

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



Daniel O'Neil *Agriculture*

- ◆ Twenty one youth completed the Tractor and Machinery Certification training. This training allows youth under the age of sixteen to operate tractors and machinery for farms and businesses. Participants must pass both a written and driving test as to complete the program.
- ◆ My main role in the Tri-County agricultural programs is in dairy facilities design. We held a session in February on dairy facility modernization, and I am now working with individuals to develop their modernization plans. In the past month I have worked with six farms to develop formal plans for modernizing their facilities. These individuals then must decide to implement all or portions of the business modernization plan. Although these modernization plans often include expanding the operations, some plans focus more on increasing labor efficiencies rather than on herd expansions.



Kay Buelke Schroeder *4-H & Youth Development*

- ◆ The 10 session "Circle of Courage" character education program taught by 4-H Ambassadors to 48 fourth grade students has concluded. Student evaluations indicate a significant increase in their ability to make responsible decisions, including listening to others and willingness to help others. Student responses to "what they learned included:
 - "I learned that making tough choices and being responsible is the right thing to do."
 - "I learned a lot about including others and accepting them for who they are."



Mary Fran Lepeska *Family Living*

- ◆ Conducted required **credit counseling** for couple seeking bankruptcy.
- ◆ Five families from throughout the county requested **financial coaching**, and I and 3 volunteers are providing education and empowerment. One volunteer commented on increased organization displayed by the client. Another client has increased income, paid off and refinanced some debts and accessed her credit report.
- ◆ Twelve child care providers learned about "**Parents: Friends and Foes**" at the Better Kid Care program.
- ◆ Presented information on healthy eating and the new **Food Guide Pyramid** to over 60 kindergarten students and many of their parents at St. Mary's School, Port Washington.
- ◆ Presented "**Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?**" to twelve YMCA Wise Club members.



Paul Roback *Community Development*

- ◆ Facilitated a First Friday Forum entitled "Earth Month: What are we doing to protect our future?" Overall, participants evaluated the forum as excellent (a 4.8 on a 5-point scale).
- ◆ Concluded Comprehensive Planning Public Information Meetings. 210 participants attended fourteen local community meetings. Overall, participants evaluated these meetings as excellent (a 4.3 on a 5-point scale).
- ◆ Conducted County Board Orientation program for seven County Board Supervisors. Overall, participants evaluated the orientation they received as excellent (a 4.7 on a 5-point scale).
- ◆ Attended the Joint Council for Extension Professionals Public Issues Leadership Development Conference in Washington, D.C. As a result, I met with Congressmen Sensenbrenner and Senators' Kohl and Feingold.