



Ogemaw County

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

BY THE NUMBERS



\$8,449 spent with local businesses 2018-19



17 Ogemaw County students enrolled at MSU fall 2019



\$2,182,618 is MSU's total economic impact in Ogemaw County



256 MSU alumni live in and contribute to Ogemaw County



\$528,898 Financial Aid Disbursed to Ogemaw County students



212 youth enrolled in 4-H development programs



31 adult volunteers and 21 organized 4-H clubs



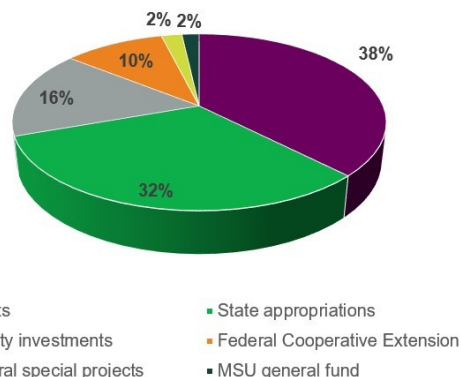
788 Ogemaw youth who received programming from all institutes

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

During 2019, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension continued to partner with Ogemaw County to strengthen youth, families, businesses and communities. In this report, we will highlight local and statewide programs that made a difference in Ogemaw County residents' lives; including helping farmers with financial management and farm stress; providing opportunities for youth's career and leadership development through 4-H; teaching families how to buy, cook and eat nutritious food; helping communities grow their tourism and community development opportunities; and providing a suite of online resources and programs.

Because of your continued support, we are able to help Ogemaw County residents improve their lives, their work places and their communities. It is an honor and a privilege to serve Ogemaw County and we're looking forward to another successful year ahead.

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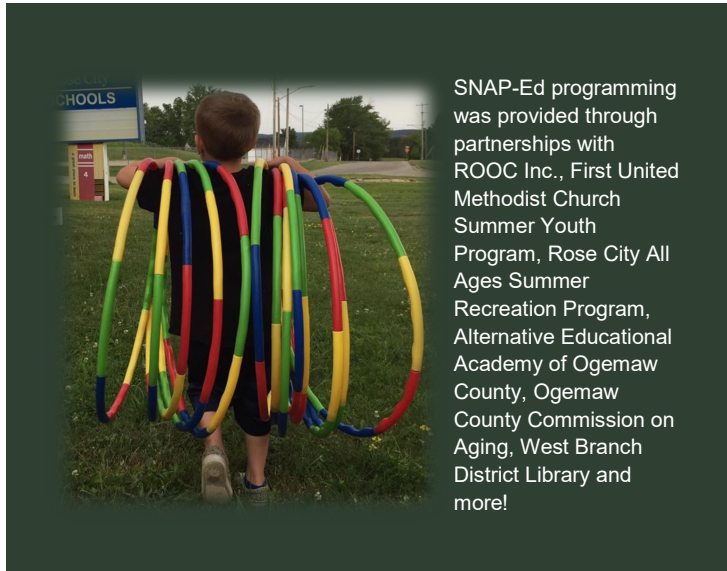
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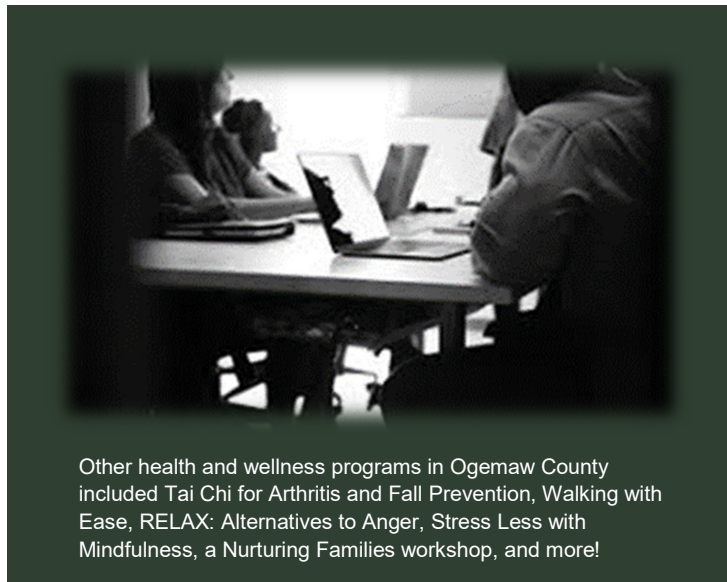
Program Highlights



SNAP-Ed programming was provided through partnerships with ROOC Inc., First United Methodist Church Summer Youth Program, Rose City All Ages Summer Recreation Program, Alternative Educational Academy of Ogemaw County, Ogemaw County Commission on Aging, West Branch District Library and more!

