



HARBINGER



New 4-H Educator Named

Kathy Butler has been named Ozaukee County's 4-H and Youth Development Educator. She began on October 1st as has already met many 4-H families by attending club meetings, banquets, the Haunt, and Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree.

She has been a resident of Ozaukee County for over 20 years, and has been active in many area youth development programs, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and AFS Intercultural Exchange. She has also worked at Cedarburg High School as the Community Service Coordinator. Recently, she has been an Admission Counselor for graduate students interested in Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physician Assistant programs at Concordia University Wisconsin.

Kathy has volunteered with Starting Point of Ozaukee, Parent-Teacher Organizations and is on the Board of Advocates of Ozaukee. Her knowledge of Ozaukee County and youth development programs will assist her in adapting quickly to the 4-H programs.



Ozaukee County WI. 4-H

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INTRODUCING THE UPDATED UW EXTENSION WEBSITE

The New WWW.OZAUKEE.UWEX.EDU

Have you noticed that the Ozaukee 4-H website looks different? If not, please check out the new design of the UW Extension website at www.ozaukee.uwex.edu/4-H-Youth-Development. Feel free to click on the links in this newsletter to learn more about the website. As soon as we have the updated lists of Countywide Project Leaders and Club leaders, they will appear on the 4-H Website.

The website contains lots of important information, form, and links. If you previously bookmarked the "old" website, please remember to locate the new website and change your bookmark. The new website allows the staff at the Extension Office in Ozaukee County to make additions and updates to the website without relying on a webmaster. There's no need to wait for the Harbinger to get the latest news and information— just look at the "Announcements" page of the website for the latest and greatest.





UPCOMING EVENTS

CHECK OUT THE COUNTY 4-H HAPPENINGS

Follow Ozaukee County 4-H on Facebook!

Did you know??? Ozaukee County 4-H has a Facebook page that provides you with a glimpse into the exciting activities and opportunities that 4-H offers. Facebook is also a great way to let your friends know about 4-H. Please comment, like, and share our posts, and your friends will be able to see what's happening in 4-H. Check out the latest photos from The Haunt and the Jamboree. If you have photos you would like to have added to Facebook, please send them to kathy.butler@ces.uwes.edu.



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4-H BOWL-A-THON FUN

Have Fun Bowling & Raise Money

It's time again to have a great time and earn money for 4-H while you're doing it. The 2014 Bowl-a-thon is sponsored by the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation. The money raised by the bowlers allows the Foundation to financially support the training of youth and adult leaders, send members to the Citizenship Washington Focus and State Conferences and help youth attend camps and other excellent learning programs. The Foundation also awards numerous scholarships to help Ozaukee County youth defray the cost of their continued education.



OZAUKEE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION BOWL-A-THON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2014
CIRCLE B RECREATION - 6261 HWY 60, CEDARBURG

Additional details and registration form is on the ["Forms"](#) page of the website.

GET YOUR GROOVE ON

4-H Dance Slated

Mark your calendars for February 22nd for the upcoming 4-H Dance- 6:30pm - 10:30pm at the Ozaukee Pavilion. Plan to bring the whole family as their will be music for all ages. There will be a dance off and introduction of Mr. & Mrs. Ozaukee County. Additional information will be in the January Harbinger and will be posted on the website when it is available.



It's a 4-H tradition that is fun for the whole family!

COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS TO BEGIN SOON

Countywide Project Info

As soon as we complete the online enrollment process, the names and contact information for Countywide Project Leaders will be posted on the website on the ["Countywide Projects"](#) page. Project Leaders that would like information added to this webpage should send the information to kathy.butler@ces.uwex.edu.

Do you have a great photo of a 4-H activity that you would like to appear in the Harbinger, on the Facebook page, or on the website? Please e-mail it to Kathy.Butler@ces.uwex.edu along with the names of those in the photo and the name of the event.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY AND MY WORLD.



UPCOMING EVENTS

4-HERS GOT TALENT?

