

Title of Talk	Speaker Name	Talk Description	Biography	Contact Information
Adding Passive Solar to your New or Existing Building	Bacon, Joe	Adding passive solar to your new or existing building will reduce greenhouse gases and your energy bills. Guaranteed, jargon free.	Arctic Glass Outlet: Arctic Glass supplies homeowners and contractors with insulated glass for sunrooms, solar homes, and store fronts	715-833-8090
Living with native Plants	Banh, Quan	Use native plants in your garden and around your house/property to serve different functions such as; shading, wind blocks, enhancing soil, water and air quality, and wildlife habitat. Learn about native and non-native plants so as not to encourage invasives.	Quan Banh has worked for The Nature Conservancy as a land steward, working with native plants, getting rid of exotic species, and restoring native communities for 6 growing seasons. He has been teaching biological science at Prentice High School for the last eight years, but during last three summer and fall months has collected seeds for the Forest Service. He also grows and sells garden vegetable plants and native plants at the school's greenhouse to the community while teaching students the importance of growing native plants.	715-428-2279
Compassionate Communication--How to love the "Enemy" for the sake of "All"	Britzius, Wade	We have good intentions. We want to understand and work with our neighbors, but 8000 years of conditioning gets in the way. Nonviolent Communication (NVC) offers practical skills for shifting our thinking and language to help us stay in touch with our common humanity. When we focus on our basic connection with others, we discover fresh strategies for sustaining our relationships and communities.	Since 2003, Wade has had 70+ days of training in Nonviolent Communication, the process developed by international peacemaker and psychologist Marshall Rosenberg (cnvc.org). Wade has been offering NVC to others since 2005, and for over ten years has been a volunteer mediator for his local Small Claims Court. A practitioner in the Buddhist Vipassana tradition for 20 years, Wade retired in 2008 after 29 years as director of Trempeleau County Community Television in Whitehall, WI. Wade offers Compassionate Communication Workshops in Wisconsin and Minnesota.	wbritz@trivest.net 608-582-4521
Green Cabins	Brockhaus, Peter & Mayrose, Julie A	Info and resources anyone can use for their hunting shack, outdoor living site, or week-end get-away. Peter and Julie will share some techniques that provide a comfortable get-away while maintaining a sustainable, renewable lifestyle "in the woods."	Peter Brockhause and Julie Mayrose own Sun Creations Group, an architectural design partnership in Owen, WI. They also own Sun Rose Solar Ridge in Ogema, WI, an off-grid 1800's farm site they are preparing as a learning center for seminars and workshops on sustainable and renewable living.	mrsun@pcpros.net
Carbon Credits and the Woodland Owner	Duplissis, John	John will provide an overview of how carbon credit market originated, how they work, how you can become involved, and the potential income you can expect if you choose to participate in these markets. Carbon credit may provide a new income source for woodland owner. John will try to lay out the facts of these markets as they exist today and answer any questions that you may have.	John is an Extension Forestry Specialist and Professor of Forestry in the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. John serves as the administrator of Wisconsin's Woodland Leadership Institute and Master Woodland Steward Program. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota's College of Forestry with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Science and a Master of Science Degree in Forest Ecology and Silviculture.	
