



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Paul Roback

Fair Park Study Committee- Paul continues to provide facilitation resources and conduct research for this committee.

Entrepreneurial Training- Paul continues to coach and review draft business plans for six FastTrac participants. They will complete their plans in early May.

Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy (MALC)- Paul facilitated 3 strategic planning sessions. As a result, participants strongly agreed that creating action plans increased their ability to focus goals into future actions.

Healthy People Project (HPP)- Paul facilitated a third strategic planning session for the HPP where participants identified and prioritized organizational goals.

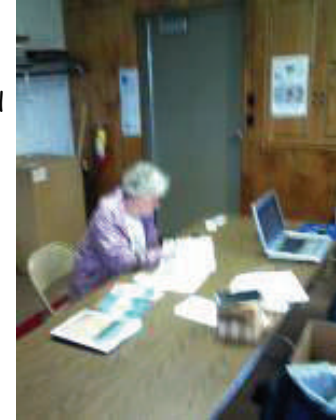
Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) Alpha Sigma Chapter- Paul received the Early Career Service Award by this UW-Extension professional organization.

National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals- Paul co-presented a session on dialogue and deliberation to 30 colleagues and attended sessions on community engagement at a national conference.



GROWTH MANAGEMENT
Kevin Struck

Well Water Testing - Kevin spent two 12-hour days at the Farmington Town Hall answering questions residents had about well water and providing kits and instructions for collecting samples from their wells. Kevin then delivered 50 samples to the lab at UW-Stevens Point where they were tested for bacteria, nitrates, arsenic, lead, pesticides, and several other factors.



Jackson Planning - Kevin met with the Village of Jackson Administrator, as well as the Town's Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee, in an effort to finalize the Joint Draft plan and maps. He also added new chapters and maps to the Town website to keep residents informed.



Program Highlights
May 2009



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WI Nutrition Education

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Pattie Carroll, Educator

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 16 Clothing & Style Revue-PAC
- 30 Swine Fitting & Showing Workshop—Jon Etta Farm

JUNE

- TBA—Farmington Well Water Educational Session
- 6 4-H Llama Show—Fair Park
- 4-H Horse Clinic—Fair Park
- 13 Breakfast on the Farm—(Klink Dairy LLC - Hartford)
- 15-17-19 Wild Wacky Day Camp
- 26 Safety Day Camp Day Camps=Glacier Hills Park)

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Marilyn Merten - Chairperson

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



AGRICULTURE / AGRI-BUSINESS

Alan Linnebur

Youth Tractor Safety Certification: Statistics indicate that farm youth 14 or younger are involved in nine times more farm accidents than ages 25 through 44. The Tractor Safety Program addresses this issue and fulfills the state statutes that require certification for youth in certain situations. Twenty-two participants, ranging in age from 12-18, completed the last portion of 24 hours of class time. Fifteen volunteers provided training or support, and donated tractor time of up to five tractors for driving practice and testing. Alan believes this training has likely reduced the number and severity of farm accidents by its participants; many youth pass on their newly acquired knowledge to their parents or employers.

Farm Safety Day: During "Farm Safety Week" Alan helped Farm Bureau organize a farm safety workshop for adults. Twenty farmers took advantage of this program. While adults are more knowledgeable about equipment and have more experience, they can also be complacent. The program did an excellent job of reminding farmers of the potential risks they face and how to avoid some of the dangers.



FAMILY LIVING EDUCATION

Marma Jean McIntee



Living with Grief: Diversity and End-of-Life Care—Washington County is fortunate to have hospice resources to assist families with the emotional and stressful time when a relative is terminally ill.

Cedar Community, UW-Extension Family Living, and UW-Washington County partnered to bring the 16th Living with Grief teleconference to hospice professionals. Nearly 30 participants representing 10 organizations learned about a subject that will become more important as our

diverse populations grow, that of how diversity influences end-of-life decision making and the impact that culture has at the time of death and during bereavement.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Kandi O'Neil

Volunteer Impact: Washington County 4-H has over 300 adult volunteers and 160 youth volunteers. These leaders work with 4-H youth throughout the county teaching educational workshops. This past month there have been several excellent examples of volunteer leadership. These include the Dog Fun Show and Rabbit Fun Match, plus county project meetings in basketry, sewing, llama and art.

4-H Tri-County Shooting Sports Tournament: This was the 10th anniversary of the tournament and interest remains strong. Over 330 youth from 18 counties participated in the tournament. 75 certified shooting sports leaders, plus 75 additional volunteers and 40 youth leaders, worked to organize the tournament. There were over 1300 entries in the following areas: Air Rifle, Archery, Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Art. There were three secure archery ranges in the Ziegler Building with 20 -30 youth shooting at each range at a time. A demonstration shooting gallery was in the Small Animal Building, as was an air rifle range for 10 - 15 youth to shoot at a time. An important element was the inclusion of wildlife ecology for all participants. They completed a 60-question test that covered animal identification, wildlife management practices, map reading and habitat identification. This is the largest Shooting Sports event in the state.



NUTRITION EDUCATION (WNEP)

Renee Vertin and Pattie Carroll

Food security: Full Shelf Pantry in West Bend is the largest area pantry and it assists residents countywide. Their service report shows total visits have increased 34.5% from 3/08 to 3/09. Other area food pantries have seen their caseloads swell with similar growth in client enrollment. In fact, the Slinger Food Pantry had placed an ad in a county-wide paper for a number of weeks requesting donations due to low stock. In order to help people with limited income access sufficient food on a regular basis to maintain active, healthy lives, Pattie and Renee instruct learners at partner agencies on a regular basis about community resources. Recently, Renee made additional outreach efforts to educate about **SHARE**, access.wi.gov and **WIC**; contact information and posters were distributed to **pantries in West Bend, Hartford, Slinger, Jackson, Kewaskum, and Germantown**. WNEP has also promoted the **Community Garden** in West Bend; the newly started **Neighborhood Garden** at St. Aidan's Church, Hartford; and **Angel Food Ministries** (unique to this food co-op: reasonably priced, allergen-free food options). Since January, WNEP has encountered six learners who had never heard about **Wisconsin FoodShare** (Food Stamps); this lack of knowledge often occurs in households that face unemployment for the first time ever.