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OZAUKEE COUNTY

Agriculture

Stephanie Plaster

Meeting Tomorrow's Feeding Challenges Today

Mother Nature has negatively impacted feed inventory and quality throughout Eastern Wisconsin in 2019 and this trend will likely continue this winter. Alfalfa winterkill coupled with a wet spring and fall and late planted corn have resulted in major issues for farmers and those who work with them. Because of the financial impact of feed on the milking herd and replacement animals, UW-Madison Extension hosted two "Meeting Tomorrow's Feeding Challenges Today" sessions, as part of the popular "Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times" meetings that Extension Ag Agents/Educators in eastern Wisconsin have conducted over the past several years due to the brutal economic conditions impacting dairy and other farmers. Fifty one people attended the two sessions.

The evaluations (n=41) indicated that the information on How to Harvest, Store, and Feed this Year's Forages was relevant and will be used

(4.74 on a scale of 1 to 5). The knowledge level of those completing the evaluation increased 38%. Participants increased their knowledge 29% with regard to Negotiating a Fair Price with this Year's Forages. They also indicated the information was relevant and would be used (4.65 on a scale of 1 to 5).

Ninety-eight percent of participants indicated the resources and educational materials were helpful.

One hundred percent of those completing the evaluations indicated they would share the information they learned from the meeting with others.

The breakdown of the 48 participants completing the evaluation follows: 6 farmers, 9 agronomists, 6 government agency, 10 dairy nutritionists, 6 ag lenders, 8 consultants, 1 media, and 2 other.

4-H Youth Development

Jayna Hintz

October proved to be a busy month as 4-H Clubs and Groups turned in their charters. Ozaukee County 4-H program comprises of 19 chartered clubs and groups. Each year the completed renewal charters provide critical communication, education and legal information that the 4-H Program Coordinator reviews and submits to the IRS and Division of Extension. Through the charter application process, we ensure that local 4-H clubs, groups and committees have met the requirements to be a 4-H club or group, have sound financial management practices and are providing opportunities to help 4-H members grow and develop. Each chartered group and club submits a yearly calendar highlighting their activities planned, the information is needed for liability coverage for 4-H volunteers and members, program impact evaluation and educational planning. Each group or club sets yearly smart goals and shares the outcomes of their goals from the previous year.

During the month of October 4-H youth apply for funding to offset the cost of state, national, and international 4-H educational travel opportunities.

Twenty applicants interviewed with a panel 4-H Leader Association members to determine if they would receive 50% of their travel cost funded by the Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association and 10% funded by Ozaukee County 4-H foundation. The 4-H educational travel opportunities are open to all 4-H youth from across the state, only the funding is determined or subsidized at the county level. The Ozaukee County 4-H Leader's Association and Ozaukee County 4-H foundation raise funds to support 4-H programs. The Haunt is one the largest fundraiser sponsored by the Leader's Association. The Haunt is held each weekend in October, but the dedicated group of youth and adult volunteers meet throughout the year to oversee the planning and implementation of the program. The Haunt program raises funds and offers learning opportunities for the youth that encompasses developing safety plans, construction, electrical, prop design, costuming, make-up, acting and many other facets that make the event successful.

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Community Development

Karina Ward

Ozaukee Community Conversations

Karina recently completed a series of stakeholder conversations that included invitations to each of Ozaukee County's municipalities. These conversations were the first part of the larger Community Conversations program and included school, chamber, and municipal representatives.

Karina facilitated each conversation using questions of inquiry to gain an understanding of 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.

Housing was identified as a key issue or need during each conversation. The needs surrounding housing vary by community and include affordable housing, stalled residential developments from the Great Recession, housing for young professionals and young families, and an overall lack of diverse housing options, among others.

Karina has been doing research on housing as an

active participant of Extension's Housing Study Group and will work with UW-Madison and Extension specialists and faculty as appropriate to prepare a presentation on housing in Ozaukee County. This presentation will include the latest data on homelessness in Ozaukee County, which will be available in January from the United Way of Northern Ozaukee.

Early in 2020, Karina will host a Community Conversation about housing. The program will begin with a brief presentation and primarily focus on facilitated conversations among participants. The ultimate goal is for those in attendance to identify how existing housing needs are being met, what housing needs are not being met, where there may be overlaps in existing services, and identify strategies to meet unmet housing needs.

Other common themes included transportation challenges, the desire to revitalize downtown districts, and the need for a qualified and available workforce. These topics will be considered for future programs.

Upcoming Events

November 1, 2019

- 4-H Deadline to Add Projects

November 1-3, 2019

- [4-H Fall Forum](#), Green Lake, WI

November 21, 2019

- 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Rm 118, 6:00pm.
- 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Auditorium, 7:30pm.

November 25, 2019

- 4-H New Volunteer Orientation, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Auditorium, 9:30am OR 2:30pm OR 6:30pm.

November 28-29, 2019

- Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed

December 3, 2019

- Beef Quality Assurance, West Bend, 7pm



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