



Extension

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Agriculture

Stephanie Plaster

Dairy Risk Management Program

Stephanie co-hosted the “Market Brief: Dairy Risk Management Programs” meeting for dairy producers. This meeting was one of over 20 meetings held across the state on the new dairy risk management programs through the 2018 Farm Bill and other national programs. Mark Stephenson, Director of the UW-Madison Center for Dairy Profitability, addressed the costs and benefits associated with the changes made to the LGM Dairy, Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC), and the Dairy Revenue Protection (DRP) programs. After rescheduling the meeting for an ice storm and facing snow



covered roads the day of the meeting, 22 participants were in attendance. As a result of attending the program, participants (n=14) indicated a 2.7 point (on a 5-point Likert Scale) increase in knowledge on the Dairy Revenue Protection and Dairy Margin Coverage Programs. 100% of participants indicated it was a valuable use of their time.

Pesticide Applicator Training

Pesticide applicator training was held at the Administration Center for Ozaukee and Washington Counties. Twenty-one private applicators took the training and certification exam which allows them to use restricted-use pesticides. These trainings teach them the laws, safety recommendations, and best practices for using pesticides in WI. The Environmental Enforcement Specialist through the WI Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection for Ozaukee County presented on recordkeeping requirements.

Monthly Report February 2019

4-H Youth Development

Kathy Butler

February 4-H Countywide Programs:

- Pinewood Derby Build Day, Physics Day, and Race Day included 73 racers. A “no rules” race was held for the adults, and youth learned the physics and strategies behind building faster cars. The race was open to the public, and this year we had 12 non-4-H youth join us.
- A photography contest was held with youth learning about the five fundamentals of photography. Photos were judged and feedback provided to each participant. Photos were displayed at the Pinewood Derby.
- An interview workshop was held as part of the Workforce Readiness Initiative. Youth practiced their interviewing skills to prepare for Key Award and Wisconsin Youth Conference interviews. Interviews were also held in February.
- Interviews were held for summer camp staff including 21 adults and 26 youth who are volunteering for 4 days/3 nights to lead about 125 youth at 4-H summer camp.

- The annual 4-H Dance was held and was open to the public. People of all ages enjoyed the event, and dance competitions were held. We have some youth with great moves!
- A Wildlife Ecology Day was held in conjunction with the Archery and Air Rifle Programs. Youth learned about Wisconsin wildlife species identification (skins, skulls, scat, tracks), habitat, food chains, vermicomposting and environmental factors impacting wildlife. Youth will be tested on this material during the Tri-County Archery and Air Rifle Competition.





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Community Development

Karina Ward

The need for housing at a wide variety of price points was identified by numerous stakeholder groups in 2018. As a result, Karina accepted an invitation to join a statewide discussion group that is developing a unified response to local housing needs. The housing discussion group includes Extension educators and specialists with expertise or significant experience in housing.

At a recent meeting in Madison, members of the group shared local experiences, discussed what is working and not working across the state, and developed strategies for responding to a local issue in a unified way across the state.

On February 13, Karina hosted several local planners for a program offered by the Local Government Center focused on helping cities and villages with 10,000 people or more comply with the housing report requirements of Act 243.

Act 243 requires these communities to produce and publish two new reports by January 1, 2020: a housing fee report and a housing affordability report. Participants requested assistance with data

collection, examples of similar plans and reports, and the opportunity to meet as a group later in the year. In response, Karina compiled and shared Area Median Income data (shown below), located five sample plans, and created a shared drive for the group to use.

Income Limits for Milwaukee MSA - Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha Counties				
Family Size	1	2	3	4
Area Median Income (100%)	\$ 54,110	\$ 61,840	\$ 69,570	\$ 77,300
Low Income (80%)	\$ 43,300	\$ 49,500	\$ 55,700	\$ 61,850
Very Low Income (50%)	\$ 27,100	\$ 30,950	\$ 34,800	\$ 38,650
Extremely Low Income (30%)	\$ 16,250	\$ 18,600	\$ 20,900	\$ 25,100

Based on Karina's knowledge of Act 243 and experience as a practicing planner, the statewide housing discussion group has asked her to research and recommend an appropriate role for Extension as all 85 of the qualifying communities work to meet the reporting requirements. The impacted communities in Ozaukee County are Cedarburg, Grafton, Mequon, and Port Washington.

Upcoming Events

March 9, 2019

- [Hay Auction](#), Adell Cooperative, 10:00am.

March 9, 16, 23, 30

- [Youth Tractor Safety Certification Course](#), 9:00am, location varies-see webpage

March 21, 2019

- [InSight Seminar/Dairy Series](#), Genetics & A2 Milk, Belgium, 10:30am.
- 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Port Washington, 6:00pm.
- 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, Port Washington, 7:30pm.

March 24, 2019

- [4-H Variety Show](#), Northern Ozaukee School, 2:30pm.

March 28, 2019

- [Ozaukee Master Gardener Meeting](#), Port Washington, 7:00pm.

March 30, 2019

- [4-H Volleyball Tournament](#), Grafton, 9:00am.

April 4, 2019

- Heart of the Farm Women's Summit

April 5-6, 2019

- [4-H Tri-County Shoot Competition](#), Washington County Fairgrounds

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