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Tapping into fount of youth information

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MONROE -- Calling all young professionals!

A group from the Green County Leaders is interested in finding out what attracts young professionals to Green County and, more importantly, what keeps them here.

Marci Boss, a member of the group, said the group created a survey to find out about young professionals throughout the county. She said about 100 people completed the survey and most of the responses were positive.

The survey asked if young professionals, ages 20 to 40, would be interested in a young professionals organization.

"We passed out the survey in every community, and we're just now compiling the results," Boss said.

The survey asked people if they would be interested in a group to organize for networking reasons, social reasons and professional development programs.

The goal of the group is to establish events aimed specifically at young professionals.

"It would give them a chance to meet socially and network with each other," Boss said. "It would also give them a chance to learn from other people."

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Most organizations in the county are service-oriented and while the young leaders group supports the work and efforts of these organizations, Boss said it would be nice to have something specifically geared to younger people in professional fields.

"It's a need that needs to be met," Boss said.

An event based on survey results has already been planned, she added.

Sarah Burgert, from the University of Wisconsin-Extension, said the meeting will provide the opportunity to bring people together.

The meeting is April 26 at Blackhawk Technical College.

More information about the young professionals group is available by e-mailing Boss at marci2121@hotmail.com.

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