



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Paul Roback

Organizational Development- Paul completed the facilitation of a strategic thinking process with the Volunteer Center of Washington County, which included developing actions plans for prioritized goals. Through evaluation, participants agreed that creating action plans increased their ability to focus goals into future actions (a 4.3 on a 5-point Likert scale).

Additionally, Paul facilitated a strategic thinking session for Friends of Abused Families, which resulted in addressing strategic issues, updating their mission statement and conducting a SWOT analysis.

Community Development- In order to assist Economic Development Washington County (EDWC) in their executive director search, Paul is providing resources to an EDWC Search Committee and evaluating resumes based on ranked criteria.

At a First Steps to Entrepreneurship workshop held in Hartford, eight participants assessed their readiness, considered the environment for a new business, and learned about critical business resources.



GROWTH MANAGEMENT
Kevin Struck

Town of Polk Comprehensive Plan Open House - Kevin (second from left) answered questions from residents non-stop for over an hour at a well attended open house in the Town of Polk.



Landowners were especially



interested in the future land use map, their options, and where the Town would encourage development or prefer preservation in the future.



Program Highlights
October 2009



PROGRAM AREAS

4-H Youth Development

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Kandi O'Neil, Dept. Head
Agnes Wagner, Staff Assistant
Marge Kufahl, Secretary

Community Development

262-335-4480
Paul Roback, Educator
Helen Neal, Adm. Secretary

Family Living Education

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Marma Jean McIntee, Educator
Christine Larson, Secretary

Farm Business/Agriculture

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Alan Linnebur, Educator
Charlotte P. Bales, Secretary

Growth Management

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Helen Neal, Adm. Secretary

WI Nutrition Education

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 4-11 National 4-H Week
- 5 Meat Animal Sale Committee
- 6 Master Gardener Board Meeting
- 10 4-H Achievement Program
- 10-12 Money Smart Week
- 16 Trenton Well Water Testing
- 17 Youth Money Smart-UWWC
- 27 4-H Officer Training

NOVEMBER

- 1-7 Wisconsin HCE Week
- 17-20 Dairy Economic Crisis Workshops

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Marilyn Merten - Chairperson

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



AGRICULTURE / AGRI-BUSINESS

Alan Linnebur

Educational Planning: Alan serves on the educational planning team for the Regional Ag-Professionals Workshop, which was held this year near Appleton. This annual event is directed at ag-lenders, consultants and educators who pass on information to their customers and clients. Alan is also on the planning team working on a series of nine workshops that will take place in November and December across the state. These workshops will help farmers deal with the dairy economic crisis that is the result of persistent low milk prices.

Youth Livestock Education: While the fair takes place within one week, fair issues, planning, and education are year round. Alan is currently working with adult and youth volunteers planning upcoming youth livestock educational events and activities..

Farm Business Consultations: Alan provided resources and support to several people on business management issues. A sample of topics follows: Individual looking to start a dairy farm; farmer evaluating accounting and record keeping software; and a commercial vegetable producer dealing with the economics of destroying diseased plants.



FAMILY LIVING EDUCATION

Marma Jean McIntee

Building Community Connections to Strengthen Families: Not all communities are created equal. Each community differs socially, economically, demographically, and culturally, yet poverty can and does exist in every community. Marma and Renee Vertin, Nutrition Coordinator, were invited to provide an in-service training to 25 teachers at MacArthur Elementary in Germantown.

PACE-Poverty Awareness for Community Engagement is a research-based program that provides information about and strategies to address poverty in communities. Teachers wanted to understand poverty and its "depth" in the community, the consequences for children, and how to help students and families in poverty.

As a result of the training teachers had increased awareness and knowledge about poverty (90%), gained skills to work with poverty issues (91%), and were motivated to action (91%). Teachers pledged to continue learning about poverty, refer students and families to resources, encourage the use of free/reduced school lunch, and when students move to future grades continue to provide encouragement to help them overcome any struggles to thrive.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Kandi O'Neil and Agnes Wagner

4-H Open House: Agnes Wagner worked with the Ambassador team of 12 youth leaders to host the Annual 4-H Open House. Clubs staffed booths with hands-on activities for the general public. Over 40 new families with over 70 youth participated in the evening program that included workshops and club information. This is a great time to join 4-H. Encourage families in your community to connect with one of our 18 community clubs located throughout the county.

Youth Outreach: 4-H partnered with the Washington County Family Center and Casa Guadalupe Education Center to offer a program for families in Washington County called "Mi Casa, Su Casa - My House, Your House!". Over 50 adults and children attended the program. The program was an opportunity to explore the culture of our Hispanic neighbors. 4-H will be partnering with Casa Guadalupe on a monthly basis to offer a family program for children and their parents.



NUTRITION EDUCATION (WNEP)

Renee Vertin and Pattie Carroll

Dietary Quality: Pattie taught a lesson on Vending Spending to youth through the **Hartford and West Bend Summertime Playground Programs**. The lesson's objective was to empower children to make healthier choices when choosing snacks away from home. The lesson also enabled children to learn how to make comparisons of food and beverage items in a vending machine. At the end of the lesson, children were able to identify the choices which were better "values" than others, nutritionally and monetarily. This experiential learning opportunity had one participant comment, "I can get a granola bar *and* an apple for the same price as *one* candy bar."

