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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
OZAUKEE COUNTY

March 2023 Report

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

- Succession Planning & Shared Leadership training for 4-H organizational leaders to learn about succession planning, what it can look like, approaches, providing resources and together sharing ideas to make succession planning possible.
- 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.
- 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.
- Project management of the development for the Grow Green training, to be implemented in September of 2023, that will support and provide resources for new 4-H volunteers enabling them to identify the mission and philosophies of 4-H and its ties to UW-Madison and understand and share common goals, connections, and language of 4-H youth development.
- 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:** Vacant, Area Crops and Soils Agent
 - Position is vacant currently but posted for hiring.
- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Agent
 - A moderate and large farm operator round table discussion group in collaboration with Texas A&M Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC), where participants shared and discussed representative financial and production values for dairy farms operations in the region. This effort is designed to collect data to establish a "Representative Dairy Farm's" financial and milk and crop production values, which will be used to help develop Congressional agriculture programs through scenarios utilizing "real-word" agriculture costs and expenses.
 - A presentation on fit for transport of calves and market cows for dairy farmers and dairy consultants, where participants learned to identify when an animal should and should not be transported. This effort was designed to improve animal health and well-being, positively impacting a farmer's ability to be economically viable.
 - Planning for a program for women in agriculture (VITAL - Valuably Informed Thriving Agricultural Leader) in Northeastern WI. The goal of this effort is to teach individuals the latest, unbiased, university-based research on transition cow health, farm diversification, and farm economics so that they can improve farm efficiencies and increase farm business viability.



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Community Development

Tania Spofford, 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.

Community Development Highlights

- Welcome Tania! Tania Spofford is the new Community Development Educator for Extension Ozaukee County. Tania brings 20 years in professional non-profit advocacy and development. She has held roles as executive director, community organizer, educator, and organization and leadership development consultant, working with organizations such as United Way, Goodwill, regional healthcare systems, local churches, and other nonprofit community organizations throughout east central Wisconsin. Tania is excited to join Extension and contribute to making a positive impact locally!





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What's Next/Upcoming Events

- **April 5, 2023**
 - [VITAL Women in Ag Seminar](#), 10:00 am, Farm Discovery Center, Manitowoc
- **April 11, 2023**
 - [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 11:30 am, Virtual Session
- **April 11 & 25, 2023**
 - [4-H Harbinger Newsletter](#) published
- **April 16-22, 2023**
 - National Volunteer Appreciation Week, [Ozaukee County 4-H Volunteer Shout-outs](#)
- **April 20, 2023**
 - 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, 6:00 pm., Ozaukee County Admin Building, Port Washington
 - [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 6:30 pm, Virtual Session
- **April 24, 2023**
 - [4-H Adult VIP Training](#), 6:30 pm, Virtual Session
- **April 29, 2023**
 - 4-H Volleyball Tournament, 9:00 am, Port Washington High School

We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.

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