

## What is Extension?

Cooperative Extension is an outreach arm of the University of Wisconsin System. Providing access to university resources and research to all Wisconsin residents. Cooperative Extension extends the boundaries of the university throughout the state. To find out how Oconto County Extension Agents serve your community, take an inside look at our programs!

### Our Programs:

- \* Agriculture
- \* Community & Economic Development
- \* Family Living
- \* FoodWise
- \* Teen Court
- \* 4-H Youth Development

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The 2017 UW-Extension Oconto County Annual Report can be viewed on our website.



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# Excerpts from the 2017 UW-Extension Oconto County Annual Report

## Ensuring a Farm Legacy by Sarah Mills-Lloyd

The successful transfer of a farm operation to future generations is integral for the longevity of agriculture in Wisconsin. "Ensuring a Farm Legacy" program offers information on pertinent topics related to farm transfers and estate planning with opportunities for one-on-one consultations. Participants indicated their knowledge increased in estate planning, long term care, and securing a farm loan.

UW-Extension is essential in the process of farm succession as residents seek the knowledge of their local agriculture agent to help with facilitation and planning.

## Financial Coaching by Jill Cholewa

Simply knowing how to handle one's personal finances does not always translate into good money management. Financial coaching is a new approach to finance education. By helping individuals tap into their own motivation to reach goals and maintain positive financial behaviors long term.

Financial coaching participants have proven successful efforts including checking credit reports; paying off judgments and collections; saving for future emergency funds; and paying down debt. UW-Extension Oconto County is a versatile resource and connection for Financial Security Education.

## Protecting Water Resources by Dale Mohr

UW-Extension and Oconto Land Conservation teamed up to design key programs in order to help protect and/or enhance the many waterways within Oconto County. This team brought together a group of citizen volunteers along with the Oconto County Lakes and Waterways Association to acquire \$235,000 in grants from the WDNR to research, design and plan for 21 Lake Management Plans. Additionally, another \$243,000 was set aside by the County Board to initiate a first of its kind Oconto County Healthy Waters Initiative Grant Program.

## 4-H Youth Development by Arvilla Rusnak

Opportunities have opened up for 4-H members to develop confidence by teaching project sessions to other 4-H youth. The sessions are three-part events, held in fall, winter and spring and created to assist 4-H youth in exploring project areas from start to a finished product worthy of exhibition in the Oconto County Youth Fair.

As youth explore project areas, they become confident in their skills-so confident they are invited to become project leaders and teach the sessions. More than 12 youth project leaders have developed from these events.

## Agriculture Sarah Mills-Lloyd

Providing education and applied research to help farmers use resources in ways that are sustainable to maintain & enhance Wisconsin's natural resources.

## Community & Economic Development Dale Mohr

Enhancing local economic health, business development, stable employment and quality of life.

## Family Living Jill Cholewa

Enriching the lives of individuals and families through research-based education and resources to improve quality of life.

## FoodWise Sarah Ferdon

Empower residents with limited incomes to make healthy choices to achieve healthier lives.

## 4-H Youth Development Ben Hoppe

Provide opportunities for personal growth and encourage positive development of youth, families, communities and our world.

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