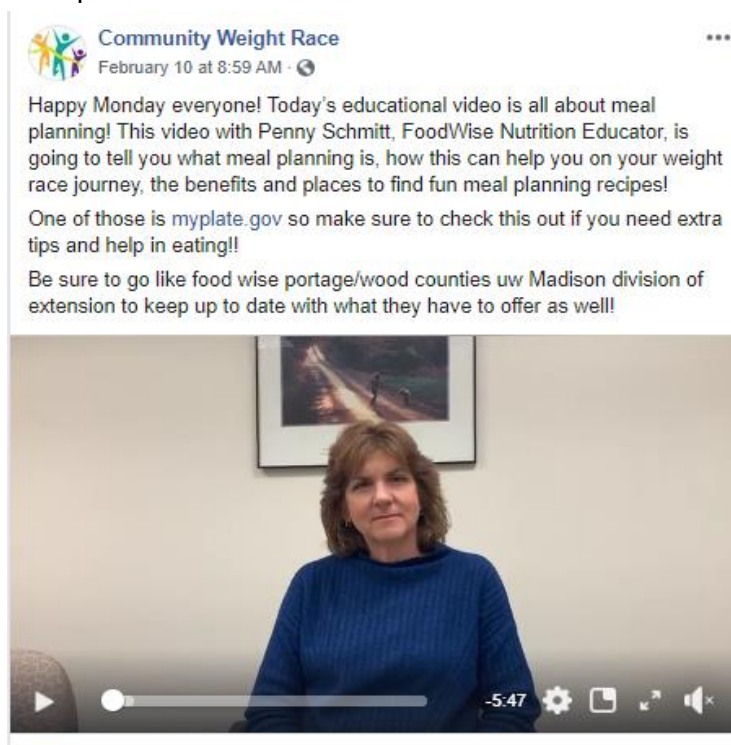




March 2020 Educator Update

FoodWise Education - Kelly Hammond, Penny Schmitt & Hannah Wendels

- Direct Education: McKinley 3rd grade nutrition education and nutrition presentation for Hmong UPlift community program (Schmitt), completed first Yuck to Yum online parent feeding series (Hammond, Schmitt & Wendels)
- Policy Systems and Environmental Work: participated in healthy living videos and provide additional support to Community Weight Race in Stevens Point (Schmitt) (Pictured below), strategic planning for the Hunger and Poverty Prevention Partnership (HPPP) (Hammond), Fruit and Veggie Network Meeting, Healthy Weight in Portage County Coalition (Hammond)
- Professional development: Coordinators Conference in Madison Feb 25-26 (Hammond)



4-H Positive Youth Development Programming - Connie Creighton

- Attended the February Plover Clover's 4-H Club meeting and led 18 4-H youth in the National 4-H Science Day project. 4-H Members did the simulated computer robotic activity where the 'farmers' needed to program a tractor to go from the field to the barn taking the most direct route. As the activity developed so did the obstacles in the field

that they needed to move, harvest and/or avoid. This was a practice in linear thinking. Feedback from the activity was positive, both adults and youth indicated they liked working on the activity and it gave them a better understanding of linear thinking and programming.



- Prepared document and participated in 2019 Faculty Performance Review.
- Participated in, helped plan and facilitate a 4-H positive youth development program titled “All Things Summer”. I received great resources and ideas for summer programming including the fairs.

Agriculture Education - Ken Schroeder

- Helped organize and facilitate a Farmer Appreciation evening February 13th recognizing farmers for all their hard work and dedication to Portage County communities. The event was supported by 32 area businesses providing monetary gifts and door prizes allowing the farming community to enjoy this evening free of charge. Over 130 area farmers attended.
- Held our first Farmers of Mill Creek Lunch and Learn focusing on using prairie and pollinator plantings on less productive farmland to support native pollinators and help reduce runoff at the same time. Mill Creek farmers are working to promote a Pollinator Pledge program to coincide with pollinator education in area classrooms.
- Developed and presented a talk on Portage Country Agriculture and Advances in Agriculture to the Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee.

Community, Natural Resources & Economic Development Education - Nathan Sandwick

- Helped support constructive discussion among participants of the Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative by developing a survey among participants and compiling the feedback.
- Compiled additional data on housing development trends in Wisconsin in order to better explain (to educators, stakeholders, and community leaders) the challenges and opportunities regarding the widely-recognized shortage of affordable housing options.
- Continued planning logistics for the statewide Wisconsin Joint Council of Extension Professionals conference.

Human Development and Relationships Education - Sherry Daniels

- Continued leading two StrogBodies classes (Rosholt and Advanced) every Tuesday and Thursday this month. On March 5th the StrongBodies Train-the-Trainer program will be held in Stevens Point. Six community members will be attending, which will then provide leaders for both classes moving forward.
- On February 7th, I led the all-day Financial Coach training at UWSP. Twelve will move forward on being peer-to-peer financial coaches for students. I did not know it until after the training was completed, but one additional attendee was sent to audit the class by the Business and Finance Board.
- Continued the Dollars During Development Program by reading books to three head start classes (62 students) on February 16th. Each student got to take a book and a parent guide home with them to encourage reading and talking about money.
- Held the first RentReady of Wisconsin client training from 6-9pm on February 26th. Five people completed the training with four moving on to the next steps.

Area Director Update - Jason Hausler

- Assisted Lisa Henriksen on preparing for the Drainage District process. Assisted with the conversations with Corp Counsel to ensure we are following all the procedures as outlined by law/state statutes.
- Attended the Farmer Appreciation dinner in Amherst - supporting the work of both Ken Schroeder and Jackie Carattini as they worked to highlight how Farmers can manage their stress during these trying farming economic times.
- Met with Executive Holman regarding a potential programming opportunity with the Ag Institute to support a Vegetable Production Specialist in Central Wisconsin - similar to a position that is being hired surrounding Cranberries in Wood County