



**Extension**

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OZAUKEE COUNTY

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## AGRICULTURE



*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*

### **Crops**

*Liz Gartman, Regional Crops Educator*

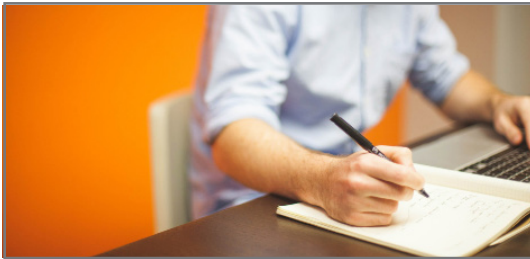
A stop on the Clean Farm Families Poker Run where moderators discussed the interseeding of red clover in an existing winter wheat stand, demonstrating the integration of cover crops into grain systems. The goal of the discussion was to demonstrate how producers can identify alternative methods of cover crop implementation that can lead to improved nutrient use, reduced soil loss, and limit the impact that cover crops can have on main crop yields. Total Reach: 48 attendees

A twilight meeting where local forage producers and agriculture professionals learned about opportunities to engage in alfalfa management field trials, keys to managing alfalfa stands for persistence and building consistency in forage programs using crop diversity to improve their ability to harvest high quality forage to support milk production on their farms, improve crop system resilience and improve overall farm profitability. Total Reach: 40 attendees

The Fond du Lac Forage Council partners with Extension to provide programming to their members and local producers. Every other year the forage council plans this program to provide up to date forage management information that supports the needs of those growers and dairy producers. In collaboration with the forage council board, I reached out to speakers that could provide insight on the topics identified for the meeting. There were approximately 40 growers and agribusiness professionals that attended the event. Of particular interest was information related to integrating alfalfa into diverse forage systems, and the methods for building soil health using these techniques. Further, this was an opportunity for regional crops educator and the state Alfalfa Outreach specialist to build relationships and connect with growers in the Fond du Lac county area.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



*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.*

### *Paul Roback, Community Development Educator*

Two strategic planning sessions for the staff of the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership, a regional local nonprofit, where we worked on updating the organization's mission and vision statements, and identified organizational strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. The intent of the planning process is to clarify the organization's purpose and develop achievable steps to realize their vision. Total Reach: 22 nonprofit board and staff members.

The executive director of the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP), a regional nonprofit, contacted Paul to facilitate a process that would create a strategic plan for the organization. The LNRP facilitates cooperative planning, restoration, and responsible management of environmental resources along Lake Michigan from Ozaukee to Door Counties. To achieve the planning objectives, Paul first engaged the organization's staff and board with an online survey to solicit feedback on updating the organization's mission and vision statements. Then, Paul facilitated two strategic planning sessions attended by seven staff members where we worked on updating the organization's mission and vision statements, and identified organizational strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. Moving forward, Paul will engage stakeholders and partners in providing input in the planning process. He will also facilitate a board and staff retreat to finalize the mission and vision statements, and to identify and prioritize goals. From evaluation (N=6), 100% of participants agreed that discussing the mission statement helped clarify their role as an organization and discussing their vision statement assisted them in understanding the general direction for their organization's future. 100% also agreed that the process assisted in the identification of organizational strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. Participants evaluated Paul's facilitation as a 5.0 on a 5-point Likert Scale (1=poor and 5=excellent).



**4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



*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.*

**Colleen Machut, 4-H Program Educator**

Presented the results of my Needs Assessment for 4-H at the Leaders Association meeting. Total Reach: Thirty adult 4-H volunteer leaders .

The objective is to make sure everyone in the 4-H program is working together toward meaningful goals that will move the program forward. I created three SMART goals based on the needs assessment and facilitated discussion about them at the Leaders Association meeting. The volunteers who were present at the meeting had a better understanding and a unified outlook on the priorities for the next year.

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