

OZAUKEE COUNTY MARCH HIGHLIGHTS



***Note:** This report is a first edition with new content, style and format.*

4-H Youth Development



- A series of virtual trainings for youth and adult 4-H volunteers. Where volunteers learned their roles and responsibilities. The goal is to prepare volunteers to lead quality youth development programs.
- A project lesson led virtually where youth and adults learned monotype-printing processes. The goal of this effort was for youth to learn a new skill and to model how to host a virtual project meeting while engaging youth in a hands-on activity.
- Facilitated identifying new leadership for a community 4-H club. The goal of this effort was to ensure the continuation of high-quality leadership and engagement in the club, after current leadership transitioned out due to a move.
- Led the coordination of an effort to increase accessibility of a county building that was not wheelchair accessible, based on these efforts youth can fully participate in a 4-H project.
- A Tri-County 4-H Virtual Visual Arts Festival promoted to all school and youth community groups. This effort facilitated one-on-one critique sessions for youth, to receive feedback on their artwork entered. Providing youth, a place to reflect on what they learned and can apply to future experiences.
- 4-H Youth state virtual exchange meeting where participants engage with youth from different counties in Wisconsin and Kansas. The goal of this effort is to increase youth's connection to 4-H, strengthen their leadership skills, build new friendships, and gain new knowledge.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

Prepares the youth of today o become the effective, empathetic adult of tomorrow. Our research-based youth enrichment programs like 4-H build youth and adult capacity and partnerships that help youth grow. 4-H clubs, camps and afterschool programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to develop an understanding of themselves and the world.

TESTIMONIAL:

Monoprinting Techniques Virtual Learning Seminar

"My kids had a great time tonight, although we always enjoy getting messy. Mylee, my 11 year old, actually said, "thanks for signing me up for that mom, I really liked it"--she is usually the biggest critic! Thanks for doing this!"

- Sara, 4-H Mother/Family Participant

Supporting Agriculture Professionals

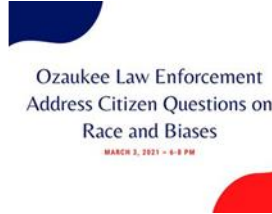


- A one-day virtual conference for farmers, managers, agronomists, engineers, government agency personnel, and agribusiness professionals where they learned innovation, research, and solutions for manure handling and storage to optimize manure management, upgrade biogas production, as well as effectively manage manure-derived nutrients and odor and gas emissions.
- A YouTube livestream for farmers and ag professionals where they learned about building a positive farm business culture with employee safety. This effort is designed to increase their awareness of the value of a positive workplace culture for their farm business and to improve an employee's work experience.
- Development of an article on common strategies to consider for fair versus equal inheritance during the farm succession process for farmers and agribusiness professionals. This effort was designed to increase the awareness of available farm inheritance distribution tools and strategies.
- A webinar for farmers and ag professionals where they learned about getting started in a farm/food-related business in order to increase their awareness of how to start a business and to provide access to support resources.
- A virtual program for home gardeners, where they learned how to care for tropical plants in order to be able to successfully grow them in Wisconsin's climate.

AGRICULTURE:

If it happens on a farm or in a field, the Extension Institute of Agriculture works with you to achieve better results. Our innovative dairy management programs range from genetics to farm and business management. Extension researchers work hand-in-hand with row crop, forage and fresh produce growers to provide best practices for every aspect of the growing phase. We also advise communities on using sustainable practices to create inviting spaces free from invasive species.

Community Development



- A series of virtual conversations for community members ("Ozaukee County Talks About Race"), co-facilitated by local partner Bridge the Divide, where attendees participated in book reads with area libraries and engaged in small group conversations. This effort was designed to increase racial literacy, deepen understanding of how history impacts racial inequities, contribute to meaningful conversations, and develop ideas for personal action.
- A virtual program for community members, where they submit questions regarding racism and biases to a panel of local law enforcement officials. This effort was designed to increase understanding and awareness of Ozaukee law enforcement, provide an opportunity to engage and connect, and increase participants' level of comfort engaging with law enforcement.
- Development of a peer learning program for nonprofit leaders where they develop skills to support their organization and build relationships that improve the capacity of local nonprofits to address complex community issues.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Provides educational programming to assist leaders, communities, and organizations realize their fullest potential. We work with communities to build the vitality that enhances their quality of life and enriches the lives of their residents. We educate in leadership development, organizational development, food systems, community economic development, local government education and much more. In short, the Community Development Institute plants and cultivates the seeds for thriving communities and organizations.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 1, 2021

- 4-H Drop Project Deadline

April 5, 12, 15, 19, 22, 29, 2021

- [Rent Smart Virtual Training](#), 1:00 pm., Zoom

April 5-9, 2021

- Master Gardener Volunteer Week

April 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, May 1, 2021

- [Youth Tractor Safety Certification Course](#), 7:00 pm., Zoom

April 7, 2021

- Thank a Master Gardener Day

April 8, 2021

- [4-H Virtual Exchange with Kansas](#) 4-H, 6:00 pm., Zoom
- [WI Youth Livestock Seminar](#), 7:00 pm., Zoom, Topic: Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences using sensors and cameras

April 9, 2021

- [Farm Management Friday](#): Healthy Minds/Healthy Farms, 11:00 am., YouTube Livestream

April 13, 27, 2021

- [4-H Harbinger](#) Published

April 15, 2021

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

April 22, 2021

- [Ozaukee Master Gardeners](#) General Meeting, 7:00 pm., Zoom
- [4-H Conversation Corner](#), 7:00 pm., Zoom

April 23, 2021

- [Farm Management Friday](#): FARMing for Health, 11:00 am., YouTube Livestream

April 27, 2021

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



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