
- Green County Holstein Breeders
- Green County Housing Partnership
- Green County Human Services
- Green County Landfill
- Green County Leaders
- Green County Law Enforcement Agencies
- Green County Emergency Management
- Green County FFA & 4-H Meat Animal Auction
- Green County Milk Quality Council
- Green County Pork Producers
- Green County Sheep Producers
- Green County Tourism
- Green County Women in Sustainable Agriculture
- Green County Zoning Department
- Green Haven
- GUPPY, Inc.
- Healthy Kids Healthy County
- Homelessness Prevention Coalition of Green County
- Land and Water Conservation Department
- Literacy Council of Green County
- Monroe Area Safe Kids/Safe Communities
- Monroe Clinic Hospital
- Monroe Main Street
- Monroe Public Library
- Multi-Cultural Council of Green County
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Office of Probation and Parole
- South Central WI Master Gardener Association
- Southwest WI Small Business Development Center
- Southwest WI Community Action Program
- Southern WI Ag Group
- Southwestern WI Regional Planning Commission
- Thrive
- Town, Village and City Elected Officials
- United Way of Green County, Inc.
- USDA Farm Services Agency
- UW-Madison State Specialists
- UW-Madison Short Course
- WI Association of County Extension Committees
- WI Cattlemen’s Association
- WI Center for Agriculture Safety and Health
- WI Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection
- WI Holstein Breeders Association
- WI Humanities Council
- WI Assembly Rural Affairs Committee
- WI Towns Association
- World Dairy Expo
- Youth and Adult 4-H Volunteers and Members
- Young Professionals of Green County
Green County UW-Extension conducted a survey in December 2012 asking area residents to identify the top issues Green County will be facing over the next five years. Green County residents identified 155 different issues in the initial random survey. A second survey was sent to 127 local leaders representing all Green County communities and townships as well as elected officials asking them to rank their top 15 issues. The results of the UW-Extension needs survey are ranked below. This information is used by UW-Extension to help in identifying local needs and developing educational programs to help address these issues.

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