



4-H Youth Development

Jayna Hintz, 4-H Program Educator



Positive Youth Development prepares the youth of today to become the effective, empathetic adults of tomorrow. Our research-based youth enrichment programs like teens in governance build youth and adult capacity and partnerships that help both sides grow. 4-H clubs, camps and after-school programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to develop an understanding of themselves and the world.

4-H Program Highlights

- A facilitated conversation with 4-H youth and adult project leaders, where participants received and shared information and resources for holding 4-H project meetings. Through these conversations and shared resources, 4-H volunteer project leaders increase their understanding of creating a safe and positive learning environment where youth can feel comfortable to be their authentic selves.
- Development of a multi-lesson curriculum for youth camp counselors, where they learn and gain awareness of the dynamics of group interaction, being sensitive to others, developmentally appropriate abilities and skills, and general well-being. The goal of this effort is to prepare youth for their role and responsibilities as camp counselors.
- Guidance and support for youth and volunteers, helping them conduct scholarship interviews for 4-H travel educational opportunities. Through this work, youth and volunteers gain valuable life skills relating to writing cover letters, resumes, and essays, and interviewing skills.
- In-person camp counselor interviews took place to make selections for the camp counselor positions for the 2022 4-H summer camp. These interviews provided an opportunity for real-life interviewing skills and a better understanding of camp counselor roles and responsibilities.
- A hands-on session for 4-H and community youth, where they learned about pinewood derby cars' aerodynamics, friction, gravity, and kinetic energy by taking their cars through a series of stations and investigating ways to make their pinewood derby car go faster. The goal of the program was to use hands-on activities incorporating inquiry-based learning to increase science process skills related to building pine-wood derby cards.



Agriculture

Regional Agriculture Educators



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
 - An educational program for farmers, industry agronomists and dairy nutritionists where they learned about the environmental benefits of utilizing grasses for dairy rations, better alfalfa winter survival when seeded with perennial grass and improved animal health when grasses are included in dairy cow diets. The goal is to help farmers grow high quality grasses, which benefit cow health, farm profits and water quality.
 - The Extension program held in Waldo, was developed in partnership with the Sheboygan County Forage Council, UW-Marshfield Research Station and Byron Seeds. Nearly 40 people attended from Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac and Manitowoc counties.
- **Farm Management:** Stephanie Plaster, Farm Management Educator
 - A consultation with a dairy farmer, where opportunities for funding and business planning for a new value-added enterprise were discussed. This effort was designed to help individuals make a decision about a business opportunity or new enterprise.
 - A consultation with a livestock farm family, where the farm's financial position was discussed based on an analysis of the farm's financial records. This effort is designed to help individuals learn the performance capacity and feasibility of their farm as it relates to their long-term goals.
- **Dairy & Livestock:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy & Livestock Agent
 - A four-part webinar series (CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operations) Update) in collaboration with WI DNR for farm owners/operators/managers, agricultural professionals, and public agencies where they learned about feeding efficiency; nutrient management; regulatory updates; and groundwater. The goal of this effort was to teach sustainability through dairy management and feeding efficiency; manure storing and handling; and nutrient management utilizing the latest research and regulatory updates.
 - A presentation for Confined Animal Feeding Operations dairy owners/operators, agronomists, consultants, and agency personnel, where they learned feeding strategies to increase feed efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the dairy cow.



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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

- A coaching session for local non-profit leader where they learned about different types of succession planning. This effort is designed to identify key leaders and balance the workload.
- 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.
- Planning for a strategic planning process with the board of directors and staff of a local nonprofit cultural organization (Cedarburg Cultural Center) during which organizational needs are diagnosed and a strategic planning process is designed. The purpose of this effort is to help the organization identify a strategic direction in order to more effectively use its resources to address local cultural needs.



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What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **March 2, 2022**
 - [Wise WI Winter Series](#), Virtual, 9:00 am.
 - [Identification, Management and Control of Major Apple Pests](#), Virtual, 12:00 Noon
- **March 3, 2022**
 - [Focus on Fathers Parenting Series](#), Virtual, 7:00 pm.
 - [WI Youth Livestock Program: Session 3](#), Virtual, 7:00 pm.
- **March 4, 2022**
 - [Farm Management Friday](#), Virtual 11:00 am., Topic: A Workbook for Farm Succession in Wisconsin
- **March 6, 2022**
 - [Tri-County Virtual Visual Arts Festival](#) Submission Deadline
- **March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022**
 - [FEED Workshop Series](#), Virtual, 10:00 am.
- **March 8, 22, 2022**
 - [4-H Harbinger](#) newsletter published
- **March 9, 2022**
 - [Wise WI Winter Series](#), Virtual 9:00 am.
 - [Growing Strawberries in Containers](#), Virtual, 12:00 noon
- **March 17, 2022**
 - Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Oz Cnty Admin Building, 6:00 pm.
 - Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, Oz Cnty Admin Building, Auditorium 7:30 pm.
- **March 18, 2022**
 - [Farm Management Friday](#), Virtual, 11:00 am., Topic: Who's the Boss? The Transfer of Management on the Farm
- **March 31, 2022**
 - 4-H Adult Volunteers in Preparation Training (VIP), Virtual, 6:30 pm.



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In Other News

- FEED Workshop Series - Tips for Food Business Success: Virtual Winter/Spring 2022:** UW-Madison Division of Extension Community Food Systems Program will provide no-cost virtual workshops for food entrepreneurs 10-11:15am every Monday from March 7th to April 4th.
 - This no-cost series of online trainings is for food entrepreneurs and farm-based food businesses. The trainings will cover best practices in social media and marketing, strategies for overcoming labor challenges, collaborative marketing and distribution options, culturally rooted food business development, and an introduction to GrowthWheel, a tool to guide small business development. This Wisconsin-based series is open to all. All sessions will be delivered via Zoom. Registration is required.
- To register, please visit: <https://go.wisc.edu/b8m3it>



Learn tips for starting and growing a successful food business from specialists and entrepreneurs! This no-cost series of online trainings is for food entrepreneurs and farm-based food businesses.

Best Practices in Social Media & Marketing
Monday March 7th, 2022 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Strategies for Overcoming Labor Challenges through Improvements to Workplace Culture
Tuesday March 16th, 2022 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Exploring Collaborative Marketing and Distribution Options: A Panel Perspective
Wednesday March 23rd, 2022 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Indigenous Commercial Fishing: Developing Culturally Relevant Jobs and a Healthy Food Source
Thursday March 31st, 2022 10:15-11:15 a.m.

An Introduction to GrowthWheel: A Tool to Guide Small Business Development
Monday April 4th, 2022 10:15-11:15 a.m.

To register, please visit: <https://go.wisc.edu/b8m3it>
For more information contact rdewarsh@wisc.edu or see <https://feed.wisc.edu/extension-wisc.edu/>

This series is sponsored by the Community Food Systems Program of the University of Wisconsin - Extension, Division of Extension, and the Department of Food Systems Development.

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