



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

- A grant application process for 4-H youth and 4-H leaders where they applied for and were awarded SMART goal grants based on youth participation and demonstrated youth-adult partnerships. The goal of this project is for youth to reflect on their life skills and achievements gained through taking actionable steps to meet their club's chartered SMART goals for the 2021-2022 4-H Year.
- An interactive educational experience for the Tri-County Visual Arts 4-H Club youth where participants learned through hands-on activities the basics of creating collagraphs, a type of relief print, and monoprints. The goal of the program is to foster curiosity and creativity, increase creative thinking, and self-understanding.
- Development of Gantt 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 4-H volunteer project leaders, where participants received and shared information and resources for holding a 4-H project meeting. Through these conversations and shared resources, 4-H volunteer project leaders increase their understanding of creating a safe and positive learning environment where youth feel comfortable to be their authentic selves.
- 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.
- Guidance and support for youth and adult volunteers, helping them plan summer outpost camp. Through this work, youth and volunteers gain life skills related to project management, planning and working with the community.



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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
 - Private Pesticide Applicator Training/Testing is an Extension educational program required by DATCP for farmers who wish to use a unique category of pesticides in their cropping systems called: Restricted Use Pesticides. Farmers learn about reading and understanding a pesticide label, handling pesticides and personal safety, minimizing the risk to the environment and keeping pesticides on target.
 - While training is now administered from the State Pesticide Applicator Training office, pesticide applicator testing is administered at the local level within each region. I've worked across county boundaries within the area to coordinate "testing only" opportunities for farmers in each of the four counties, Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Washington and Fond du Lac for farmers who have completed their on-line or self-study training. I've also helped to coordinate an outreach marketing program to inform farmers wishing to participate in one of the regional in-person training and testing dates. Those in-person training and testing sessions will be held in Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, and Dodge counties. Extension support staff in each of the four counties will be handling testing registrations and serving as test site proctors.
- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Agent
 - Planning and development for a dairy production management and financial consensus-building roundtable in collaboration with Texas A&M University Agricultural and Food Policy Center. The goal of this effort is to gather unbiased and accurate cost of production analysis from dairy farmers so the data can be used to develop a "representative dairy farm" to assist in Congressional farm program and policy development.
 - Dairy health and welfare educational videos for farmers and those who work with dairy cattle to help them learn proper care of animals. Proper care of dairy cattle improves growth and production, quality of life of the animal, and improves work environment for those who care for the animals.



What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **January 7, 2023**
 - [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 9:00 am, Virtual Session
- **January 9, 2023**
 - [Nutrient Management Training for Farmers](#), 10:00am, Virtual Session
- **January 10, 24, 31, 2023**
 - [Badger Dairy Insight](#), 1:00 pm., Virtual Session
- **January 10, 17, 31, 2023**
 - 4-H Annual Leader Training, Book Read Sessions, 6:30pm, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington
- **January 10, 24, 2023**
 - [4-H Harbinger Newsletter](#) published
- **January 17, 2023**
 - [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 6:30 pm, Virtual Session
- **January 19, 2023**
 - 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, 6:00 pm., Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington
 - 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 7:30 pm., Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington
- **January 21-27, 2023**
 - WI 4-H Space Academy Experience
- **January 23-27, 2023**
 - [Raising Wisconsin's Children Conference](#), Various Virtual Session
- **January 25, 2023**
 - 4-H Communications Festival, 5:00 pm., Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington
- **January 26, 2023**
 - [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 6:30 pm., Virtual Session



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In Other News

- **Ozaukee County Extension Office Hiring: Join Our Team!** Extension Ozaukee County is currently hiring a Community Development Educator to serve Ozaukee County. This position will play a lead role in supporting the ongoing delivery of a statewide curriculum and more that serves nonprofits in Ozaukee County. Read more about the position by [clicking on this job link](#).
- **Raising Wisconsin's Children Conference 2023:** January 23-27, 2023 - The Raising Wisconsin's Children Conference is a free, online conference for parents and caregivers of children providing supportive, practical parenting and child development information. Please visit the [conference website](#) for speakers and topics. Click through on speaker names for bios and presentation details. All sessions will be closed captioned and available with live Spanish interpretation. For more information, session, and registration, visit the Raising Wisconsin's Children Conference website at <https://parenting.extension.wisc.edu/raising-wisconsins-children-2023-conference/>
- **Private Pesticide Applicator - 2023 Certification News:** Pesticide Application Training (PAT) and Certification for private pesticide applicators has been updated. An [overview of changes](#) can be found on the [University of Wisconsin PAT Program website](#). If you need to be certified or recertified, please be aware that county offices will no longer be sending you a letter alerting you of when your certification expires. Search the [database](#) for expiration. Options and flexibility are now available for training and testing. Reference [PAT website](#) or contact your [local Extension Office](#) for more information.

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