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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 hands-on session for 4-H and community youth, where they learned about pinewood derby cars' aerodynamics, friction, gravity, and kinetic energy by taking their cars through a series of stations and investigating ways to make their pinewood derby car go faster. The goal of the program was to use hands-on activities incorporating inquiry-based learning to increase science process skills related to building pinewood derby cars.
- 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.
- Development of a Supporting Youth Mental Health (SYMh) renewal course for 4-H volunteers and staff chaperoning youth where participants will review and practice important skills, review resources, be trauma informed, understand common youth mental health issues, and learn appropriate strategies to intercede. The outcome is a welcoming safe environment for youth when in custodial care of volunteers and staff.
- 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.



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:** Vacant, Area Crops and Soils Agent
 - Position is vacant currently but posted for hiring – [Regional Crops Educator](#) position. Deadline for application is March 2nd.
- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Agent
 - Six of a multi-dairy heifer factsheet series for dairy farmers, managers, employees, calf raisers, nutritionists, veterinarians, and other allied industry members where they learned the "why" and "how" of several best management practices including colostrum management, dehydration/fluid therapy, bedding comfort, biosecurity, and monitoring youngstock for disease. This effort is designed for individuals to improve animal husbandry and welfare practices for improved farm business viability, environmental sustainability, and food safety.
 - A dairy quality assurance training for youth exhibitors, where they learned about the quality care of animals through animal well-being, food safety, and life skills to help individuals understand their role in food animal production to improve business viability, environmental sustainability, and food safety.
 - A research project to serve as a case study & pilot project, surveying the impact of copper sulfate footbath materials application via manure on soil and alfalfa copper concentrations and alfalfa quality and productivity on eastern Wisconsin dairy farms. Results from this study will help dairy farmers understand how to better manage copper sulfate footbaths, resulting in healthier levels of copper in soil, forages, and livestock.



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What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **March 1, 2023**
 - [4-H Tri-County Visual Arts Festival](#) – Entry deadline
 - 4-H Project Leader Orientation, 6:00 pm., Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington
- **March 2, 14, 19, 20, 22, 2023**
 - [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 6:30 pm, Virtual Session
- **March 7, 17, 21, 28, 2023**
 - [Badger Dairy Insight](#), 1:00 pm., Virtual Session
- **March 7, 2023**
 - [Nutrient Management Training for Farmers](#), 10:00 am., Virtual session
- **March 8, 2023**
 - [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 6:30 pm, Virtual Session
 - [Spongy Moths: What to Expect in 2023](#), 6:00 pm, Virtual Session
- **March 14, 28, 2023**
 - [4-H Harbinger Newsletter](#) published
- **March 16, 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
- **March 18, 2023**
 - Project Bunny, 10:00-Noon, Circle B Recreation, Cedarburg
- **March 22, 2023**
 - [4-H Club/Group Succession Planning/Shared Leadership Workshop](#), 6:30 pm, Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington
 - [Plant Disease Predictions for 2023](#), 6:30 pm, Virtual Session
- **March 31 – April 1, 2023**
 - 4-H Tri-County Shoot, Shooting Sport Disciplines & Wildlife Education, Washington County Fair Park



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In Other News

- **Extension Highlight:** University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor Mnookin's [first official presentation](#) to the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents was earlier this month. "And our biggest statewide footprint is through the Division of Extension, which has put rocket boosters under our statewide engagement since we brought them back to UW–Madison five years ago. Their daily presence in all 72 counties is connecting our researchers in a much more direct way to some of the biggest problems this state is facing – like opioid addiction, water contamination, and health disparities. Extension is a bridge between university research and the work happening ‘on the ground’ in our communities, making the work on both sides stronger and better. This is the very best of the Wisconsin Idea." – Chancellor Mnookin
- **Tractor Safety:** The [Wisconsin Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety Certification Program](#) is designed to meet requirements established by the US Department of Labor, pertaining to special provisions made for the employment of youth ages 14-15 on farms not operated by their parents. In addition, Wisconsin Act 455 provides specific provisions for tractor operation by 12-13-year olds. [2023 Course offerings and dates](#) are being posted as they become available to the [Tractor Safety](#) website.
- **Statewide Parenting Educational Opportunities:** Several statewide virtual educational opportunities revolving around parenting and family relationships have been announced through Extension. These are free to attend, but registration is requested. More information and registration, please visit links below-
 - [Strong Couples Program](#) and [Resilient Co-Parenting series](#) and [Thursday Night Parenting Class](#)

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