Annual 4-H Variety Show Auditions Slated

The annual 4-H Variety Show is held in Spring. It is open to all 4-H families and club members to share their creative talents. Entry areas include drama, novelty acts, vocal, instrumental, or dance performances. The show is planned and conducted by a countywide committee, which also holds auditions to select Variety Show participants.

The 2014 Variety Show will be held on Saturday, April 12 at 6:30 pm at the Port Washington High School Auditorium. Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 22. Audition applications are due by February 21st at 5:00 pm. For more information, see the Variety Show Guidelines 2014 and the Audition Application 2014 on the [“Forms”](#) page of the website.

GEARING UP FOR SUMMER CAMP

Camp Planning Begins

As the snow begins to fly, it’s time to think about warmer weather and summer fun! Now is the time for youth and adult volunteers who would like to serve on the staff for Ozaukee County’s summer camp at Upham Woods to apply. Camp will be held June 22-25, 2014. Applications for youth and adult camp staff are available on the [“Summer Camp”](#) page of the website. Staff applications are due by February 1st to allow plenty of time to plan a fantastic summer program. If you love the outdoors, enjoy leading groups of children, and have the ability to organize “wild and crazy” camp events, please apply!



MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER LEADERSHIP CAMP

Grades 6-8 Leadership Camp Opportunity



Attention youth leaders in grades 6-8 and adult 4-H volunteers! Don’t miss your chance to participate in the 2014 East Metro Region Winter Leadership Camp. It is always a great weekend full of leadership development and fun! From teambuilding, group facilitating, and goal setting to sledding, night hikes, and campfires, there will be something for everyone! Mark your calendars now for a terrific time...this year’s 4-H East Metro Region Winter Leadership Camp will be held February 7-9, 2014, at Camp TaPaWingo near Mishicot, WI.

If you’re interested in attending, please complete an application and return it to the UW-Extension Office by December 15th.

Adult leader volunteers are needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors. Chaperone applications are also due by December 15th.

Please see the [“Forms”](#) page of the website for additional information and application forms.

4-H MOTTO

TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER



PAST EVENTS

JACK-O-LANTERN JAMBOREE



Check out the event photos on Facebook

Smiles Galore at the Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree



Halloween fun and games were enjoyed by over 200 Ozaukee County youth at the Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree. The activities included many games, craft projects, a cake walk, a haunted maze, and loads of prizes. The Jamboree was attended by 4-H youth as well as the community, so it was a great outreach project for us. Many wonderful youth and adult volunteers worked to help the event run smoothly. Special thanks go out to Diane Pfaffenroth who chaired the Jamboree and the 62 volunteers that worked 197 hours to conduct the event.

THE HAUNT



Check out the event photos on Facebook

2363 Braved “The Haunt”

The seventh season of The Haunt was a huge success. Each year the event expands and newer, scarier ideas are added. This year 2363 people went through The Haunt, although not all of them were able to finish. As usual, this year we had the “pants wetters” and “quitters”. Thirteen per cent of the visitors went through The Haunt more than once. During the five days of The Haunt, 166 volunteers worked 1740 hours. This total does not include the hours spent setting-up and tearing down the event and we are still in the process of cleaning-up. Help is needed at the Fairgrounds two more dates:

- Fri. Nov 1st 6-9pm
- Sat. Nov 2nd 8am - 3pm (potluck lunch--bring a dish to share)



4-H IN OZAUKEE COUNTY LIBRARIES

Sharing 4-H Experiences

Many thanks to all the 4-H members who displayed their fair projects at the community libraries during National 4-H Week in October. The library displays are a great way to show others the projects that are available to 4-Hers. Thank you to Emily La Sage and Jody Brzezinski who coordinated the displays at each of the libraries.



4-H SLOGAN

LEARNING BY DOING

VOLUNTEER INFO



WELCOME NEW 4-H VOLUNTEERS

New Volunteer Training Offered

We welcome all new volunteers and thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity. 4-H takes steps to ensure a safe and healthy environment for youth and encourages safeguards for adult leaders.

