

# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



## *Daniel O'Neil Agriculture*

- ◆ The Master Gardeners annual general training program is meeting weekly. 52 new members are participating in this 36 hour training program. Instructors this month included industry experts, and I this past weeks class with a Master Gardener that completed training last year. Following completion of the training course each participant must complete an exam and provide community service hours before becoming certified. In October two of our most popular UWEX State Specialists will teach classes on Plant Pathology and Entomology.
- ◆ The Agricultural and Household Clean Sweep programs were offered on one weekend at the Highway Department facilities in Port Washington. Tons of Hazardous waste was collected. Master Gardener volunteers helped with traffic control and survey collection for those that attended. A final report will be available soon.



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

- ◆ The 2006 4-H Open House welcomed 36 families including 59 parents and 49 youth. 4-H Clubs were well represented by 35 youth and adults promoting their club offerings. In addition, 58 4-H youth, adults and Ambassadors served as resource people for the “hands-on“ project tables, registration, and club information areas. Planning for the different areas is done by volunteer leaders and youth leaders.
- ◆ Open House invitations, distributed through school districts, promote family involvement, skill building and leadership development in 4-H. Newspaper ads, posters and 150 community lawn signs also create awareness for joining the Ozaukee County 4-H program. As a result, additional inquires for joining 4-H are made through the mail and telephone.
- ◆ September is the month for new and returning enrollments in the Ozaukee County 4-H program, reorganization of boards and committees and 4-H club officer elections as the new 4-H year begins for all.



## *Mary Fran Lepeska Family Living*

- ◆ Six families (Grafton, Saukville, Cedarburg and 3 from Port Washington) requested assistance through the Financial Coaching program. Three volunteers will work with 3 families and I will/did meet with the other 3.
- ◆ Taught **Connecting with Families** to 20 Child Care providers attending the first of the nine 2006-07 educational programs.
- ◆ Twenty-three people attended the **Growing Stronger** program and learned the importance of keeping physically active, no matter what their age.
- ◆ I worked with public health in submitting a 2007 grant for funding nutrition and physical activity educational strategies that work with parents and schools.
- ◆ 57% of the **Money Talk** participants returned three month follow-up evaluations that listed specific actions taken as a result of the series. 50% of them reduced expenses, accessed and reviewed their free credit report & consulted a financial professional. Several of them established an emergency fund, reviewed insurance policies and read more about financial issues. Two increased their savings since completing the series (\$10000+ and spouse increased payroll deduction by 10%) and all recommended the series.



## *Paul Roback Community Development*

- ◆ Organized the First Friday Forum Series entitled “23rd District Candidate Forum.” All five candidates running in the primary for the 23rd District participated at this forum. Fifty-five people attended this forum and twenty-four people returned evaluations that showed that participants gained a greater understanding of each candidates platforms (a 4.7 on a 5-point scale). In addition, 19 participants indicated that they live in the 23rd District and plan to vote in the primary. One participate stated in the evaluation that “this was one of the best 1st Friday’s I have attended. Format was excellent & I greatly appreciate the education with which you have provided me this morning .”
- ◆ Worked with Dan O’Neil and organized the Ozaukee County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. 203 households participated. 8,742 pounds of hazardous waste was collected. One participant brought in a glass soda bottle full of mercury. (pictured)

