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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
OZAUKEE COUNTY

May 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 training for adult volunteers and high school camp counselors to engage in team-building activities, learn about the ages and stages of youth development, discuss support networks, and develop camp activities in order to be prepared to hold a June 2022 4-H Summer Camp successfully.
- 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.
- 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.
- A poster session at a statewide conference for Extension professionals where our team shared results of Conversation Corner program efforts. This effort was designed to educate other colleagues about this method of support for volunteers.
- A national conference presentation for extension professionals across the county who work with volunteers where participants learned an alternative method to support and educate volunteers to be more effective in their leadership roles.



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 “Focus on Forage” webinar series for farmers, agronomists, and other industry service providers, where they learned about growing and managing alternative forages to include: species selection, N fertilization, residual soil N following grass forages. The use of grasses helps to improve both water quality and animal performance.
 - Topics included: “Are Forage Cocktail Mixes a Reasonable Alternative?”, “Dairy Farmer Perspectives on Cocktail Mixes and Annual Forages” and “Profitability of N Management for Alternative Forages” featuring Matt Akins, Mike Ballweg, Kevin Jarek and Carrie Laboski, UW-Madison, Division of Extension as well as Brody Stapel, Double Dutch Dairy, Cedar Grove. Two hundred and six individuals registered for the event.
- **Farm Management:** Stephanie Plaster, Farm Management Educator
 - A farm management newsletter for farmers and agribusiness professionals, where subscribers learned about Extension farm management resources. This effort was designed to connect the agriculture industry to the Extension farm management program and provide a timely and reliable source of farm management news and updates.
 - 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.
- **Dairy & Livestock:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy & Livestock Agent
 - A dairy production and management newsletter for farmers, managers, employees, and agribusiness professionals, where subscribers learned about breeding the correct dairy cow for feed efficiency and how dairy cows are also considered beef cows. This effort was designed to provide a timely and reliable source of dairy management news and updates.
 - Planning and development of Four-State Dairy Nutrition and Management Conference in collaboration with University of Minnesota, Iowa State University, and University of Illinois Extensions. The goal of this effort is to provide the latest unbiased, university-based research regarding nutrition, herd health, animal welfare, etc. so farms can become more economically viable and environmentally sustainable in the production of safe food.



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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

- An educational program (Civil Leadership for Vibrant Communities) for community leaders across Wisconsin where participants learn about civil leadership. This effort is designed to build civil civic leadership skills and community leadership networks within Ozaukee County and across Wisconsin.
- 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.
- A presentation at a statewide conference for Extension professionals about how our team designed a program from the inside-out by embedding a culture of collaboration within the team, curriculum, and facilitation style. This effort was designed to inspire other colleagues to seek a group culture of collaboration and shared decision-making in their own work.



What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **May 16 - June 4, 2022**
 - 4-H Tri-County Visual Arts Festival Traveling Exhibit, Cedarburg Public Library
- **May 30, 2022**
 - Memorial Day Holiday, office closed
- **June 1, 15, 29, 2022**
 - [4-H Book Read](#), Time & Location TBD.
- **June 7, 2022**
 - 4-H Clothing Revue, 6:00 pm., Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Pavilion
- **June 14, 28, 2022**
 - [4-H Harbinger](#) newsletter published
- **June 14, 2022**
 - [4-H New Family Fair Orientation Night](#), 6:30 pm., Ozaukee County Fairgrounds
- **June 15, 2022**
 - 4-H Camper Orientation, 6:30 pm., Ozaukee County Fairgrounds
- **June 16, 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.
- **June 20, 2022**
 - [4-H Spark Day](#), UW-River Falls, Agriculture & Animal Science theme
- **June 21, 2022**
 - [4-H Spark Day](#), UW-Milwaukee, Urban Agriculture/City Sparks theme
- **June 22, 2022**
 - [4-H Spark Day](#), UW-Madison, Arts & Culture theme
- **June 23-26, 2022**
 - 4-H Summer Camp
- **July 1, 2022**
 - 4-H Fair Entry Deadline



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In Other News0

- Jayna Hintz, Extension Ozaukee County 4-H Educator, receives [Colleague of the Year Award](#)
- Karina Ward, Extension Ozaukee County Community Development Educator, receives [Quality of Teaching Award](#)

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