

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

### POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Ron Jakubisin | 262-335-4481

Ron Jakubisin, has created 'Team Challenges' activities for 4-H, blog, web and social media posting in which participants can email answers or ask for hints in order to complete challenges. Ron attended **Germantown's Youth Futures'** monthly Board meeting (virtual). Discussed loss of United Way funding and loss of Elevate's designated staff on driving outcomes for this non-profit in order to develop proactive steps to maintain programming.

Ron attended the **Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC)** webinar: "WMC COVID-19 Update:-Returning to School This Fall" featuring the Wisconsin educational leaders from Elementary, High School and Secondary Education. Ron maintains contact with PYD partners and that are not yet engaged in programming due to COVID precautions and policy development.

Ron takes part in a professional development book study, **'Waking Up White'** with colleagues and discuss current race issues and effective communication skills when delivering programming. This position is shared between Washington and Fond du Lac Counties.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., July 8th 9:00 am	Youth Tractor & Machine Certification Exam Day
Mon., July 13th 8:10 am	Educator Update, Live on Air on 101.3 WIBD
Tues., July 14th 7:30 am	Highlights of Taking Care of You 45-Min. Weekly Zoom Sessions: Register: <a href="https://go.wisc.edu/sc56r5">https://go.wisc.edu/sc56r5</a>

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### AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

*Steph Plaster | 262-335-4477*

Stephanie worked with the **UW Center for Ag Safety and Health** to develop the criteria and curriculum needed to transition the **Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety Certification Course** to an online model. This involved developing 8 online Zoom teaching sessions, interactive homework assignments, and a plan for the required in-person driving and written exams.

Twenty-eight youth completed the online sessions held over a four week period. The program has already had an impact on participants and their families. One of the parents commented, "I have been listening in on the class too - thank you. I am currently working on a hay cutting machine getting ready for 1st cutting, and there is a PTO guard on it that is....well...let's put it this way....not 100% the way it should be. Due to the class, it got me thinking....and I found myself at the dealer today getting details on what I need to get it 100% right. This class is for the old guys too!!!"

### 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*Amy Mangan-Fischer | 262-335-4478*

Washington County 4-H is a positive youth development program that promotes life skill development through experiential learning. The three main components of experiential learning are do, reflect, and apply. Youth are encouraged to "**do, reflect, and apply**" throughout the year. However, in summer the emphasis is on reflection.

This year, with the cancellation of the Washington County Fair, reflection will look a little different for 4-H'ers. Youth are encouraged to reflect on their accomplishments by participating in the Washington County Fair's Tribute to the Exhibitors. Youth can submit a picture or short video of a project they have been working on, along with a brief description. Youth are also encouraged to reflect in writing by completing a 4-H Story. Youth may reflect on what they have learned in the year, what they are especially proud of, and what challenges and successes they have encountered.

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONSHIPS

*Carol Bralich | 262-335-4479*

**Human Development & Relationships COVID-19 Response-** In May and June, the Parent Cafe (6 week series) was offered collaboratively as a free, weekly opportunity for parents and caregivers in Southern Wisconsin to talk with each other. As parents were given an opportunity to connect, they shared and discovered resources and gained skills to better communicate with their children. Each Parent Cafe was hosted by an Extension Educator for one hour. To accommodate schedules, sessions were offered on Wednesdays 9-10 am or Thursdays 1-2pm, via Zoom virtual platform. Simultaneous interpretation was provided by Extension for the sessions in which Spanish speaking participants registered.

The Parent Café themes were selected from the Raising Caring Kids online resource (<https://parenting.extension.wisc.edu/raising-caring-kids/>) developed by Extension and DPI.

Carol co-facilitated the session titled "What am I Good At? Helping Children Identify Their Strengths." Other topics included making choices, solving problems, and communication with over 25 parents at sessions.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Paul Roback | 262-335-4480*

Recently, Paul virtually shared his research and educational programming in Washington County to statewide and national Extension colleagues and to elected officials and staff in Dane County.

Paul presented a current breakout session at the **National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals** annual conference. Fifty-two attended his session to learn the practical strategies that Paul has developed to measure the short and long-term outcomes of his local educational programs.

Paul also co-presented to 30 statewide Extension colleagues at the **Joint Council of Extension Professionals Forward Friday Forum**. The presentation provided an overview of Extension's engagement with topics that some may consider controversial, challenging, or divisive.

Additionally, Paul shared the results of Washington County's 2015 & 2019 Board Structure Committees. Eleven **Dane County Board Executive Committee** members and staff learned the process and research used to make an informed decision on county board size in Washington County.