Root Cellars and Low Energy Food Preservation	Erdman, Jan	Learn to use as little energy as possible in preparing food for storage, processing it, and storing it. Jan uses methods such as; dehydrating vegetables in solar food dryers and root cellaring to keep fruits and vegetables through the winter. Jan is excited about "root cellaring without a root cellar" and will show you how to keep food through the winter without canning, freezing, or mechanical refrigeration.	Jan Erdman is an enthusiastic gardener and has been using various methods of food preservation for nearly 40 years. She likes to use as little energy as possible in preparing food for storage, processing it, and storing it. She feels that almost anyone, even many apartment dwellers, can keep some fruits and vegetables through the winter and into spring without canning, freezing, or mechanical refrigeration.	jiminwis@yahoo.com
Living with Renewable Energy for 30 Years	Erdman, Jim	Jim has been using electricity generated by the wind and sun for over 30 years. He will discuss his reasons for generating his own home power, problems met and conquered, what they are doing today and how they got there, and future plans for years to come.	Jim Erdman installed his first wind generator, which powered the home they had just completed, over 30 years ago. A few years later he installed his first 4 photovoltaic (solar electric) panels. His family has been using electricity generated by wind and sun ever since then.	jiminwis@yahoo.com

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Profiting from Sustainable Business Practices	Erickson, Stewart E.	Companies can benefit from company-wide integration of sustainability initiatives. Areas of benefits/profitability include: reduced recruiting, attrition, borrowing, and operational costs, increased worker productivity, and greater market share.	Stew Erickson has 30 years of hands-on experience with sustainability practices and business experience. Erickson has a BS in Forestry Resource Management from the University of Montana with extensive calculus work in energy economics, energy policy and alternative energy design. Most recently, Stew was one of four Sustainability Panel Members presenting to 2009 Rotary District 5960 Assembly with over 500 people registered and currently gives presentations region-wide to Rotary groups, elected officials, and organizations interested in learning about sustainability.	The Sustainability Facilitator stew@aggas.com 715-386-3565
Wilderness Skills for Daily Living	Faunce, Jason	For our daily lives: encouraging the regular use of plants and natural materials from the local landscape. 1st aid, simple medicines, natural building materials, toys, and games.	Jason Faunce has been practicing and teaching wilderness living and survival skills for 10 years. Now that he has a day job, house, and bills, he focuses his attention on how to apply natural gifts from the local landscape into daily living.	Sign Lines jasonfaunce@yahoo.com 715-357-3495
Deep Green: Using Your Spending, Saving, and Investment Decisions to Change the World	Frazer, Georgette	Deep financial action produces both personal and social transformation. When your individual money management decisions align with your deepest values and social aspirations as well as your financial goals, the result is fundamental and sustainable progress. This seminar exposes a number of very practical money tools you can use to achieve the personal and social transformation you seek.	Georgette Frazer, CPA, CFP®, is an investment Advisory Representative of First Affirmative Financial Network, LLC (FAFN), and independent Registered Investment Advisor (SEC File #801-5687). For over 20 years from her office in Marshfield, WI, Georgette has specialized in serving people interested in sustainable and responsible investments (SRI).	888-281-3339 715-387-6933 georgette@firstaffirmative.com
Sustainable Communities in Wisconsin: Hopeful Notes from a Recovering Economist	Hembd, Jerry *Keynote Speaker	A community approach to Sustainable Living	Jerry Hembd is the Director of the Northern Center for Community and Economic Development. This regional center and works directly with multi-county and statewide organizations and agencies on issues of specific importance to Northern Wisconsin.	715-394-8208
Green Construction, Design and Materials	Hill, Jeremy	Learn how to build a super energy efficient home using green building practices and materials, incorporating renewable energy systems, and alternative construction practices. Touching on passive solar design; native, local, and recycled materials; energy efficiency techniques; alternative construction methods such as ICF's, SIP's, Timber Frames, Log Homes, and straw bale constructions; masonry heaters; and incorporating root cellars. Discuss Energy Star and LEED Green Building Certification, and building Zero Energy Homes.	Jeremy Hill lives in an off-grid, full log, passive solar home with his son and his dog. He has a solar electric system, a wind turbine, and heats his home with a masonry heater. When not working, you can find him doing an array of outdoor activities such as; fishing , skiing, biking canoeing, camping, and gardening.	Hill Construction, LLC Jeremy Hill 11696 Mosquito Brook Road Hayward WI 54843 715-558-2964 715-634-6850 fax jeremy@hill-construction.net www.hill-construction.net
