



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
OZAUKEE COUNTY

May 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

- 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.



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:** Liz Gartman, Crops Educator

- Introducing Liz Gartman, UW-Madison Division of Extension Regional Crops Educator. We welcome Liz as the new Regional Crops & Soils Educator in Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Fond du Lac and Washington counties.

Liz grew up in Sheboygan County on a beef and cash crop farm, and after graduating from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities went to work in livestock nutrition and feed sales. Liz has spent the past 6 years as an Agriculture Instructor at Lakeshore Technical College, focusing most of her time teaching in the Agribusiness program. Her family milks about 60 dairy cows, has a small beef herd and exhibits cattle across the state.

Liz has experience and a primary focus on forage production and is looking forward to meeting and working with the producers in the region.

- **Dairy:** Tina Kohlman, Dairy Educator

- A video series (Dairy Digitals) for farmers and dairy consultants focusing on herd health management such as finding the sick cow and finding the off cow. Additional videos on health issues such as metritis and ketosis are also part of the series. The videos will be available online and translated into Spanish.
- An in-person meeting for agriculture financial professionals, service providers, and agency personnel, where they learned on-farm extension agriculture research impacts, business development and entrepreneurship, cropping budgets, grain markets and risk management opportunities, fitness for transport of pre-weaned calves and market cows, and dairy industry outlook and indicators to assist clientele in improving farm business viability, environmental sustainability, and food safety.
- A presentation for farmers and agri-business professionals, where they learned the importance of fitness for transport of pre-weaned calves and market cows, and best management practices to reduce stress and improve animal welfare and husbandry on these animals during transport. This effort is designed to improve business vitality and food safety.



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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

- Facilitated a 1-hour session with 23 staff and board members from a mix of nonprofit organizations where participants engaged in dialogue to get to know one another better. Through this effort, we are helping individuals share their experiences, to listen and learn from one another, building trust and increasing the possibility of future collaborations.
- A 5-week virtual course (Evaluate Your Outcomes) for nonprofit leaders where they learned how to identify program/service outcomes, develop a simple theory of change, plan an evaluation, and communicate impact. The purpose of this effort is to increase the capacity of nonprofits to successfully meet the needs of communities.
- Facilitated group activities where nonprofit board members engaged in dialogue to get to know one another better. This effort was to prepare the board for a planning session during which they identified organizational goals.

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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