Nutrition Education

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension partners with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to provide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed), a free nutrition education program to reduce hunger and food insecurity and promote healthy eating habits. MSU Extension SNAP-Ed nutrition instructors teach youth, teens, adults and seniors how to make health a priority through an instructional series. In Ogemaw County during 2019, **228 youth and/or adults received SNAP Education programming.**



Other health and wellness programs in Ogemaw County included Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention, Walking with Ease, RELAX: Alternatives to Anger, Stress Less with Mindfulness, a Nurturing Families workshop, and more!

Caring about Local Communities

When someone's in distress, a quick and compassionate response is just as important for mental health as it is physical health. Mental Health First Aid teaches participants how to help people who may be experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. In 2019, **over 56 Ogemaw County residents took part in Mental Health First Aid Training facilitated by MSU Extension.** The eight hour workshops were offered in two formats; a session focused on youth and the other focused on adults. The program teaches what to look for and how to respond to people in need of mental health intervention, support and resources.



In the "Shark Tank" program, youth brainstormed ideas for new products, drew and built their product, and created a basic business plan with cost estimates to present to the judges: their principal and superintendent.

Unique Opportunities to Learn

Although the Afterschool Cardinal Kids' Club has been active for several years, it needed a more diverse set of curricula to allow an increase of interest from the students. In the fall of 2019, a new partnership was formed with Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools to offer MSU Extension Children and Youth programming for after school, holiday breaks and summer school. From entrepreneurship, financial literacy, career exploration, STEAM activities to healthy relationships and leadership skills, youth have an opportunity to broaden their skill set and expand their knowledge. **90 youth participated in this MSUE Programming in Fall 2019.**

Program Highlights

Agriculture & Agribusiness

MSU Extension works to increase Ogemaw County farmers' success while protecting the environment, ensuring food safety, reaching new markets and advancing agriculture through applied research.

In 2019 MSU Extension **provided education to over 240 Ogemaw County residents** on agriculture topics such as Cattle Feeding & Marketing, Dehorning Training, Becoming a More Purposeful Employer, Farm Bill Workshop, Coping with Stress, Dairy Margins and more! We are grateful that Representatives Rendon and Moolenaar attended a few of our programs as well.



MSU Extension provided 81+ individual farm consultations and local residents also took advantage of the MSU Product Center Business Counselling program in 2019.

4-H Youth Development

4-H is the largest youth development organization in the country, with programs for youth to explore their passions and interests while growing confidence, leadership skills and a sense of responsibility. Overall in 2019, **788 Ogemaw youth participated in 4-H programs with 212 youth being individually enrolled** in local clubs, camps, and special events. Project Rural Education Day (RED) engaged 206 youth from local schools through various educational stations including spinning, dairy, beef, sheep, goats, corn, maple syrup, farm machinery, forestry and pollinators!



Project RED was offered in partnership with Ogemaw County Farm Bureau and with volunteers from the Ogemaw Heights FFA Chapter and Ogemaw County 4-H livestock leaders.

Fostering Strong Communities

MSU Extension offers evidence-based programming that focuses on the socio-economic potential of the area while addressing the needs of residents and community leadership.

In 2019, programs like Land Division Review Workshops, Building a Better Budget in Local Government, The Impact of Federal Politics on Local Government, 2020 Census Prep, Fiscally Ready Communities and Opportunity Zone education were amongst the most popular locally.



Fiscally Ready Communities participants learned about the foundation of fiscal stability in local government and creating a budget process that supports essential investments while addressing current and future challenges.

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4-H is proud to provide programs for youth that are interested in projects like raising and selling animals. Did you know that 4-H and youth development programs go beyond the farm? MSU Extension and 4-H are engaged in partnerships to offer opportunities for Ogemaw youth in special interest and school enrichment programs. In addition to traditional 4-H clubs, **576 Ogemaw County youth participated in 4-H in 2019.**



Chalk About Love was held on February 5, 2019 in partnership with the Ogemaw County Prosecutors Office, the Ogemaw County Child Protection Council and the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center. February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and this event was held locally to raise awareness and stop teen dating violence. The organizations that partner for this event feel it is important to do for our local teens since statistics show 1 in 3 young people experience dating abuse. Teens in attendance took a short survey and then listened to talks from people from each organization.



4-H Embryology was taught in Rose City kindergarten, Surline 3rd grade and St. Joseph Catholic Schools 3rd/4th grade classrooms in 2019. Ninety-two youth were reached with this school enrichment program where youth were taught about the life of a chick from beginning of incubation until post-hatching. Youth took part in interactive activities about embryology and got to witness the hatching of the chicks.



In 4-H Sewing School Enrichment, 39 students at Surline Elementary School took part in sewing as part of their math intervention. Every student sewed a fleece winter hat for themselves and got to take part in every part from picking out the material to cutting it out and sewing it together. Many students had no idea how much math was involved in sewing.



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