Vermiculture	Jacobson, Lowell T.	Worms as an important part of the soil food web: their habitats, species, and environments they prefer. The benefits of worms and worm castings as a soil amendment/fertilizer and their importance in sustaining fertility. Vermicomposting techniques and equipment will be highlighted.	Kathy and Lowell Jacobson are retired high school teachers with about 70 years experience between the two of them. Family brought them to the Chippewa Valley and they found an older 20-acre farm north of Bloomer to settle into. Vermiculture seemed a good way to utilize the older barn and out building, the business model fit nicely into personal goals, and worms and casting products meet the high expectations of today's savvy, environmentally conscious consumers.	Jacobsen Enterprises 20876 State Hwy 40 Bloomer WI 54724 715-568-4426 lkjacobson@bloomer.net
Renewable Energy and Sustainable Building "The Process"	Jacoby, Dave	The process the Jacoby family went through when deciding to build their home sustainably. The definition of sustainability, and how they came to straw bale building. The renewable energy systems they use, and the building process.	Dave Jacoby is a long time advocate of renewable energy and environmental protection, he has taken courses on renewable energy at LCO college in Hayward, and is an MREA certified solar electric and solar hot water site assessor.	Strawbale Farms strawbalefarms.com 715-635-7811

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Renewable Resource Home & Business Heating	Jorgensen, Jim	This talk will focus on both the cost savings of heating with renewable resources and the positive environmental impact of switching to a renewable resource, in this case wood pellets and cord wood. While most older stoves and furnaces will not meet current EPA standards, we have a new generation of heating appliances that will meet the stricter standards, both indoors and outdoors.	Jim has been in the business of supplying renewable resource heating appliances for over 4 years. Originally starting with just pellet stoves, Jim has expanded his business to include pellet furnaces, outdoor boilers, including those offering the new clean burn technology, and larger pellet fired boilers necessary for both small and large businesses as well as schools. Jim entered the renewable resource heating business after 30 years of dairy farming in the Cameron area.	duncancreekstore.com duncancreekhfs@bloomer.net
Harvesting Wind in Northwest Wisconsin	Kozak, Steve	A discussion about possibilities and options for harvesting the wind to supplement power needs within our local region	Steve Kozak works as a Renewable Energy Studies instructor for LCO Ojibwa Community College, offering a full curriculum of classes in wind, solar electric, batteries, wiring, and green building. A graduate of UW-Stout, Steve lives simply in an off-the-grid house in the beautiful northwoods of Wisconsin with a cat and dog and a 1 kilowatt solar-electric system. Steve spends his spare time with chores, processing wood, gardening, installing and maintaining various RE systems, putting on projects, and playing percussion with a variety of musicians.	Steve Kozak Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College 715-634-4790 ext. 121 skozak@lco.edu
Planning Ahead: A Vision for Creating a Sustainable Multi-Modal Regional Transportation System	Kozak, Steve	A slideshow presentation that proposes the creation of a multi-county transit authority for NW WI to establish a network of bike and Evs trails, overhead high-speed tramways, and river and lake ferries designed to be renewably-powered.	See above	See above
Food Preservation	LaPorte, Cindy	There is renewed interest in growing and preserving one's own food. Food safety concerns and use of proper equipment is essential in providing nutrition when preserving your food. The focus will be on preserving what you grow.	Cindy LaPorte is a retired 4-H Youth Development Agent and a member of the Rusk County Board of Supervisors. She remains active in the only remaining "Homemakers" group in Rusk County. Cindy is a certified Master Food Preserver.	For more information on food preservation contact your local UW-Extension Office
Techno-trash: Electronic Waste and Our Responsibilities	LeMay, Patti	Learn about proper and responsible electronics recycling, including legal issues in the US and abroad. Learn what manufacturers have been doing to make their products "Recycling Friendly".	Mrs. LeMay has worked for 5R Processors for approximately 3 years. She is a member of the Inbond Sales Team for 5R. She has also assisted in setting up successful electronics recycling drives and collection centers, working with individuals with disabilities in Southern Wisconsin and Illinois.	5R Processors 600 Gates Avenue Ladysmith WI 54848 715-532-2050
