



## 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 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 sparks are and how we can 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.
- Development of an interactive educational booth for the Ozaukee County Fair. The goal of the interactive educational fair booth is to raise awareness of the 4-H Thriving Model and how 4-H plays an important role in youth discovering their sparks, which are an essential ingredient of thriving.
- Facilitation support between officers of chartered 4-H Clubs and Groups and an insurance consultant to build their capacity related to insurance coverage for 4-H events and programs they plan and oversee.

## 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.

- Educator resigned position as of July 22, 2022



## 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 on-farm project to monitor the quality of alfalfa growth and development, in planning for the first crop harvest, which makes up 30 - 40% of the total production for the year. Because there are yearly weather variations impacting plant growth, results from this study help farmers in deciding the optional time to harvest alfalfa for high quality dairy forage. Harvesting at the optimal time helps farmers avoid higher costs of purchased livestock feed, increases their milk yields and improves the profitability of dairy farms.
  - The alfalfa quality project included: Washington, Ozaukee, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan Counties within the region. Based on the most recent ag census information there are approximately 135,000 acres of alfalfa grown in the region which support the region's nearly 400 dairy herds. If only half of the region's alfalfa acres were harvested one week earlier because of this Extension alfalfa quality educational program, an additional \$7.3 million of annual milk sales would be generated for dairy farmers within the region. An economic impact breakdown by county shows: (Sheboygan 2.19 million), (Ozaukee .73 million), Washington 1.38 million) and Fond Du Lac 2.99 million). Biweekly (twice a week) emails were sent to 1000 farmers and ag-industry professionals across the region (Regional Ag Email list) throughout the month of May.
- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Agent
  - A dairy production and management newsletter for farmers, managers, employees, and agribusiness professionals, where subscribers learned about managing heat in pre-weaned calves and overstocking effects on cow performance. This effort was designed to provide a timely and reliable source of dairy management news and updates.
  - A twilight meeting for farmers, managers, employees, and agribusiness professionals, where they learned about employee management and developing a work culture. This effort is designed to help farmers improve the workplace environment to retain employees and improve economic viability.
  - Planning and developing a regional agriculture e-newsletter for owner/operators, farmers, herds managers and persons, employees, industry representatives, and agency personnel. The goal of this effort is to provide timely, relevant extension resources so they can increase their farm viability, environmental sustainability while maintaining animal welfare and food safety.



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## What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **August 3-7, 2022**
  - 4-H at [Ozaukee County Fair](#)
- **August 4-14, 2022**
  - Wisconsin State Fair
- **August 9 & 23, 2022**
  - [4-H Harbinger Newsletter](#) published
- **August 10, 2022**
  - [Badger Crop Connect](#), Virtual session, 12:30 pm., Topic: Making Great Corn Silage and Building Soil Health
- **August 17, 2022**
  - 4-H County Board Exchange, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington, 8:00 am
  - [4-H Conversation Corner](#), Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington, 6:00 pm., Topic: 4-H Annual Financial Review
- **August 18, 2022**
  - Ozaukee County 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, Pavilion, 6:00 pm.
- **August 19, 2022**
  - 4-H Pool Party, Grafton Family Aquatic Center, 7:30 pm.
- **August 24, 2022**
  - [Badger Crop Connect](#), Virtual session, 12:30 pm., Topic: Cover Crops as Spring Forage and Winter Wheat Management



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## In Other News

- **Extension’s New Farm Management Outreach Specialist named to focus on strategic decisions for successful farm businesses.** University of Wisconsin–Madison Division of Extension is pleased to announce Stephanie Plaster as the new Extension Farm Management Outreach Specialist. The Farm Management Outreach Specialist position is a new, exciting position in the UW–Madison Division of Extension. This position will identify needs and provide outreach education to find solutions to the most critical issues facing Wisconsin agricultural producers in the areas of farm financial and strategic business management. Stephanie was previously the Regional Agriculture Extension Educator for Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan Counties. As the new Farm Management Outreach Specialist, she will leverage her 10+ years of experience in the field to enhance the competitiveness of farms and the agricultural industry across Wisconsin. (<https://farms.extension.wisc.edu/author/plaster/>)

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