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Heart of the Farm

Farm women need time to connect and network with others who wear the same, many hats they do, and face the same daily experiences and challenges. UW-Extension Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Calumet, Sheboygan, Ozaukee & Washington Counties once again hosted the annual "Heart of the Farm" Farm Women's Conference at Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center. The goal for the one-day conference was to provide farm women support in farm management and financial decision making, to create support networks, and help connect them with agricultural resources. Over 65 farm women attended this year's event.



Based on post-meeting evaluations, respondents (n=50) indicated they increased their knowledge (on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being low and 5 being high) +1.1 points

regarding calf management and +1.09 points regarding taking care of you. Steph Plaster co-developed and – presented "The Art of Negotiation", discussing with the audience how to prepare for successful negotiations, what is worth negotiating, and strategies. Based on post-meeting evaluations, respondents indicated they increased their knowledge +1.31 based on the presentation. Of the respondents, 40 percent *agreed* and 42 percent *strongly agreed* they felt more prepared to engage in successful negotiations. Comments included: *Wow! Info overload, but excellent!; Not a "normal topic"-liked it; A lot of good points!; and Steph did an AWESOME job!*



4-H Youth Development

Vacant

The 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator position has been posted.

Interviews will be held after posting closes. Any further questions regarding the position can be directed to Cindy Sarkady, Area Extension Director, at cindy.sarkady@wisc.edu.



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Community Development

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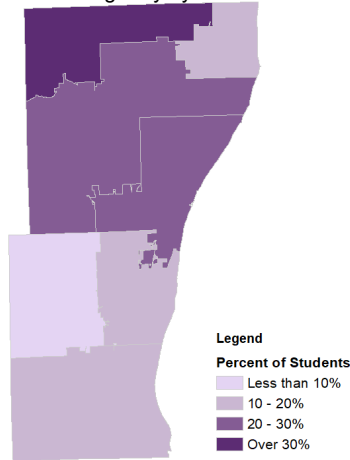
Karina recently updated a factsheet that provides information on population, housing costs, and statistics on FoodShare and free and reduced price lunch eligibility rates in Ozaukee County. The factsheet is available at <https://ozaukee.extension.wisc.edu/community-development/reports-resources/>.

Map One is included in the factsheet and shows free and reduce price lunch eligibility for each school district that falls within Ozaukee County. While this information helps understand cost-burdened households with school-age children,

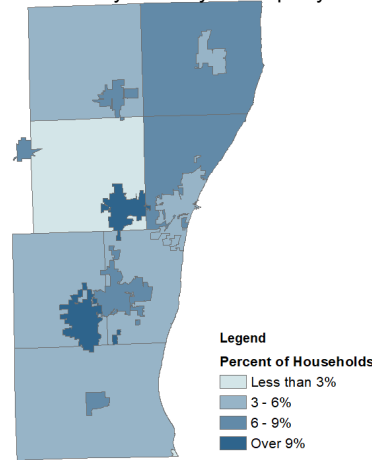
other data sources provide greater detail. Karina developed two additional maps that provide a more detailed look at financial hardship.

Map Two shows the percentage of households below the federal poverty level of \$11,880 for a single adult and \$24,300 for a family of four in 2016. Map Three shows the percentage of households below the ALICE threshold. ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed and represents the bare-minimum economic survival level based on local cost of living.

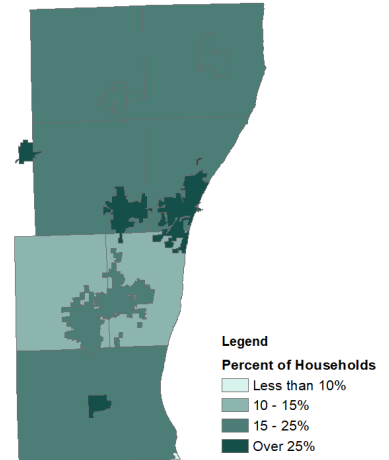
Map One: Free and Reduced Price Lunch Eligibility by School District



Map Two: Households Below Federal Poverty Level by Municipality



Map Three: ALICE Households by Municipality



Upcoming Events

May 3, 2019

- [Farm Management Update](#), Kimberly, 10:00 am

May 5, 2019

- [Cops & Kids Field Day](#), Fairgrounds

May 16, 2019

- Supporting Farmers: THRIVE Today for Tomorrow, West Bend, 1:00pm.
- 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Fairgrounds, Pavilion, 6:00pm.
- 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, Fairgrounds, Pavilion, 7:30pm.

May 25, 2019

- [Master Gardener Heirloom Herb and Plant Sale](#), Mequon, 9:00am

June 4, 2019

- 4-H Clothing Revue, Fairgrounds, Pavilion

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