What is Focus on Energy and How can it Help Me?	Lord, Amy	Focus on Energy works with eligible WI residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus info, resources and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise wouldn't be completed. Learn about FOE programs and how you can take advantage of them.	Amy Lord works with the Focus on Energy Program helping Wisconsin residents and businesses learn about energy efficiency and renewable energy. Amy can help with tips and tools to become more efficient and help explain the various focus on Energy programs that are offered.	Focus on Energy 431 Charmany Drive Madison WI 53719 800-762-7077 focusinfo@focusonenergy.com
It's Important to be an Eco-municipality, but Far More Important to Act Like One	MacDonald, Larry *keynote speaker	A brief primer of the path that Bayfield and other Chequamegon Bay communities are taking toward a better future. Learn about the challenge and success of The Natural Step, Eco-Municipalities, 25 x 25 Renewable Energy Goals, the Alliance for Sustainability and intergovernmental cooperation.	Larry MacDonald is serving his 7th term as Mayor of the Eco-municipality of Bayfield, WI. He has combined serving on the Office of Energy Independence Legislative Committee, University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Advisory Council, the Wisconsin Coastal Management Council, the Chequamegon Bay Alliance for Sustainability, the Bayfield Regional Conservancy, and other community oriented activities to provide a well-rounded and practical approach to working toward goals for community preservation and sustainability. Bayfield, pop 616, is the smallest city in Wisconsin.	715-779-5712 715-209-4878
Solar Heating--Vacuum Insulated	Manke, Phil	This talk will cover the benefits of CVT (coaxial vacuum tube) collectors in cold climates varying to warm.	Phil Manke sells, constructs, installs, and services coaxial vacuum tube solar water heaters and solar water heating systems for DHW or space heating applications.	At the Bridge--Affordable Solar 920-787-7966

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Keeping Kids Connected with Nature	Melin, Kathleen	Maintaining a connection with nature builds a child's calm and receptive capacity for learning. It also offers the possibility of a paradigm shift away from our present consumeristic practices and supports youth in building inner strength to defy what John Taylor Gatto describes as our "peer paralyzed culture." This seminar for parents, educators, administrators, and anyone who works with children will help deepen understanding of the importance of nature for children.	Kathleen Melen is the author of <i>By Heart: A Mother's Story of Children and Learning at Home</i> and the executive director of Lamar -- A Historic Center for Progressive Community. She is currently a member of the Polk County Renewable Energy Committee, a study group coordinator for The Natural Step for Communities, and a grant writer. She has worked in education as an instructor at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Minnesota, Summit School for arts, and as a parent educator k-12. She is the founder of Kindred Farm Artist's Retreat and is currently working on a utopian novel series.	Lamar PO Box 344 St. Croix Falls WI 54024 715-646-9339
The Food System Piece of the Sustainability Puzzle	Mofle, Tracey	Local food system development is one of the most important pieces of the building-sustainable-communities puzzle. Join us for a discussion about what is happening across our region and to share ideas for how to relocalize our NW WI's regional food system.		tmofle@yahoo.com
Thinking Sustainably	Olive, Cader	The biggest limit on change towards a more sustainable world is not technical or financial, it is mental. Learn simple ways to deal positively with habits, attitudes, and beliefs that are keeping you from making effective change towards a more sustainable life.	Cader Olive is an administrator and instructor at Full Circle Natural Awareness and Learning Center, a sustainable living education center. He is experimenting with simple, effective ways to live more locally and sustainably and to promote the sharing of these skills in the community.	Full Circle Natural Awareness and Learning Center, Inc. 715-322-4349
Small Scale Seed Saving	Paski, Joyce	A basic review of plant biology with respect to seed production, seed saving techniques, and seed storage, equipment, and resources for further information about seed saving.	Joyce Paski is a new farmer and former Certified Professional Legal Secretary. A self-taught seed saving enthusiast, she is the owner of Swamp Creek Farm, her portion of the Joseph Ledvina Century Farm, located in Iron County, WI, near the Turtle Flambeau Flowage.	Swamp Creek Farm admin@swampcreekfarm.us
