

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



## *Daniel O'Neil* *Agriculture*

- ◆ The 2005 Fall Master Gardener training class has started. We have thirty five students enrolled in the thirteen week course. In addition to myself and UW Madison Extension specialists, we have certified master gardeners and local industry experts teaching each week of the course. Upon completion of the training and testing requirements, each student must complete thirty-six hours of community service to become a certified master gardener. The largest number of hours from these trained volunteers has supported the Ozaukee County Yard and Garden line. The Yard and Garden line has operated two afternoons per week, answering garden and horticultural questions from residents. In addition to the phone- in service, area residents use of emailed questions has really increased over the past two years. By replying to email questions at their home, Master Gardeners can serve the volunteer hours without having transportation to the Administration Center or another volunteer site.



## *Kay Buelke Schroeder* *4-H & Youth Development*

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## *Mary Fran Lepaska* *Family Living*

- ◆ Continue to provide one-on-one financial counseling, and worked with Senior citizens and young couples experiencing financial difficulties. Trained volunteers met with two new referred clients.
- ◆ Prepared and “manned” an educational Financial display for incoming PWSH freshman and parents at their orientation evening. Provided a listing of Financial Literacy resources appropriate for youth and parents.
- ◆ Continue to work with Extension Family Living educators on the bankruptcy credit counseling and debtor education applications to the US Trustees Office.
- ◆ Attended a Train the Trainer Solution Focused Financial Coaching session and was able to network with various other financial professionals, as well as learn and review coaching techniques, which I will share with volunteers and other Extension FL colleagues.



## *Paul Roback* *Community Development*

- ◆ Created “Ozaukee County: Economy at a Glance.” Utilizing recent census information, this document points to several economic indicators that support regional collaboration with Metro-Milwaukee. This document has been utilized by the Ozaukee County Economic Development Corporation, local Chambers of Commerce, the Ozaukee County Board and will be presented at the October 7th First Friday Forum entitled “A Strong Regional Economy: Why is it important to Ozaukee County?”
- ◆ Collaborated with 9 UW-Extension colleagues in a conference session entitled “Extension World Café: Transformational Learning– Transformation Through Dialogue” at the UW Cooperative Extension Trust & Transformation Conference. Participants discussed the conference theme by connecting diverse perspectives, exploring questions that matter and harvesting collective wisdom. The World Café format is unique and can be adapted for use in future programming in Ozaukee County.