



# Extension

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OZAUKEE COUNTY

## Agriculture

Stephanie Plaster



Stephanie developed and presented “Making the Connection: Communicating with Stressed Farmers” at the International Farm Transition Network Professional Development Conference in Madison. This session was targeted towards farm succession professionals to help them gain confidence in listening and communication skills. The conference was hosted by local ag professionals who work with area farmers and Extension professionals regularly.

Comments received included, “You did a great job, and I really enjoyed your presentation.” Several attendees asked for copies of the materials to bring

back to their states. Stephanie and Area 15 colleague, Tina Kohlman, are developing a teaching module to compliment this training.

### Ozaukee Master Gardener Teaching Garden

The Ozaukee Master Gardeners, the 4-H Horticulture Project, and their teaching Garden were featured in the “Gone Gardening” section of the Washington County Post. Check out the July 12 issue to see how Ozaukee County MG Volunteers and 4-H youth were highlighted.

The Master Gardeners and youth have been working hard all year to plan, plant, and care for the teaching garden at the fairgrounds behind the picnic pavilion. Make sure to stop out and see all their hard work!



# Monthly Report July 2019

## 4-H Youth Development

Jayna Hintz

Jayna officially experienced her first month as the Ozaukee County Extension 4-H Program Coordinator. In this role she plans to focus on leadership, education, expanding access, evaluating and reporting, building relationships and collaborations.

In July, Jayna created and sent out an evaluation to all of the summer camp participants and is currently receiving and compiling the results that will aid in the development of next year’s program. In addition she contacted and surveyed each of the 4-H Club leaders to find out the club’s strengths, challenges, and their thoughts on programs, information, or services that they would find valuable to be successful in their role. She scheduled with the leaders to attend club meetings for each club over the next few months and has confirmed with 9 of the 12 clubs.

During the month of July she attended meetings and looks forward to building relationships with those that serve on the Natural Resources Committee, Ozaukee Agency Directors, 4-H Leaders Association Board, Leader’s Association members and the Ozaukee County Fair Board.

Jayna led the Ozaukee County Fair Judge’s Orientation on July 29 and 30 and used the time to remind the judges about creating a 4-H experience that supports learning and growth. The youth’s interaction with the judge provides an opportunity for the youth to reflect and share what they did well and what they plan to work on or improve. Reflection is an important part of experiential learning. Jayna found value in taking time to meet the 4-H youth and families exhibiting at the Ozaukee County Fair and the Fair’s Food Review. The interactions enabled her to build relationships



and share in their excitement about what the youth learned and how they will apply the tips from the judges and their new skills in the future.





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## Community Development

Karina Ward

Meetings with key stakeholder groups, including human-service non-profits, local chambers, and local municipalities, in 2018 identified the need for a series of facilitated community conversations around topics that cross jurisdictional boundaries. Members of each group offer a unique perspective and bring different resources to the table when discussing a particular topic or community need. There was an interest in bringing the larger community together for focused conversations, but no structures existed for such conversations to occur. In response, Karina created a year-long program to identify several topics and hold community conversations.

Karina is in the process of holding stakeholder conversations with each of Ozaukee County's municipalities. These conversations are the first part of the larger program and begin with an invitation to school, chamber, and municipal representatives to gather and help identify the key issues and needs of the community. Attendees of one session noted how valuable it was for leaders of these organizations to be brought together and have time to reflect. Karina facilitates the conversation with discussion prompts that focus on

the unique aspects of the community; past, current, and emergent issues; future opportunities; and how the organizations work together. One attendee commented that Karina "did an excellent job planning and facilitating."

The input from the stakeholder conversations meetings will be used in several ways. Several common themes or needs will be selected as topics for community conversations in the fall. Karina will research each topic and work with UW-Madison and Extension specialists and faculty as appropriate to prepare a brief presentation for each community conversation. Where individual community needs are identified that fall within Karina's programmatic area, additional conversations about future collaboration have already taken place and will continue. One example is market analysis and research for downtown revitalization.



## Upcoming Events

### July 31—August 4, 2019

- [Ozaukee County Fair](#)

### August 11, 2019

- [4-H Pool Party](#), Cedarburg, 6:00pm.

### August 15, 2019

- 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Fairgrounds, Pavilion, 6:00pm.

### August 21, 2019

- 4-H County Board Exchange, Ozaukee County Admin Building, County Board Room, 8:00am.

### August 22, 2019

- [Ozaukee Master Gardeners General Meeting](#), Ozaukee County Admin Building, Auditorium, 7:00pm.

### August 24, 2019

- TENTATIVE 4-H Club Officer Training, Fairgrounds, Pavilion

### August 28, 2019

- [4-H Fall Resume Writing Workshop](#), Ozaukee County Admin Building, Auditorium, 6:30pm.

### September 5, 2019

- 4-H Reenrollment Opens (2019-2020 year)



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