Identifying Home Environment Hazards	Pierce, Crispin Ph. D	A discussion of radon, lead paint, mold, asbestos, sick building syndrome, and more. Practical ways to test for and eliminate these hazards will be presented. Safer alternatives to chemicals commonly used around the house with a hands-on demonstration.	Dr. Pierce is the director of the Environmental Public Health Major at UW-Eau Claire. He is currently doing research measuring heavy metals in children's hair and determining how antibiotic resistance in wastewater affects the public. Recent community outreach includes explaining health risks from sand mining and processing, as well as organizing the 2009 Eau Claire Earth Day Celebration.	PIERCECH@uwec.edu
Solar Ovens	Port, Mike & Martha	Buying, building, and using your own solar cooking oven.	Mike and Martha Port are a combination of cutting edge social entrepreneurs, backyard engineers, and solar oven enthusiasts for the past 20 years. Founders of Solar Oven Society.	Solar Oven Society www.solarovens.org 612-623-4700
Intro to Solar Water Heating	Ramlow, Bob	This course is for those who know little or nothing about solar water heating. Non-technical description of systems, applications, theory, design, installation, and economics.	Bob started in the renewable energy business in 1976 and has been involved in sales, design, installation, and manufacturing. He has taught workshops about solar across the U.S., is the author of <i>Solar Water Heating</i> , and is a founder of the Midwest Renewable Energy Association. He is the solar technical lead for Focus on Energy.	info@arthaonline.com
Building, Maintaining, and Operating a More Sustainable Business	Sandstrom, Steve	Steve and his wife, Nancy, created a sustainable operations plan for their business, the Pinehurst Inn at Pikes Creek. Steve will discuss why it is so important to adopt these practices, the advantages, and actions you can take to be more sustainable in your home and business.	Steve has been actively involved in the development of the Sustainable Chequamegon Initiative and has served on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Sustainability. He and his wife Nancy have received the Environmental Stewardship Award from the Lake Superior Binational Forum for their commitment to sustainability in the operation of their bed & breakfast inn in Bayfield, WI. Steve has a Masters of Arts Degree in "Environment and Community" from Antioch University-Seattle and teaches courses related to sustainability at Northland College in Ashland, WI.	Pinehurst Inn at Pikes Creek 715-779-3676 ssandstrom@centurytel.net

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Journey to the Zone	Schneider, Chris	ZONE (Zero Oil No Emission) vehicles are available today! They will not meet everyone's needs for transportation. But choosing the best alternative for your circumstances will lower your expenses and environmental impact. Ask questions about which of six described alternatives is best for you.	Chris Schneider is the Hybrid Guru.	www.hybridcarstore.com
Sustainable Home Design: Merging Old Ideas with New Innovations	Schoonover, David	One family's experience with building a new home that combined time-tested design features with "state of the art" components to produce a sustainable solution. The presentation begins with initial design goals through to the completed home. In-depth information on energy and water conservation is also presented.	David Schoonover is a mechanical engineer with 25 years experience. He manages Schoonover Design LLC, specializing in contract engineering for the off-road and construction machinery market. Marilyn Schoonover, his wife, operates Vaterland Farm and Farm Store in Sawyer County, which sells organically raised, 100% grass-fed beef, using a sustainable "Buy Local" business model.	Schoonover Design LLC and Vaterland Farm dlschoon@gmail.com
Rotational Grazing: Experiences of a Beginner	Schoonover, David	Speaker will review the benefits of rotational grazing of livestock as a key component of sustainable agriculture and the "Buy Local" marketing model. His family's experience with starting a small grazing herd will also be presented.	See above	Schoonover Design LLC and Vaterland Farm dlschoon@gmail.com
Belly Rub Composting and Growing Soil	Sherman, Mark	Compost and composting is an integral part of biointensive growing methods. We'll cover composting basics as they apply to growing soils to provide plant needs without the addition of other amendments. In addition to photos and discussion, there will be an opportunity to get your hands dirty.	Mark Sherman has been working with plants and soils for over 40 years. He has national and international experience in research, education, and industry. Most recently he has been applying biointensive methods to local food production.	Abundance Unlimited mark_pasha@yahoo.com
The Green Medicine Movement. . . And What Exactly <i>Does</i> That Mean?	Schmit, Linda Fish Stafne, Gigi	What is the Green Medicine Movement? Let's make the connections between global health, from chemicals released into the environment to increased incidences of cancers and out of control health care costs. A timely discussion on how we may bring true sustainable healing to ourselves and the planet. . .starting with practical, simple steps. <i>Down to the ground medicine for all.</i>	This presentation system represents 3 organizations with Fish, the Land Stewardship Mgr of United Plant Savers botanical sanctuary, Linda, the Programs & PR Mgr and Gigi, the Director of both HWB and the Center for Healing Arts Herb & Eco School in northern Wisconsin. They are all social justice and environmental activists, educators, writers and healers in realms of botanical medicine and sustainability.	715-651-0284 adventurebotanica@gmail.com
