



Helping You Put Knowledge to Work
2005 Annual Report to the Ozaukee County Board

UW-Extension represents a partnership between the University of Wisconsin system and Ozaukee County. Extension faculty and staff members serve the people of Ozaukee County through practical application of research-based knowledge and information utilizing multiple delivery methods.

Our department educates the public on a variety of issues and topics using several delivery methods. We work with a varied clientele to present information and share our knowledge and the resources of the University of Wisconsin system. Four UW faculty members and two staff members carry out the work of the University Extension department.

The department has four educational program areas: Agriculture, Natural Resources; Family Living Education; Community Resource Development; and 4-H and Youth Development. This past year, we contributed to or conducted the following educational programs:

Leadership Development for Youth and Adults

- 4-H Ambassadors focused on marketing and public relations with on site 4-H programs through the Cedarburg Parks & Recreation program and the Grafton Pool.
- Sixteen Ambassador Teaching Team youth taught a 10 week character education program focusing on decision making, communication, including and respecting others to 50 fourth grade youth in the Grafton School system.
- 4-H Summer Camp youth and adult staff plan, teach and lead educational camp program.
- New adult 4-H volunteer leader training and certification prepare adults to teach and work with 4-H youth.
- 4-H Club Officer training assisted 43 youth and adult leaders to work together and develop as a team for leading their local 4-H Club.
- Youth and adult partnerships give leadership to 14 county level 4-H boards and projects.

4-H Clubs and Volunteerism

- Twelve 4-H clubs with approximately 560 enrolled members and 450 families.
- 347 adults and 115 youth serve in volunteer leadership roles teaching 4-H members, organizing clubs and projects, promoting the benefits of 4-H participation to families.
- Thousands of community service hours are contributed each year by youth and adults working with people, organizing collections, cleaning up the environment and completing needed projects throughout Ozaukee County.
- Ozaukee County 4-H Leader's Association met with representatives of local youth organizations to look at partnering opportunities and reaching under served audiences.

Parenting Education and Child Development

- ***Parenting the First Year*** Newsletters mailed monthly to more than 125 families, and ***Parenting the Second and Third Years*** Newsletters mailed bimonthly to more than 266 families. ***Parenting Future Readers*** is added bimonthly to the newsletters.
- ***Better Kid Care***-Provided 7 educational programs for training credits attended by over 25 family and center based childcare providers.
- ***Ozaukee County Home and Community Education Association*** volunteers continued reading to pre-school children at Port Washington and Saukville child care centers, and then gifting the books to the children. They are part of the Wisconsin First Book program which reaches over 6,000 children annually.

Strengthening Families, Individuals and Communities

- Developmental Assets Building in Youth-increasing the positive experiences that youth need to become responsible, caring and successful adults. The ***Port Washington-Saukville United for Youth*** group coordinated the 6th annual Teen/Law Enforcement Forum at the Port Washington High School, and high school students selected the first business to get the Youth Friendly Business award. Efforts are ongoing to have more youth involvement in the communities.
- ***“Powerful Tools for Caregiving Taking Care of You”***- This six week educational series, co-facilitated with Aging Services and offered three times in 2005, reached 31 caregivers (including 5 men) who increased their confidence as providers, reduced their stress levels, implemented various action plans for themselves, learned about useful resources and that they are not alone in their care giving roles.
- ***Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?*** Three presentations to over 70 people who learned about decision making for distribution of non-titled property and impact of family communication on inheritance issues.
- ***Money on the Bookshelf*** combines reading with financial literacy. Parents attending the programs learned new ideas, gained knowledge and implemented ideas with their children.

Local Government

- Facilitated a process that resulted in the Ozaukee County Board voting 27-0 to consolidate their committee structure. This consensus building process included extensive research and two facilitated workshops of the Ozaukee County Board.
- Co-facilitate the First Friday’s Forum Series at MATC, which are countywide community forums that focus on contemporary issues that impact county residents.

Land Use

- Provide educational resources for the Ozaukee County Smart Growth Committee, Ozaukee County Comprehensive Planning Citizen Advisory Committee and local municipalities in Ozaukee County. Maintain www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/smartgrowth

- Provide educational resources that resulted in the implementation of Ozaukee County's Public Participation Plan for the Comprehensive Planning Process. This included:
 - Co-facilitated a process that resulted in Ozaukee County's first citizen land use survey. Over 400 Ozaukee residents participated in this statistically significant survey.
 - Presented at four county-wide comprehensive planning "kick-off" meetings, which forty-six participants attended.
 - Co-facilitated a Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats (SWOT) Analysis for the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Community & Economic Development

- Provided educational resources for the Ozaukee Economic Development Corporation, Ozaukee County Tourism Counsel and the Ozaukee Interurban Trail Advisory Counsel. Maintain www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/ocedc & www.interurbantrail.us
- Co-facilitated a process for the Ozaukee Interurban Trail Advisory Counsel's Sustainability Committee to develop and implement a fundraising strategy for a trail improvement project. This resulted in \$230,000+ raised and the Ozaukee County Board voted 26-0 to move forward with the project.
- Provided pre-venture business counseling to 25 individuals through the "First Steps" to Entrepreneurship Workshop. Additionally, provided business assistance to 24 individuals.

Natural Resources and the Environment

- Conducted a countywide used tire collection- 786 tires were collected.
- Applied and have been awarded a \$25,500 State of Wisconsin Clean Sweep Grant for a 2006 Household Hazardous Waste and Agriculture Waste collection program.
- Certification of Private Pesticide Applicators.

Family Economic Security

- ***Volunteer Financial Coaching Program***-12 hour training provided to 17 volunteers and agency professionals interested in helping individuals and families with financial issues. Twenty-one volunteers and the Family Living Educator worked with more than 55 people who requested help with their financial situation. Volunteers put in over 150 hours meeting throughout the county with individuals and couples.
- ***Legally Secure Your Financial Future***- This two part educational program focused on record keeping, estate planning and end of life issues.
- ***Get Checking***-Continued to promote this "second chance" educational program with the financial partners Allco Credit Union, Grafton State Bank, Ozaukee Bank and Port Washington State Bank. Taught the 5 hour program to four people who opened accounts at financial institutions.

Farm Profitability

- Tri-county educational programs
- Youth tractor certification program
- Pork quality assurance training
- Dairy Facility Design and Improvement
- Commercial Horticulture
- Development of a the Master Gardener Program to provide horticultural information to Ozaukee County homeowners, over 135 members involved during 2005. More information available at www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/MasterGardener
- Master Gardeners developed and staffed the Ozaukee County Yard and Garden line, answering more than 1500 homeowners questions during the third year of operation. Master Gardeners donated over 2200 hours of volunteer service during 2005.
- Certified 35 new master gardeners following the thirteen week training course.

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