Each new volunteer is required to attend one volunteer orientation. Volunteers who have not enrolled in the last five years must also be retrained.

The orientations will be offered in Room 118 of the Ozaukee County Administration Center at the following times:

Monday, November 4th at 1:00 pm
Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 pm

To register for the training please contact Kathy Butler at 262-243-8288 or kathy.butler@ces.uwex.edu.

E-FORUMS AVAILABLE TO LEADERS

4-H Volunteers from 12 States Learn Together

The 2013-2014 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer e-Forum will be broadcast from local county Extension Offices. Join with other 4-H Volunteers in your community and across the 12-state North Central Region to learn cutting edge information that will help you work effectively with 4-H members.

E-Forums will take place from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in Room 118 of the Ozaukee Administration Center.

If you are interested in attending any/all of the sessions, RSVP by e-mail to kathy.butler@ces.uwex.edu so we can plan for handout materials and refreshments.

Join other 4-H volunteers to learn cutting edge information from presentations like:

OMG! You've Got 4-H Parents! Now What??
Monday, November 18, 2013

Engaging Teens & Older Youth
Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Using Technology to Enhance Your 4-H Experience
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Exploring the Science of 4-H Projects
Monday, February 3, 2014

Additional details on the ["Leaders"](#) page of the website.

LEADER TO LEADER FUN-DAMENTAL TRAINING

Tri-County Leader to Leader Sharing in Sheboygan

Join us for a Leader to Leader Training on the FUN-damentals of 4-H Leadership. The purpose of the Leader to Leader training is to offer Youth and Adult Project Leaders an opportunity to gain foundational skills, identify resources and materials, and develop an action plan to lead project opportunities at the club and county level. The goal is to utilize successful project leaders to teach new or less experienced project leaders with the support of 4-H Youth Development Staff providing a focus on positive youth development.

A new volunteer training session will also be offered at the event.

Saturday, January 11, 2014
8:30 am to 12:30 pm
UW Sheboygan

Register by December 30, 2013

Additional information and the registration form are available on the ["Leaders"](#) page of the website.

4-H VISION

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: A CATALYST FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITY
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



AWARDS

4-H Youth Awards Presented

4-H KEY AWARD

Keith Gierach is a 10 year member of Lindenwood 4-H Club. Keith has been involved primarily in the Woodworking project as well as numerous other projects. He has served in the roles as President and Secretary of his club, served as a youth leader in Drawing & Painting and was a Sheep Livestock Association Youth Representative. He reigned as the 2011-2012 Mr. Ozaukee 4-H. Keith has participated in the WI 4-H Conference in Madison, the 4-H American Spirit Trip and Citizenship-Washington Focus. Keith has been a great example to follow and has inspired many younger members to give their all.



4-H KEY AWARD

Andrea Lynaugh is a 9 year member of Cloverleaf 4-H Club. Andrea has participated in WI 4-H Conference-Madison, 4-H American Spirit Trip and attended Citizenship-Washington Focus. She has been involved in Home Environment, Photography, Foods & Nutrition, Dog Project, Dairy, Sewing, Woodworking, Clothing and Scrapbooking. Andrea has attended camp as a counselor and also was a member of the Wisconsin 4-H Drama Company. Andrea has held the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for her club. She reigned as the 2012-2013 Miss Ozaukee 4-H. Andrea exemplifies what 4-H is all about.



4-H KEY AWARD

Rob Fugate is an 11 year member of Knellsville 4-H Club. Rob has actively been involved in the RC Cars, Photography, Dairy, Legos, Arts & Crafts, Self-Determined, Swine and Home Environment. He has attended WI 4-H Conference Madison, 4-H American Spirit and Citizenship Washington Focus. Rob reigned as the 2010-2011 Mr. Ozaukee. He has served in the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter for his club. Rob was a youth leader in his club's Photography project. Outside of 4-H, he has been a very active member of his church by tutoring, helping with food drives and community service.



Read additional information and the speeches given by Keith, Andrea, and Rob on the ["Key Awards"](#) page of the website.