Geothermal Heating & Cooling for Residential & Small Commercial Applications	Stranz, Jan	Geothermal technology is a viable option for space heating and cooling, even in northern climates. This session will discuss the basic principles of how geothermal works and how it can be applied in real situations.	VP Member Services for Oconto Electric Cooperative, Oconto Falls, WI and past president of the Wisconsin Geothermal Association. MBA from Lakeland College. Owner/user of a geothermal heating/cooling system (in my own house!) for the past 16 years.	Wisconsin Geothermal Association info@wisgeo.org 877-GEO-7757
On-Site Solar Energy Production	Stark, Zeus	The uses of solar generation of electricity for grid tied and grid independent systems. The advantages and disadvantages of utilizing these solar electric systems in Wisconsin. The Larger scope of solar energy's impact on Wisconsin's energy consumption.	Zeus Stark, owner of Next Step Energy, has been designing, installing, selling, and servicing renewable energy systems since 2001. He strives to educate people about efficient use of energy and renewable production of energy. Energy and material conservation is the cornerstone of a sustainable future.	Next Step Energy, LLC 124 1/2 Graham Avenue, Suite 5 PO Box 1971 Eau Claire WI 54702 715-830-9337 zeus@nextstepenergy.com www.nextstepenergy.com
Wild Foods as Part of a Natural Lifestyle	Thayer, Samuel	Wild foods are a convenient, healthy, sustainable, & <u>free</u> resource that remains underused. Come for a discussion of how to incorporate wild plant foods into your lifestyle, and learn about a few of Northern Wisconsin's more common forageable vegetables.	Samual Thayer is a nationally renowned authority on edible wild plants who has taught foraging workshops for more than a decade. He is the author of the award-winning book "The Forager's Harvest: A Guide to Identifying, Harvesting, and Preparing Edible Wild Plants." Sam is also a resident of Rusk County and eats wild food on a daily basis.	Sam Thayer N8757 Breakneck Road Birchwood WI 54817 715-354-3509 sam@foragersharvest.com www.foragersharvest.com

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Masonry Heaters	Waters, Xander & Kuczmariski, Jeff	Overview of masonry heaters including some history, principles of their design and function, & a comparison to some other wood burning devices. Heater materials & other options for masonry heaters such as ovens, domestic hot water, & heated benches will be discussed.	Jeff Kuczmariski of Log and Stone, LLC built his first masonry heater in 1986. He has spent 30 years learning to cut, shape, and lay stone. He recently began building wood-fired bake ovens, and a local bakery is already using one of his ovens.	Log and Stone, LLC thelogbuilding@frontier.net 6695 Holly Drive Rhineland WI 54501 715-282-5386 715-367-0231
Experiences in Urban Homesteading	Waters, Xander	A discussion of attempts to live off the land in the middle of Ashland, WI: green remodeling, gardening in confined spaces, rainwater collection, and bicycle-powered apple pressing. The message is that anyone can take simple steps to a greener lifestyle regardless of experience or where they live.	Xander Waters attended Northland College for a degree in Environmental Studies. He interned at Aprovecho Research Center in sustainable forestry, organic gardening, and appropriate technology (including design and building of wood cook stoves for developing countries). He did independent studies on home weatherization and comparison of heating systems and fuels.	Earth Glow Masonry LLC 603 5th Avenue East Ashland, WI 54806 xander@earthglowmasonry.com www.earthglowmasonry.com
Mobility Management in Rusk County: An Overview of the ICAA Transportation System	Wheeler, Jim	An overview of emerging concepts of mobility management for rural areas, highlighting our innovative city/county collaboration with WI DOT & the Federal Transit Authority to provide demand-response, fixed route and paratransit services utilizing a combination of volunteer driver-escorts and paid drivers. Data on ridership trend, implications for sustainability and projected future needs will be discussed.	Jim Wheeler is the Transportation Director at the Indianhead Community Action Agency.	715-532-5594
Small Scale on Farm Stuff	Zander, Jon	Brief description discussing their biodiesel plant display and how the system works. Learn about growing and pressing canola, sunflower and soybeans. The economics of producing biodiesel and the quality of fuel produced based on their analysis.	Jon is a UW-Extension Dairy and Livestock Agent in Trempealeau County. He is a member of the UW-Extension Energy Team.	jon.zander@ces.uwex.edu