



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
Paul Roback

**Hartford Project Care (HPC)-** Paul facilitated a second strategic thinking session for the HPC Board. Participants agreed (4.40 on a 5-point scale) that creating action plans increased their ability to focus goals into future actions.

**Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County-** Paul facilitated a second strategic thinking session for the Board of Interfaith Caregivers. Participants strongly agreed (4.75 on a 5-point scale) that creating action plans increased their ability to focus goals into future actions.

**Pioneering Healthier Communities Conference-** Paul attended this conference with representatives from the Healthy People Project (HPP). Over the next several months, Paul will facilitate a process to assist HPP in identifying the gap between community interests and current public policy in order to increase physical activity within the community.



**PROGRAM AREAS**

**4-H Youth Development**

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Agnes Wagner, Staff Assistant  
Marge Kufahl, Secretary

**Community Development**

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Paul Roback, Educator  
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**Family Living Education**

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**Farm Business/Agriculture**

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**Growth Management**

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Helen Neal, Adm. Secretary

**WI Nutrition Education**

**Program (WNEP)**  
262-335-4841  
Renee Vertin, Coordinator  
Pattie Carroll, Educator



**GROWTH MANAGEMENT**  
Kevin Struck

**Open Houses in Town of Hartford and Town of Wayne**

- In partnership with the County Planning & Parks Department and SEWRPC, Kevin was on hand to answer questions from residents regarding land use and each Town's future options. Questions included a concern from one couple about DNR expansion plans around Pike Lake and what rights the couple would have if they chose to sell their property.



**New Village Administrator** - Long-time Jackson Administrator Del Beaver recently retired and was replaced by John Walther. Mr. Walther asked Kevin to come in and help him get up to speed on the Village's draft comprehensive plan, and he was very appreciative of the

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JANUARY**

- 22 New Family Orientation
- 27 First Steps to Entrepreneurship—UWWC/UWEX

**FEBRUARY**

- 7 Tractor Safety Course 1 -PAC
- 8 Celebrate Families-kick off
- 10 Entrepreneurial Training
- 21 Tractor Safety Course 2-PAC
- 24 Building Strong Collaborations
- 27 Family Fun & Learning Day

**EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE**

Marilyn Merten - Chairperson

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**Program Highlights**  
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## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



### AGRICULTURE / AGRI-BUSINESS *Alan Linnebur*

#### "Extreme Markets and the Global Financial Crisis - What Does it Mean on the Farm?"

Alan Linnebur coordinated this program to address farmer concerns that have grown out of recent economic conditions. The Executive Director of a farm supplier association discussed input prices (fertilizer) and concerns about supplier agreements and the need to be careful who they are doing business with. Three Lenders on the ag-lender panel indicated there was plenty of money to lend but they would be looking for additional loan documentation to deal with a more cautious lending environment. Finally, a local commodity analyst and broker summarized the important markets affecting farmers. The event was attended by 40 farmers in the Tri-County Area of Washington, Sheboygan and Ozaukee County.

**Emerald Ash Borer:** Alan represented UW Extension in a meeting to discuss and understand the needs that private companies may have in commercializing the waste that could result from emerald ash borer damage. Discussion also took place regarding the logistics that municipalities could have in this process in an effort to minimize the overall cost to local governments of handling wood waste.



### FAMILY LIVING EDUCATION *Marma Jean McIntee*

**HCE Supports Families and the Community.** As advisor to the Washington Co. Assn. of Home and Community Education, Marma is always amazed at the dedication of this group to community service. For example, in the photo Deb LaBonte, Claudie Calenzo, and Bev Buckmann sort mittens and other crocheted/knitted items for the **Mitten Tree Project**. This year over 1,000 mittens were donated by county employees, 4-H members and others. The mittens go to organizations serving children and families including Head Start, the Family Center, WIC, Housing Support Services, Friends of Abused Families and many others. This is only one of the "giving" projects by HCE members in Washington County. They also give time and material goods to many other organizations including county food pantries and nursing homes. If you know of an HCE member, please thank them for their community service.



### 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT *Kandi O'Neil*

**Community Club Support:** This educator conducted 3 leader trainings for 24 new volunteer leaders. The training program focuses on working with youth, overview of 4-H, safe practices for volunteers to use when working with youth. Additional trainings will be held in January and spring. This is a required training program that includes a background check.

**Youth Outreach:** Agnes Wagner is working with a team of 2 adult volunteer leaders and 3 youth leaders to conduct Germantown Kids Klub program at MacArthur, Rockfield and Amybelle Schools reaching approximately 100 youth monthly. The program focuses on educational themes like cooperation, teamwork, and community service. This month our team taught the Go Green activities. Youth are developing communication and team building skills through 4-H activities.

The 4-H Leaders Association has continued to identify the need to reach new youth in Washington County. They will be sponsoring a Family Fun & Learning Day on February 27<sup>th</sup> for new families.



### NUTRITION EDUCATION (WNEP) *Renee Vertin and Pattie Carroll*

**Food Safety:** Because using a thermometer is the only reliable way to ensure that food is cooked to a safe internal temperature, Pattie suspected a lesson on this topic would be useful for clients of the **Genesis Women's Recovery Program**. Pattie conducted an assessment prior to the lesson and found 6 of 6 participants (100%) sometimes or never used a cooking thermometer, and 2 of 6 (33%) never owned one. The learners participated in "Let's Get Cooking", a hands-on lesson in which proper methods of thermometer use were practiced. The women gained new knowledge about minimum temperatures guidelines for a variety of foods. At the end of the lesson, all the participants received a cooking thermometer and stated they intended to use it.

**Dietary Quality:** WNEP learned from the **Human Services Department** that clients of its wellness support group within the Community Treatment Services unit would benefit from nutrition education. From a pre-session quiz, Pattie found that most learners had little to no understanding about healthy eating recommendations. She introduced MyPyramid to 12 participants who are overcoming mental health issues. The learners interacted well and look forward to future lessons with topics relevant to their group.