



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
OZAUKEE COUNTY

# September 2022 Report

## 4-H Youth Development

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**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

- An in-person organizational meeting for a new 4-H club, where 4-H youth, family, and adult leaders learned expectations, selected leaders, voted on by-laws and agreed on a meeting day and time. This effort was designed to support the new club by providing a time to ask questions and be part of the decisions necessary in starting the club.
- An in-person Shooting Sports organizational meeting, where 4-H youth and families met the leaders and learned about the project's plans and expectations. This supported the 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders by providing time for members to ask questions and to enter the 2022-2023 4-H year prepared.
- Two in-person 4-H Open Houses for Ozaukee County youth and their parents/guardians, where participants learn about 4-H Thriving Model, 4-H Projects, Clubs, activities, and how to enroll in the Ozaukee County 4-H Program. This effort is designed to raise awareness of the 4-H program and of the important role 4-H plays in youth discovering their sparks, which are an essential ingredient of thriving.



## 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 Soil Health Field Day where farmers, industry agronomists and agency personnel learned about planting green into rye, the benefits of low disturbance manure applications, and water mold root disease management of soybean. The goal is to help farmers and the industry agronomists explore and implement cropping strategies that improve soil and crop health.
  - One-on-one consultations with farmers from Sheboygan, Fond Du Lac, Washington and Ozaukee Counties where farmers learned about weed control in soybeans and winter wheat, prairie establishment, organic farming and certification, rye cover crop establishment and termination, land rental prices within the region, seed germination testing and soil carbon crediting. Better understanding of these agronomic topics result in greater farm profits and enhanced environmental stewardship.
  - Participated in a soybean phytophthora root rot population survey across the region to help assess for the occurrences of new races of the water mold diseases in soybean. Significant rainfall events in recent years may have resulted in soybean varieties that are no longer resistant to root diseases, and results from this study will help plant breeders develop improved soybean varieties with greater resistance to soybean root disease.
- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Agent
  - Planning for a bilingual dairy workers newsletter for on-farm dairy employees in collaboration with Language Access and Office of Access, Inclusion, and Compliance. The goal of this effort is to provide a dairy resource to an underserved audience in order for them to gain new knowledge and best management practices to incorporate on the farm to help maintain and grow economic viability.
  - Planning for bi-annual Midwest Manure Summit for farmers, managers, agronomists, engineers, nutrient management consultants, manure haulers, consultants, and other agri-business professionals. The goal of this effort is to teach individuals the latest, unbiased, university-based research on manure handling technologies, so that they can improve environmental sustainability and increase farm business viability.



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## What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **October 6, 2022**
  - Extension/4-H Youth Advisory Council meeting, Ozaukee County Admin Building, 6:00 pm.
  - [What's Covering Your Soil This Winter?](#), Karrels Farm Shop, Port Washington, 10:00 am.
- **October 11 & 25, 2022**
  - [4-H Harbinger Newsletter](#) published
- **October 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, 2022**
  - 4-H The Haunt, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, evenings
- **October 12, 2022**
  - [Badger Crop Connect](#), Virtual session, 12:30 pm., Topic: Meet the New Extension Specialists
- **October 20, 2022**
  - 4-H Visual Arts Festival Planning Committee meeting, Virtual, 4:30 pm.
  - 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington, 6:00 pm.
- **October 22-23, 2022**
  - [4-H State Art Camp](#), Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
- **October 26, 2022**
  - [Badger Crop Connect](#), Virtual session, 12:30 pm., Topic: Grain Marketing Outlook
- **October 27, 2022**
  - 4-H Club/Group Officer Leadership Training, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington, 6:00 pm.

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