

## November 2009 Activities

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The 2009-2010 **Building Communities WislineWeb** program kicks off in November. This year's programs will focus on "Community Development during difficult economic times – Ready for the Rebound". This month's program, scheduled for Tuesday November 17, is titled "The U.S. Economy Today – the Post-Recession Prognosis". Programs are free, and are held at Martensen & Eisele's offices in Menasha from 11:00am-12:30pm. A full program brochure can be found on the UW-Extension website, or by contacting our office.

### **FAMILY LIVING**

The Winnebago County Home and Community Education (HCE) Organization will be holding its Annual Meeting Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>. HCE, formerly known as "Extension Homemakers" continues its rich history of education, service and community outreach. HCE members participate in educational programs presented by the Family Living Educator and community resources using a "train the trainer" model.

Winnebago County HCE members have two major community service programs: "Book Worms", a collaborative effort with Wisconsin Public Television that is a reading program for Head Start children and "Stitches of Love", the production and distribution of head wear to cancer patients.

### **WNEP**

The current topic for WNEP is Jack's Guide to Beans and Rice. The display promotes the benefits of eating dried beans and rice. The display and presentation discusses the preparation and use of beans in diverse dishes. Cooking classes and workshops are scheduled for the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry and Work-Force development.

### **4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

"Shake, Rattle, and Roll with Winnebago County 4-H" is the theme for the 2010 4-H year. The 4-H Youth Development staff, along with 4-H youth and adult leaders are using the theme to strengthen the 4-H community clubs throughout Winnebago County. Clubs will focus on creating and sustaining a welcoming environment; include business, education, and recreation into their meetings; and to do a club assessment. The work being done at the club level will enhance the work being done with new audiences. Creating a welcoming environment for all will truly build a strong 4-H community.

### **AGRICULTURE**

The Winnebago County Master Gardener Association will have an active month in November. Eighteen new trainees will complete the basic Master Gardener training. Master Gardener Ivan Placko is facilitating the advanced Master Gardener training delivered by speakers throughout the state via distance education technology. The annual Master Gardener Awards Banquet will recognize many individuals for the special contributions these volunteers are providing to the people of Winnebago County.