**UW-Extension Education Committee Dec. 3rd - Jan. 8th 2016 Trisha Wagner Agriculture Agent**

**Human Resource Management professional development**

As a member of the UWEX workgroup on farm human resource management (with specialist Simon Nantel, UWRF, and Jennifer Blazek, Dane Co Ag Agent), I facilitated a professional development workshop for UWEX ag agents and other farm advisors for two locations in Wisconsin, with grant money we were awarded from the USDA Risk Management Agency in 2015. Educators were introduced to practical concepts, tools, and resources for assisting farm managers and owners to be more effective as they plan for transitioning the farm, investing in their employees, or improving their own skills. The program featured guest speaker Kristine Ranger, licensed educator with The Learning Connection, MI and Everything DiSC Management personality assessment.

**UWEX Dairy Team/ANIMART collaboration**

ANIMART LLC, sponsor of the Dairy Partner newsletter, approached UW Extension with the idea of collaborating on educational programs for winter of 2016. I have been coordinating multiple meetings and logistics for the first pod-cast recording on the topic of calf care, set to go live in February. The program partnership offers opportunity to increase outreach of UWEX dairy resources to new, and younger audiences through sponsor contacts and new media formats.

**Cpl. Mitchell RedCloud Jr. memorial project**

The former BRF City Mayor, Joe Hunter approached the UW-Extension in July for consultation on landscape management of city property on Main Street. Through several meetings with the City of Black River Falls, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the RedCloud Family, a landscape plan has been developed and approved which will include consultation with Master Gardeners in the spring of 2016. Funding for the project, including landscaping and Cpl. RedCloud mural was approved in November by the main council to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

**Add’n programs/projects:**

* Jackson/Trempealeau WFU mtg. – facilitation of farm solar power projects discussion 12/10
* WI Agriculturalist/Dairy article 12/15
* NW region HRM plan meeting, 12/16
* Dairy Partner newsletter 12/16, 1/05
* Winter 2016 Jackson County UWEX Ag Newsletter 12/17, 21, 23, 28
* Map of Jackson County Produce Farms mtg 12/30, 1/11
* Annual reporting 12/28, 29, 30
* Master Gardener Volunteer Training (Level 1 training) Tuesday evenings Sept. 29 – Dec. 15th (completed)
* UW Farm & Industry Short Course – Spanish for the Ag Sciences Nov. 9 – Dec. 18th (completed)

**Farm visits/consults:**

**Add’n meetings/programs attended:**

-ANRE team coaches mtg. 12/3

-UWEX NW region ag agents mtg 12/15

-Jack/Tremp Co. WFU mtg 12/31

-JC Livestock Sale cmt mtg 1/5

-Regional Agronomy update mtg 1/7

-JC Livestock edu cmt mtg 1/13

-WPC Assoc. Crop Mgt mtg. 1/13

* Olson, ag stats 12/3
* ANIMART, calf topics 12/4
* CRP questions 12/7
* Zenz/WFU, farm energy 12/7
* Blonde, DP newsletter 12/7
* Seefeldt, ag labor 12/8
* Peasley, dairy modernization 12/10
* Hunter, BRF landscaping project 12/10
* Esser, soil fertility 12/11
* Row, facility value/rent 12/14
* Babcock/NRCS N stalk 12/15
* Osterhouse/WE Energies, beef mtg 12/16
* Kinning, Pfaff nutrient management 12/22
* D’Huyvetter HRM 12/23
* Hansen, records, ag plastics 12/31
* Schultz, HRM 12/31
* Voskuil, Sterry, farm succession 1/04
* Springle, tomato, asparagus production 1/04
* Halvorson, ag stats 1/04,05
* Janke, custom rates 1/04
* Zueg, farm succession 1/04
* Taylor, tax form 1/07