4-H Adult Awards Presented

LEADER RECOGNITION AWARD

Brenda Mueller, of Jay Road 4-H Club truly demonstrates the phrase: "4-Her for Life!" Since the age of 9, she grew up as an active member of Knellsville 4-H Club. She and Don raised 3 sons in (Dustin, Nathan & Matt) in Jay Road 4-H. She has been a Home Environment Leader and Co-General Leader of Jay Road 4-H for 17 years. She is also one of the Project Building Co-Superintendents for the Ozaukee County Fair. She has served 2 three-year terms on the Executive Board of the 4-H Leaders' Association, holding the offices of Secretary & President twice. Her many years of dedication to 4-H and its future truly reflect Outstanding Leadership.

FRIEND OF 4-H

Fred Buechler hosted the 3rd Annual Breakfast on the Farm. He also worked for many years in the Farm Bureau tent. His children joined the Knellsville 4-H Club and Fred became the Knellsville Swine project leader. After retiring from farming he operates Buechler Trucking LLC and Fred Buechler Auction Services LLC. He bids on the trucking for the Ozaukee County Livestock Association. He helps as an auctioneer for the Livestock Association Auction held during county fair. He is also an active bidder and buyer at the annual auction. Fred has demonstrated his passion and support of the program. He is a true Friend of 4-H.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Many thanks to three members that have served on the Leaders Association Board: Brenda Mueller, Rick Roden & Patty Trawicki.

Brenda, Rick, and Patty are just a few of the many volunteers that were recognized at the annual 4-H Leaders Association Recognition Banquet in October. The 284 adult volunteers recognized in the banquet program have volunteer a total of 2,932 YEARS of service to the 4-H program. This is an awesome testament to the strength of the program created by committed volunteers.

Thank you ALL!

Read additional information about Brenda Mueller and Fred Buechler on the ["Adult Awards"](#) page of the website.

MISSION STATEMENT

UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development integrates research, education, and community-based partnerships, enabling youth to learn and practice skills to be productive citizens.

UPDATES



UPDATES AT THE UWEX OFFICE

Staff Changes at the Extension Office



We recently said “Good Bye” to Kira Johann who left the extension office to take a new position. Kira has served as Support Staff for the 4-H program for the last 6 years. Many of you have worked with Kira over the years and know that this will be a loss for the extension office. Kira’s part-time position has not yet been filled.

October/November are the months that the County Board sets the budget for the upcoming year. At the present time, Ginny Bichler’s full-time position is slated to be eliminated. We will know more after the Public Hearing on Monday evening, November 4th, and the County Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 6th. Ginny has worked for the County for 23 years, with 15 of those years as Support Staff in the Extension Office.

The Family Living Educator position which is currently vacant is also planned to be eliminated.

The proposed lack of support staff will have a direct impact on the 4-H program. If the Support Staff position is eliminated, we will need to find new ways to keep the program running efficiently. The addition of 4Honline will assist Club and Project Leaders in accessing member information online. The updated website will allow the youth/adult members to access up-to-date information without direct communication from the Support Staff. Club Leaders and Project Leaders will not be able to rely on Support Staff as heavily for assistance as they have in the past. The 4-H Educator’s role will change as she takes on many of the support functions.

We thank you for your patience and assistance during these times of change. The amazing volunteer base in 4-H has “filled in the gaps” in the past, and will continue to deliver a quality Youth Development program to Ozaukee County youth.

KATHY’S THOUGHTS

Once a 4-Her, Always a 4-Her

It has been one month since I began my position as the 4-H and Youth Development Educator in Ozaukee County, and what a month it has been. In one month I’ve been able to meet many dedicated 4-Hers and committed volunteers. I attended the Leader Association Banquet and have discovered that 4-H is not a short-term commitment. Many of the Leaders have dedicated years of service to 4-H youth. It amazed me to see that the 284 Leaders in Ozaukee County have served 2932 years in 4-H leadership positions. Yes, that’s 2932 YEARS, not HOURS of volunteer service. I’ve even seen 4-Hers return from college to participate in events. In my past experiences with other youth serving agencies, it’s common for parents to volunteer while their children are in the program, and not continue afterwards. That’s not true with 4-H. Many families have been dedicated 4-H volunteers for generations. Being new to 4-H, I think this was the biggest surprise of my first month on the job. The youth and adults have warmly welcomed me, even though I don’t have 4-H experience, and don’t know much about farm animals!

