



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
Paul Roback

**Fair Park Study Committee-** Paul has been asked by the County Board Chair to facilitate the meetings of this Study Committee. At their first meeting, Paul presented an overview of the history of Fair Park.

**Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)-** Paul moderated a meeting that reported the additional EAB sites that have been identified in Washington and Ozaukee Counties. Additionally, Paul e-mailed a summary of the materials to local Washington County municipal administrators.

**Entrepreneurial Training-** Paul continues to coach six FastTrac participants in the development of business plans. Coaching includes facilitating small group discussions each week, providing assistance between classes and reviewing the final business plans.

**Healthy People Project (HPP)-** Paul facilitated a second strategic planning session for the HPP. Participants agreed on an organizational flow chart and a vision statement. Additionally, participants conducted a SWOT Analysis of their coalition.

**UW-Extension-** Paul participated in a two-day multi-cultural awareness training.

**PROGRAM AREAS**

**4-H Youth Development**

262-335-4478  
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**

262-335-4479  
Marma Jean McIntee, Educator  
Christine Larson, Secretary

**Farm Business/Agriculture**

262-335-4477  
Alan Linnebur, Educator  
Charlotte P. Bales, Secretary

**Growth Management**

262-335-4480  
Kevin Struck, Educator  
Helen Neal, Adm. Secretary

**WI Nutrition Education**

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



**GROWTH MANAGEMENT**  
Kevin Struck

**Review of Town Comprehensive Plans -** Prior to the Open Houses that have been held in several towns throughout the County, Kevin has reviewed and suggested corrections for the latest drafts of their comprehensive plans. "Thanks for another good catch, Kevin!" said Nancy Anderson from SEWRPC. "It's nice to have another set of eyes to look things over and catch errors."

**Well Water Testing -** Kevin created and distributed a promotional poster and wrote/submitted a press release to the *Kewaskum Statesman* to help make Farmington residents aware of the upcoming UWEX well water testing program in the town in late April.

**Smart Growth Open House -** Interested citizens, town board members and plan commissioners attended an Open House in the Town of Farmington to learn more about future land use and community proposals. Kevin participated in discussions related to 1) land owned or under easement by the WDNR and 2) a controversial proposed subdivision.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**APRIL**

- 26 Co. Rabbit/Cavy Fun Day Show
- 28 Technology on the Cheap-UWWC
- 29 Living with Grief  
Teleconference

**MAY**

- 8 Cloverbud Lock-in
- 15 Wild Wacky Camp Reg.
- 15 Safety Day Camp Reg.
- 16 Clothing & Style Revue-PAC

**EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE**

Marilyn Merten - Chairperson

Ray Heidtke - Vice Chair

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**Program Highlights**  
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## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



### AGRICULTURE / AGRI-BUSINESS

*Alan Linnebur*

**Maximizing Your Fertilizer Investments:** Fertilizer prices are very high due to many factors, including increased demand in the U.S. and Internationally. This has increased the need to manage this resource carefully. Forty five farmers attended this workshop addressing issues related to fertilizer management, including the economics of soil testing and research on applying fertilizer based on sound economic and environmental principles. This workshop was a joint project of the Washington County Land Conservation Dept. and UW Extension.

**Price Risk Management:** Ten individuals participated in a half day grain price risk management workshop taught by Alan Linnebur. The price of corn in the last five years has ranged from a low of \$1.90 per bushel to a high of \$8.00 per bushel. Imagine if your average salary was \$50,000 per year, but the amount received in any one year randomly ranged from as low as \$20,000 to as high as \$80,000. Price risk management tools can decrease the business risk of variable product and input prices, and improve the farmer's ability to plan.



### FAMILY LIVING EDUCATION

*Marma Jean McIntee*

**Enhancing the Financial Literacy of Wisconsin's Youth-**The recent economic downturn has created the need for basic financial survival skills for youth. Today, 80% of high school students hold jobs and 1/3 have credit cards in their own names. As we plan for the 2009 **Youth Money Smart College** for Washington County youth, I'd like to share the results of a statewide outcome evaluation of reality simulations conducted by a team of Family Living Educators, of which Washington County was a part :

- ◆ Youth reported increased knowledge of the cost of buying on credit, what it feels like to pay bills, and the costs of living.
- ◆ Increased skills were identified in being able to determine monthly financial needs, plan for unexpected expenses, and for charitable giving.
- ◆ Nearly all of the youth reported increased confidence in making money decisions and setting goals to manage money.
- ◆ 88% rated the programs they attended as helpful or very helpful.



### 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*Kandi O'Neil*

**Communication/Cultural Arts Festival:** Over 160 youth utilized their communication skills through speaking, drawing and writing as they participated in this year's 4-H Spring Communication Arts Festival. There were over 280 entries from youth in 13 clubs. Youth developed or improved their presentation skills, public speaking, self-confidence, creativity, decision-making and responsibility. In addition, there were 6 plays/musicals performed. The program was organized by 6 adult leaders and 3 youth leaders with the support of Agnes Wagner, the 4-H YD Staff Assistant. In Washington County, the Communication/Cultural Arts Project has the highest enrollment involving over 290 members.

**4-H Outreach:** Plans are being started for the summer outreach programs in Hartford, Slinger and West Bend through a partner program with the parks. Jocelyn Ritger will be the 4-H Outreach Coordinator working with the programs this summer.

Day Camps at Glacier Hills Park for youth in Washington County ages 5 - 9 will be on June 15, 17, 19. The program is "Nature in the Woods." 4-H youth serve as counselors and youth and adult leaders teach the programs.



### NUTRITION EDUCATION (WNEP)

*Renee Vertin and Pattie Carroll*

**Dietary Quality:** Balancing diet and physical activity is one of the key elements of the USDA MyPyramid guidelines. Pattie illustrated this point through an interactive display at the **Celebrate Families** Event. She taught a mini lesson to hundreds of Washington County youth. Youth who stopped by the display had to demonstrate physical activity by doing jumping jacks. In this way, they earned the "pass" needed for the event's scavenger hunt. As seen in this photo, Pattie also provided the youth and their families basic information about healthy eating.



WNEP has long-term impact. A learner stopped by our office and said that nearly 9 years after attending a lesson provided by Renee at **Friends of Abused Families**, she continues to use the information obtained on managing food resources.