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April 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

- Development of 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.
- An annual training for 4-H youth and adult leaders across Wisconsin where we described the relationship between Youth-Adult Partnerships and the quality of 4-H programs and provided strategies for improving Youth-Adult Partnerships. This training is intended to increase the number and quality of youth-adult partnerships in 4-H programs across the state.



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
 - A multi-regional educational program (Finalizing Your Agronomic Input Decisions for 2022) for farmers, industry agronomists and Land Conservation Department staff, where they learned about herbicide resistant weed management, minimizing phosphorus runoff from farm fields and spending fertilizer inputs wisely. The goal is to help farmers and industry agronomists learn about on-farm plant nutrient resources, how to reduce phosphorus runoff, and how to best manage herbicide resistant weeds.
 - Conducted Pesticide Applicator Training for farmers interested in using Restricted Use Pesticides in their cropping systems. DATCP requires farmers to successfully pass a competency-based test in order to become certified. The training helps farmers prepare for the exam.
- **Farm Management:** Stephanie Plaster, Farm Management Educator
 - A series of consultations with farmers, where business planning was discussed. This effort was designed to help individuals determine whether a business opportunity is likely to succeed.
 - A series of conference sessions for farmers where they learned about farm succession planning, how to navigate labor shortages, and how to use business development and analysis tools. The purpose of this program is to help farmers make informed decisions for their businesses and improve the success of farm businesses.
- **Dairy & Livestock:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy & Livestock Agent
 - A factsheet for dairy owners/operators, agronomists, consultants, and agency personnel, where they learned about dairy cow feeding strategies to increase feed efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
 - A presentation for dairy owners/operators, managers, employees, custom heifer raisers, and service providers where they learned how to incorporate the use of scales and heifer weights to improve lactation performance and profitability through proper weights of heifers at breeding and pre- and post-calving.
 - An on-farm consultation for a custom heifer raiser, where he learned about feed efficiency and rate of gain to improve heifer growth, productivity, and profitability.



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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 considered a variety of organizational structures for future change. This effort is designed to identify core programs, key leaders, and a new path forward.
- Development of a presentation about the Racially Restrictive Covenant project, 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 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.



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What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **May 1, 2022**
 - Cops and Kids event, partner event by Ozaukee County Sheriff Office
- **May 10, 24, 2022**
 - [4-H Harbinger](#) newsletter published
- **May 10, 2022**
 - [Best Practices for Watering Yard & Garden](#), Virtual, 12:00 noon
- **May 12, 2022**
 - [WI Youth Livestock Program](#): Session 4, Virtual, 7:00 pm.
- **May 14, 2022**
 - 4-H Camp Counselor Training, all day
 - 4-H Dog Project, County Dog Show
- **May 18, 2022**
 - [Strategies for Identifying and Managing Insect Pests](#), Virtual, 12:00 noon
- **May 19, 2022**
 - Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Pavilion, 6:00 pm.
 - Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Pavilion 7:30 pm.
- **May 30, 2022**
 - Memorial Day holiday, office closed
- **May 31, 2022**
 - [Strategies for Identifying and Managing Plant Diseases](#), Virtual, 12:00 noon



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In Other News

- Cindy Sarkady, Area 15 Extension Director, honored with Visionary Leadership Award - [Press Release](#)
- “Creating a Value-Added Business Model That Works”, Stephanie Plaster, published 4-5-22: <https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/articles/creating-a-value-added-business-model-that-works/>

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