



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
OZAUKEE COUNTY

January 2022 Report

4-H Youth Development

Jayna Hintz, 4-H Program Educator



Highlight: Several in-person sessions for families were held at libraries, where people participated in a hands-on watercolor painting class. The class used the do, reflect, apply, experiential learning model, the process that guides 4-H project meetings. The purpose of this outreach is to increase enrollment and the understanding of the 4-H experience. We reached 48 people that did not previously engage in the 4-H program. Based on evaluations turned in at the end of each session, 99% strongly agreed the activity increased their interest and curiosity about the 4-H program in Ozaukee County.

4-H Program Highlights

- A series of in-person sessions for families not currently in the 4-H program where they learn about a 4-H project and participate in a hands-on experience. The goal of this effort is to expand 4-H and reach new audiences.
- A training for adults who are interested in becoming 4-H volunteers, where adults learned what Extension is, how volunteers contribute to Extension programs, volunteer roles and responsibilities, what makes a quality youth development program, and what resources are available to 4-H volunteers. This effort is intended to prepare all future 4-H volunteers.
- Development of the “Lead Together, Learn Together: Building Relationships, Open Communication, & Inclusive Environments” Training for adults and youth. This training is a two-part series and will raise awareness of the benefits of and build skills in implementing effective Youth-Adult Partnerships for 4-H volunteers and youth leaders as well as community organizations across the state.



Agriculture

Stephanie Plaster, Agriculture Educator



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

Agriculture Highlights

- **Crops and Soils:** Mike Ballweg, Area Crops and Soils Agent
 - A webinar series (Badger Crop Connect) for farmers, agronomists and agriculture professionals, where they learned about research to address timely crop production practices and emerging agronomic concerns. Through this program, attendees implemented these practices on their farms or used the information to advise their clients.
- **Farm Management:** Stephanie Plaster, Farm Management Educator
 - A presentation for farmers and agriculture professionals, where participants learned how to use a SWOT analysis for business and personal growth. This effort was designed to help participants assess their skills, assets, personalities, and/or networks to help make a decision about a business opportunity or new enterprise.
 - An activity for farmers and agriculture professionals, where participants identified their stressors, strengths, and resources. This effort was designed to provide an opportunity for participants to recognize the common stressors, strengths, and resources among their peer group.
- **Dairy & Livestock:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy & Livestock Agent
 - A presentation for dairy farmers, calf managers, farm workers, and agribusiness professionals, where they learned calf health benchmarks, hygiene practices, housing considerations, and disbudding considerations to improve calf growth, health, management, and profitability while maintaining animal health and wellbeing.
 - A training for youth dairy project members, where they learned animal handling, husbandry, and herd health management practices to improve dairy production management and animal health and well-being.



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Community Development

Karina Ward, Community Development Educator



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. IN short, the Community Development Institute plants and cultivates the seeds for thriving communities and organizations.

Community Development Highlights

- Development of a Story Map, in partnership with Bridge the Divide, for residents of Ozaukee County where they will learn about the history of racially restrictive covenants. The goal of this effort is to inspire reflection, increase understanding of the impact of historically recent racial discrimination, and encourage direct action towards change.
- Planning for a series of presentations, in collaboration with Ozaukee County leaders, for Mequon and Thiensville residents where they will learn about the Racially Restrictive Covenant project. The goal of this effort is to develop a strategy to include current elected officials and candidates in upcoming elections at these presentations so that they can demonstrate support of the project and similar work.
- Technical assistance for a local nonprofit where the organization's leader learned about the need to invite members into leadership positions of the organization. The goal of this effort is to increase the capacity of members of the organization and ensure the work of the nonprofit continues.



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What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **February 4, 2022**
 - [Build Effective Training Programs that Engage Your Team](#), Virtual, 11:00 a.m.
- **February 5, 2022**
 - 4-H Pinewood Derby Build Day, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Pavilion, 10:00 am.
- **February 6, 2022**
 - Ozaukee 4-H Foundation Bowl-a-Thon
- **February 8, 22, 2022**
 - [4-H Harbinger](#) newsletter published
- **February 8, 2022**
 - 4-H Educational Travel Opportunity Interviews, 5:00 pm.
- **February 12, 2022**
 - 4-H Pinewood Derby Physics Day, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Pavilion, 9:00 am.
- **February 13, 2022**
 - 4-H Pinewood Derby Race Day, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Pavilion, Noon – 3pm.
- **February 17, 2022**
 - Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Oz Cnty Admin Building, 6:00 pm.
- **February 18, 2022**
 - [Employee Trust & Engagement through a Culture of Safety](#), Virtual, 11:00 am.
- **February 19, 2022**
 - 4-H Dance, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Pavilion, 6:30 pm.
- **February 23, 2022**
 - [Pesticide Applicator Training](#), Ozaukee County, Admin Center, Auditorium, 9:00 am.



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In Other News

- **Mental Health First Aid Training:** The University of Wisconsin – Division of Extension announces additional Mental Health First Aid dates for the first quarter of the year! This training is open to all who work and live in Wisconsin.
 - **Youth Mental Health First Aid** is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people.
 - **Adult Mental Health First Aid** teaches adults how to recognize signs of a mental health or substance use challenge or crisis. The program teaches people how to recognize signs of mental health or substance use challenges in adults ages 18 and older, how to offer and provide initial help, and how to guide a person toward appropriate care if necessary.
- To sign up for trainings, please read the attached flyers or go to the WiROSE website - <https://wirose.wisc.edu/community-programming/>

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