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AGRICULTURE

Stephanie Plaster

The recent February *Farm Management Fridays* webinar “Is Equal Fair?” addressed the myth that farm owners need to transfer everything equally among all the children to be fair. This notion challenges the viability of the farm business during and after transition. In this webinar, Extension educators Steph Plaster, Ozaukee and Washington Counties, Kaitlyn Davis, La Crosse County, Heather Schlessler, Marathon County, and Joy Kirkpatrick UW Center for Dairy Profitability discussed inheritance considerations based on goals participants may have for the future of the family and business and strategies for success.

There were 235 participants registered for the program including farmers, farm service providers and educators, with approximately 39 livestreams and 64 (and counting) recorded viewings. As a result of the program, participants (n=17) said they agreed (30%) or strongly agreed (70%) that they increased awareness of the common need for farm assets to be retirement, business, and inheritance assets. As a result of the program participants said they agreed (41%) strongly agreed (41%) that they intend to have a conversation around farm transition and succession with my family or business partners (17% said they were neutral).

One of the local participants emailed Stephanie after the program and said, “I was watching your program on farm Inheritance today. My family owns several farm... My parents refuse to talk about how we will work through this process of land ownership at the time of death. I hope, with the tools you gave me now, [my sister] and I can begin to deal with this very issue.”

This presentation can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/aFZ8sb8Izew>

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Jayna Hintz

Jayna Hintz, Ozaukee County 4-H Educator in collaboration with 4-H Educators Amy Mangan-Fischer, and Tracy Keifenheim, designed take and learn project kits on the topics of art, science, and wellness. The project kits included a variety of learning explorations and were distributed to partner organizations in each of their respective counties for youth to learn by doing. The kits included information about 4-H and experiential learning. The 4-H Educators developed those kits into virtual classes that are being presented through the Virtual Learning Community.

The Virtual Learning Community (VLC) began during summer 2020 in response to COVID-19 filling immediate needs and continues to support education across Wisconsin today. Hintz served on this VLC committee to support and expand the high-quality virtual opportunities. Across the state youth and adults, in kindergarten and older, can choose from one or more virtual monthly activities. Activities range from live cooking experiences, self-paced lessons, to virtual tours of farms, art museums, and more!

Virtual Learning Community lives its name by sharing virtual resources, access to content across Extension and best youth development virtual practices. Offering the art, science, and wellness projects virtually improves accessibility to experiential learning, and creates a learning environment where youth feel connected, included, welcomed and valued while participating in the virtual classes. Sessions are promoted through the Extension calendar and social media channels. Registration is handled through 4-Honline.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Karina Ward

Karina is working with Erica Turner of Bridge the Divide to lead Ozaukee County Talks About Race, a series of community conversations about race for Ozaukee County community members.

45 people participated in the January session. Erica Turner opened the session with a conversation about preparing to talk about race. After a group conversation about the feelings attached to conversations about race, participants spent 10 minutes in small groups talking about what they hoped to learn.

From evaluation, 83% responded that the session helped them consider the perspective of others. One participant shared: "We need to keep talking, even if it is uncomfortable."

36 people participated in the February session. Erica Turner provided historical context and opened a conversation about how history impacts racial inequities. Participants spent the remaining 90 minutes in two consecutive small group conversations. Topics offered included: creating a welcoming community, taking action, unpacking white privilege, law enforcement and public safety, racism and public health, and working with schools and educators. Each small group was led by a volunteer facilitator with experience leading conversations about race, diversity, and equity.

From evaluation, 90% responded that the session deepened their understanding of how history impacts racial inequities. 100% of respondents agreed that the structure of the session contributed to valuable conversations. One participant shared that "[I] connected with people outside my usual sphere of communication and influence, and found people I would LOVE to talk to more!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2, 2021

- [Explore Monoprinting](#), 6:30 pm., Zoom

March 3, 2021

- [Ozaukee Law Enforcement Address Citizen Questions on Racism and Biases](#), 6:00 pm., Zoom

March 5, 2021

- [Farm Management Fridays](#) - Building a Positive Farm Business Culture, 11 am., YouTube Livestream

March 8, 2021

- [Heart of the Farm Coffee Chat](#) - Developing your Farm Product Brand, 10 am., Zoom

March 8, 16, 25, 2021

- [4-H Conversation Corner](#), 7 pm, Zoom

March 11, 25, 2021

- [4-H Kansas Virtual Exchange](#), 6 pm., Zoom

March 13, 2021

- 4-H Visual Arts Festival Judging & Meet the Artists Virtual Event

March 15, 2021

- [Ozaukee County Talks About Race](#), 6 pm, Zoom

March 18, 2021

- 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, 6 pm. Zoom
- 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 7:30 pm., Zoom

March 19, 2021

- [Farm Management Fridays](#) - Your farm startup: Where to begin and who can help?, 11 am., YouTube Livestream

March 20, 2021

- 4-H Project Bunny Drive-Thru Event, Circle B Recreation Center

March 23, 2021

- [4-H VIP Training](#), 6:30 pm., Zoom

March 25, 2021

- Ozaukee Master Gardeners General Meeting, 7 pm., Zoom

April 1, 2021

- 4-H Deadline to DROP projects

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