

# Ozaukee County UW-Extension

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Monthly Report January 2019

## Agriculture

Stephanie Plaster

### Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times

Stephanie collaborated with three Extension colleagues to continue a program they started last year aimed at helping agribusiness professionals and agency staff feel more comfortable and confident when working with farmers in distress. During these tough financial and emotional times, farmers and everyone they do business with feel the effects of stress radiating through their work and home



lives. One hundred and fourteen government agency staff, lenders, consultants, financial advisors, attorneys, feed mill operators, nutritionists, media organizations, and farmers who collectively work with hundreds of farms across the area were in attendance. As a result of attending the program, participants (n=70)

indicated they now have tools to better analyze a farm's financial health (3.9 on a 5-point Likert Scale), are more confident in their abilities to support farmers during challenging times (4.0), are better prepared to initiate important conversations with a farmer in distress (4.0), and better understand the financial consequences associated with nutrition and herd health (4.1).

**Dairy InSight: Marketing:** Stephanie hosted this meeting at the American Legion in Belgium. Nine participants representing area farms and agribusinesses were in attendance. Brian Gould, Renk Professor of Agribusiness with Extension and UW-Madison spoke on the "Developing Your Own Market Outlook." Stephanie developed and presented "From Cull Cows to Market Cows for Her Second Career". Participants (n=6) indicated a gain in knowledge on each topic through a pre/post evaluation. Participants indicated they planned to incorporate what they learned including culling cows sooner (2) and using selective agricultural economic reports.

## 4-H Youth Development

Kathy Butler

All it takes is one person  
to make a positive impact  
in a child's life



January is National Mentoring Month, which is a time to highlight the good work our 4-H volunteers do every day with youth from Ozaukee County. Whether it's in a project, a club, or a countywide activity, our volunteers are mentoring our youth to learn citizenship, leadership, and life skills to become productive citizens.

- The annual Communication Festival was held and youth presented demonstrations, teaching, speeches, and Power Point presentations. The event gave the youth practice in public speaking and organizing their thoughts as well as the confidence to speak in front of groups.
- A resume writing workshop was held to assist youth in learning the skills needed not only to write a resume, but to "build" a resume by engaging in learning and service activities that promote skill development.
- An overnight was held for younger youth at Jumping Country. The event gave youth an opportunity to meet youth from around the county, and helped them develop independence, as many spend their first night away from home alone.
- Many projects began meeting including the Air Rifle and Archery projects that have an enrollment of over 150 youth. Youth select the areas they would like to learn about, and our volunteer mentors work with youth to expand their knowledge and skill in the project area. Our youth have enrolled in 2240 projects, an average of four per youth in 4-H.



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# Community Development

Karina Ward

The need for more workers in Ozaukee County across a broad range of industries was identified by numerous stakeholder groups in 2018. This is a dynamic issue that requires a comprehensive approach grounded in current data. Karina has been doing research to provide the most current data as part of future programming.

One way to look at the local workforce is to compare the labor force (those who live in the community and are either employed or seeking employment) with local employees (those who work in the community, regardless of where they live). Communities with more employees than labor force attract an additional daytime population while communities with fewer employees than labor force experience a population decrease during the day.

Based on 2018 data provided by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, Ozaukee County has a slight decrease in daytime population of 361 people. The Village of Grafton experiences a slight positive daytime population, the Town of Saukville and City of Mequon both experience

significant positive daytime population increases, and all other communities experience negative daytime population changes. Without the daytime increase from the City of Mequon, Ozaukee County would have a decrease in daytime population of 8,561 people.

Community Name*	Daytime Population Change
City of Mequon	8,200
Town of Saukville	525
Village of Grafton	40
Village of Saukville	-166
Village of Fredonia	-283
Town of Port Washington	-292
Ozaukee County	-361
Town of Belgium	-378
Village of Belgium	-437
Village of Thiensville	-783
Town of Fredonia	-851
City of Cedarburg	-1,333
City of Port Washington	-1,717
Town of Cedarburg	-2,212

\*data not available for Town of Grafton

## Upcoming Events

### February 2, 2019

- Pinewood Derby Build Day, Fairgrounds Pavilion, 9:00am.

### February 5, 2019

- 4-H Spring Interview Workshop, Admin. Center, 6:30pm.

### February 7, 2019

- [Dairy Revenue Protection Program](#), Campbellsport, 12:45pm.

### February 9, 2019

- [Hay Auction](#), Adell Cooperative, 10:00am.
- [Pinewood Derby Physics Day](#), Fairgrounds Pavilion, 8:00am.

### February 10, 2019

- [Pinewood Derby & Photo Contest](#), Fairgrounds Pavilion, 12:00pm.

### February 12, 2019

- 4-H Spring Educational Experience Interviews, Port Washington, 5:00pm.

### February 16, 2019

- [4-H Dance](#), Fairgrounds Pavilion, 6:30pm.

### February 20, 2019

- [Pesticide Applicator Training](#), Port Washington, 9:00am.

### February 21, 2019

- [InSight Seminar/Dairy Series](#), Nutrition, Allenton, 10:30am.
- Agronomy Day, Random Lake
- 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Port Washington, 6:00pm.

### February 26, 2019

- [Cattle Feeders Meeting](#), Waldo, 5:30pm.

### February 27, 2019

- [Midwest Manure Summit](#), Green Bay, 9:30am.

### February 28, 2019

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

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