Another thing I have learned about 4-H is that you eat well...at every event it seems! From the Leader Banquet, to the Lindenwood Banquet, the refreshments after each club meeting, the dinners and snacks served each night at The Haunt, the Pot Luck during The Haunt clean-up...and that’s only my first month!

We will likely see changes in the next few months. I realize that change is hard, but we somehow adapt, even though it’s not easy. You’ve adapted to a year without a permanent 4-H Educator, and thanks to wonderful Support Staff, an Ag Agent that stepped up to help, and volunteers who came to the rescue, the program not only survived, but has flourished. We are surviving the implementation of 4Honline, and by next year we may actually like it! We are in the process of making the website a more up-to-date source of information and I hope that you’ll see the benefit of using the website.

Yes, change is hard, but we’ll survive because we’re 4-Hers for life!

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We teach, we learn, we lead, we serve...

UPCOMING EVENTS



Calendar (See the website for the most up-to-date [calendar](#))

NOVEMBER

1	The Haunt Clean-up, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Fairgrounds
2	The Haunt Clean-up and Pot Luck, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Fairgrounds
4	New Volunteer Training, 1:00 pm, Admin. Bldg. Room 118, Port Washington
7	Interviews for Fall Trip Awards, Admin. Bldg. Room 102, Port Washington
8-9	Annual Fall Forum, Stevens Point
9	Art Discovery Day- 9:00 am-2:30 pm, Washington County Fair Park Pavilion
12	Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation Board meeting- 7:15 am, Flipside Grill Grafton
12	New Volunteer Training, 7:00 pm, Admin. Bldg. Room 118, Port Washington
18	Leaders E-Forum “OMG! You’ve Got 4-H Parents! Now What?” 7:00-8:30 pm, Ozaukee Admin. Center Room 118, Port Washington
18	Livestock Project meeting- 7:00 pm, Auditorium, Admin. Bldg., Port Washington
20	New Volunteer Training, 7:00 pm, Admin. Bldg. Room 118, Port Washinton
21	Leaders Association Meeting- Admin. Bldg., Port Washington
21	Rabbit Project Meeting- 7:00 pm, Harbor Club, Port Washington

DECEMBER

3	Leaders E-Forum “Engaging Teens & Older Youth” 7:00-8:30 pm, Admin. Bldg. Room 118, Port Washington
7	Basketry Project Meeting, Saukville Community Room
13-14	Older Youth Lock-In, The Pavilion at the Fairgrounds
15	Deadline to apply for Winter Leadership Camp, Grades 6-8

JANUARY

4	Basketry Project Meeting, Saukville Community Room
7	Dairy Group State Fair Meeting
11	Leader to Leader Project Leader Training, 8:30-12:30, UW Sheboygan
14	Leaders E-Forum “Using Technology to Enhance Your 4-H Experience” 7:00-8:30 pm, Admin. Bldg. Auditorium, Port Washington
16	Leaders Association Board Meeting- 6:30 pm Leaders Meeting- 7:30 pm Ozaukee Admin. Center, Port Washington
26	Bowl-a-thon

Fairgrounds building reservations must be made through the marketing coordinator for Ozaukee County, Mary Sheffield, 262-366-4736 or msheffield@co.ozaukee.wi.us.

Please e-mail events to be added to the calendar to the 4-H & Youth Development Educator, Kathy Butler, kathy.butler@ces.uwes.edu. The next Harbinger will be January 1. Information must be submitted by December 15 to be included in the next issue. Dates, times and locations of will be added to the website (WWW.OZAUKEE.UWEX.EDU/4-H-YOUTH-DEVELOPMENT) as soon as they are received.



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