



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
OZAUKEE COUNTY

March 2022 Report

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 collaborative summer camp planning session for adult volunteers and high school camp counselors to engage in team-building activities learned about the essential learning elements, and develop camp activities in order to be prepared to hold our June 2022 4-H Summer Camp successfully.
- 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 a multi-lesson curriculum for youth camp counselors, where they learn and gain awareness of the dynamics of group interaction, being sensitive to others, developmental 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.
- Ongoing support for youth interested in the visual arts, where they create and critique their own and others' artwork, investigate the arts in their community and explore future career paths within the visual arts.
- Planning and implementing the 2022 Tri-County Visual Arts Festival where youth explore and learn more about art and their choice of medium for self-expression. The goal of this effort is to provide youth the opportunity to explore art and receive feedback.



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
 - Farmer and industry participation were excellent for the 2022 Agronomy Day with nearly 140 in attendance. This Extension Educational program was held in Random Lake with farmer participate from 7 area counties. The majority coming from Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Washington and Fond du Lac counties. Ninety-nine percent (99%) of those completing the survey rated the 2022 Agronomy Day program as either Excellent or Good. One hundred percent (100%) said they would like another Agronomy Day Program in 2023. When asked, “how much did you learn”, Ninety percent (90%) indicated a high level of learning rating their knowledge increase either a “5” or “4” based on a Likert scale of 5 – 1 with 5 being “Yes/High”. When asked, “was the information relevant and will I use it”, Eighty four percent (84%) indicated a high level of relevance rating the intent to use the information either a “5” or “4” based on a Likert scale of 5 -1 with 5 being “Yes/will use the information.
- **Farm Management:** Stephanie Plaster, Farm Management Educator
 - A consultation with a livestock farmer, where opportunities 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 series of activities for farmers and agriculture professionals, where participants developed a vision and strategy for their business by analyzing their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. 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.
- **Dairy & Livestock:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy & Livestock Agent
 - A presentation for elected government officials and extension administrators, where they learned about local agriculture extension programming impacts to better understand Extension’s regional staffing model and its benefits for the agricultural sector.
 - A virtual conference for dairy farmers, managers, workers, and allied service professionals, where they learned management practices for heat stress, calf disbudding, transportation of cattle, FARM Version 4.0 non-compliance, genetic selection, and calving pen assistance and newborn processing. The goal is to improve on-farm animal welfare, wellbeing, and productivity.
 - An on-farm consultation with a dairy farm family, where opportunities for funding and business planning for a value-added enterprise were discussed. This effort was designed to help the farm family make an informed decision based on how the current farm operation and production would fit with a value-added enterprise.



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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.
- Planning for a community survey to accompany a strategic planning process with the board of directors and staff of a local nonprofit cultural organization (Cedarburg Cultural Center). The purpose of this effort is to seek input on local cultural needs from both members and the greater community to help the organization identify a strategic direction.
- Planning for a strategic thinking process with a local youth-focused organization during which organizational needs are diagnosed and a planning process is designed. The purpose of this effort is to help the organization identify a purpose statement in order to more effectively use its resources to support local youth.



What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **April 1, 2022**
 - Office Closed, Staff In-service
 - [Farm Management Friday](#), Virtual 11:00 am., Topic: Develop Your Farm Business Idea Using Lean Start-up and Business Model Canvas
- **April 1-2, 2022**
 - 4-H Tri-County Tournament: Shooting Sports, West Bend
- **April 4, 2022**
 - [FEED Workshop Series](#), Virtual, 10:00 am.
- **April 8, 2022**
 - [Farm Management Friday](#), Virtual 11:00 am., Topic: Strategic Thinking for the Farm Business: Putting Your Farm Values to Work
 - [Tri-County Visual Arts Festival - People's Choice Voting](#) Closes
- **April 12, 2022**
 - [4-H Harbinger](#) newsletter published
- **April 14, 2022**
 - [WI Youth Livestock Program](#): Session 4, Virtual, 7:00 pm.
- **April 21, 2022**
 - Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Pavilion, 6:00 pm.
 - 4-H Annual Leaders Training Make-up Session, Virtual, 6:30 pm
- **April 22, 2022**
 - [Farm Management Friday](#), Virtual 11:00 am., Topic: Cultivating Personal Strength and Resilience: We-COPE for Farmers and Agriculture
- **April 23, 2022**
 - 4-H Volleyball Tournament, 9:00 am.
- **April 27, 2022**
 - The Haunt Informational Night, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds Pavilion, 6:00 pm.
- **April 30, 2022**
 - [4-H Summer Camp Registration Closes](#) (as capacity allows), Youth grades 3-9



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In Other News

- **Farm Management Fridays – April 2022:** Join University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension’s Farm Management Fridays webinars to learn about tools and strategies to build your farm business, and how to develop skills that cultivate a sense of peace and well-being.

Farm Management Fridays webinars are a part of Extension’s [Farm Ready Research](#) winter programming for farmers and ag professionals to improve business profitability and lifestyles through informed decision-making. There is no charge to participate in the sessions, but pre-registration is required to allow access to the session. Register online at go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch.

“Do you find yourself wondering how to take your big picture idea and translate it into an actionable plan?” asks Stephanie Plaster, Extension Regional Farm Management Educator. “Join us in April for our Farm Management Fridays where we’ll be walking through proactive management tools you can use to envision and design your farm business’s path forward.”

- April topics include:
 - April 1, 2022: Develop your Farm Business Idea Using Lean Start-Up and Business Model Canvas.
 - April 8, 2022: Strategic Thinking for the Farm Business: Putting your Farm Values to Work.
 - April 22, 2022: Cultivating Personal Strength and Resilience: We-COPE for Farmers and Agriculture.

We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.

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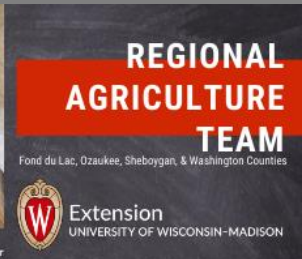
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