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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
OZAUKEE COUNTY

June 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.
- 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 five-session book reading group for youth and adults, where participants read and discussed the book "Sparks: How Parents Can help Ignite the Hidden Strengths of Teenagers" with a focus on what are sparks and how can we ignite them to help youth find direction and purpose. This effort is designed to help older youth and volunteers understand the term sparks and that they are an essential ingredient in the 4-H Thriving model.
- A workshop for families new to 4-H, where participants learn how to enter the county fair, practice a mock judging experience, and tour the fairgrounds. The purpose of this effort is to help families new to 4-H feel more comfortable and confident as they prepare their projects to show at the fair.
- An orientation for 4-H summer camp families, where participants learn what to expect at camp, what to pack, meet the counselors, and camp staff. The purpose of this effort is to increase the confidence of new camp participants, support a sense of belonging that helps with social-emotional learning, social comfort, and peer relationships when at camp.
- Two four-day summer camp programs, one for youth in grades 3-6 and one for youth in grades 7-9, where participants engaged in outdoor recreation, arts & crafts, wildlife education, and team building activities to gain skills, support youth autonomy, and leadership.



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
 - One-on-one consultations with farmers from Sheboygan, Fond Du Lac, Washington and Ozaukee Counties where farmers learned about: crimping winter rye and no-till planting soybeans, understanding alfalfa quality reports to better time harvest for high quality dairy forage, weed control on small scale organic vegetable farms, and lastly helping buyers and sellers to determine a fair market prices of standing alfalfa off the field. Better understanding of these agronomic topics result in greater farm profits.
 - An on-farm demonstration project in Ozaukee County where farmers learned about planting unit closing wheels made by different manufactures that will improve no-till planting, seed placement and better germination.
 - As a member of the Ozaukee County USDA Demo Farm Management Team, assisted in developing educational programs and outreach for Ozaukee County. Farmers, industry agronomists and agency personnel will learn about soil health and cover crop practices that improve water quality, by improving soil infiltration rates and enhanced nutrient utilization.
- **Dairy & Livestock:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy & Livestock Agent
 - A consultation with county conservationist, where he learned about community-shared manure processing research and technologies to include in the county's Request for Proposal seeking proposals from qualified environmental consulting firms to conduct a feasibility study for an animal waste treatment system for the county and its farming community that can be used by multiple farms.
 - A popular press article written for Wisconsin Agriculturist readers, where they learned about dairy calf quality assurance. This effort is designed to show industry and university research-based best management practices to maintain and/or improve the growth, wellbeing, and welfare of a newborn calf.
 - Planning and development for bi-annual forage twilight meeting for farmers, nutritionists, agronomists, and other service providers in collaboration with Fond du Lac County Forage Council. The goal of this effort is to share with individuals how to manage and retain employees, so that they can create a positive work environment and culture on the farm.



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

- Planning for priority programming aimed at key issues in Ozaukee County. In the next months we will conduct a needs assessment and work with key partners and stakeholders to develop upcoming programming.

What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **July 1, 2022**
 - 4-H Fair Entry Deadline
- **July 4, 2022**
 - Independence Day holiday, office closed
- **July 12 & 26, 2022**
 - [4-H Harbinger Newsletter](#) published
- **July 13 & 27, 2022**
 - 4-H Book Read Group meeting, time & location TBD.
- **July 21, 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.
- **July 27, 2022**
 - [Badger Crop Connect](#), Virtual session, 12:30 pm., Topic: Corn & Soy Disease Management
- **July 28 & 29, 2022**
 - 4-H Face to Face Judging for Non-Animal Projects, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, 1-6 pm.
- **August 3-7, 2022**
 - 4-H at [Ozaukee County Fair](#)



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In Other News

- [Wisconsin Nonprofits Connect to Learn](#) provides nonprofit leaders with opportunities to advance their skills while connecting and learning from peers. The program covers content that is important to nonprofit leaders while centering the formation of a peer network for ongoing support, mentorship, resource sharing, and collaboration.
- [Planning AHEAD Seminar Announced for Late Summer](#): Join Extension for Planning AHEAD, a FREE series that addresses aspects of End-of-Life Planning. Planning AHEAD takes place over seven sessions that will explore setting health care wishes, financial responsibilities, estate planning, legal requirements and documentation, distribution of personal property, end-of-life decisions, and understanding of grief and emotional ramifications. Participants will receive a packet that will be mailed to them prior to the start of the series to help guide them through a manageable step-by-step plan.

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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