



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
OZAUKEE COUNTY

November 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

- Planning the 2023 Tri-County Visual Arts Festival where youth explore and learn more about art and their choice of medium for self-expression. The goal of this effort is to provide youth with the opportunity to explore art and receive feedback.
- Development of gant chart and subcommittee formation for the Grow Green training that will support volunteers in each of their selected roles, with the goal of implementing the training in September of 2023.
- An orientation for new 4-H families where participants can ask questions, meet other new families, and make a 4-H plan for the year. The goal is to help 4-H families in their first three years of 4-H get the most out of their 4-H membership.
- Development of a SMART goal grant application and grantee rubric for volunteers and staff that will be awarded funds received from the WI 4-H Foundation. This effort helps clubs celebrate meeting their chartered, youth-driven SMART goals for the 2021-2022 4-H Year.
- Guidance and support for youth and volunteers, helping them conduct scholarship interviews for 4-H travel educational opportunities. Through this work, youth and volunteers gain valuable life skills relating to writing cover letters, resumes, and essays, and interviewing skills.
- A training for adults who are interested in becoming 4-H volunteers, where adults learned what Extension is, how volunteers contribute to Extension programs, volunteer roles and responsibilities, what makes a quality youth development program, and what resources are available to 4-H volunteers. This effort is intended to prepare all future 4-H volunteers.



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 educational field day for farmers, industry agronomists and agency personnel where they learned about: Managing Rye Cover Crops and its impact on the Nitrogen Cycle, Benefits to Legume Cover Crops in Managing the Carbon to Nitrogen ratios, and Dissolved Phosphorus Losses and How to Limit it. The goal is to assist farmers and industry agronomists to explore alternative cover cropping strategies that include more legumes in cover crop systems as a way to grow on farm nitrogen resources, while providing for effective crop covers to protect soils and water quality.
- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Agent
 - Development and planning for in-person CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operations) Update Meeting series for WPDES (WI Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permitted farms, crop and dairy managers, agriculture engineers, crop consultants, agronomists, professional and on-farm nutrient applicators, government agency personnel, and other interested individuals in collaboration with WI DNR (Department of Natural Resources). The goal of this effort is to discuss and teach individuals to protect ground and surface water and dairy farm sustainability through dairy management and feeding efficiency; manure storing and handling; and nutrient management utilizing the latest research and regulatory updates.
 - A popular press article written for Wisconsin Agriculturist readers, where they learned how to establish best management practices and identify a pre-weaned calf fit for transporting long distances. 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 pre-weaned calf while being transported to an off-farm rearing facility.
 - A factsheet for dairy farmers, managers, employees, and agribusiness professionals where they learn how to detect and manage umbilical cord infections in newborn calves to improve animal welfare, health, and productive of the calf, thus improving farm vitality.



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What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **December 1, 2022**
 - 4-H Youth Advisory Council meeting, 6:00pm, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington
 - [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 6:30 pm., Virtual Session
- **December 12,13,15,16, 2022**
 - [Badger Crop & Soils Update Meetings](#), times & locations vary
- **December 13, 27, 2022**
 - [4-H Harbinger Newsletter](#) published
- **December 13, 2022**
 - [4-H Project Leader Orientation](#), 6:30 pm, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington
 - [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 6:30 pm, Virtual Session
- **December 15, 2022**
 - [Dairy Forage Day](#), 10:30 am, Fond du Lac County Highway Commission, Fond du Lac
 - 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, 6:00 pm., Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington
- **December 23, 26, 30, 2022, January 2, 2023**
 - Holiday: office closed
- **December 28, 2022**
 - [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 1:00 pm, Virtual Session

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