

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



Daniel O'Neil *Agriculture*

- ◆ We have completed the tour schedule and list of educational seminars and yard and garden line events for the spring and summer of 2007. A large number of Master gardeners are teaching workshops connected to the Birds a Bath'n Tour and also at garden centers throughout the county. The yard and garden Line volunteers will work at all these sessions plus have a big display at the Washington County Garden Showcase event the weekend of April 20—22.
- ◆ Have planned some excellent programs for the Ozaukee County 4-H Livestock Association membership. In March we had a program by a past graduate of the program who completed his degree in Meat Science at U.W. Madison and purchased a meats processing plant in the central area of Wisconsin. He shared his insights on the impacts producers can have on meat quality. The April program will certify swine and sheep producing youth in the quality assurance training program.



Mary Fran Lepeska *Family Living Educator*

- ◆ Presentation on goal setting, credit issues and taxes to **30 males on probation**. Six month follow-up evaluation (13 completed) showed that 69% started to save money and decrease monthly expenses, 23% completed the SMART goal set in Sept., 69% are still working on it, with one working on a modified goal of reducing vacation budget and increasing 401(k) contribution, 35% still tracking spending, 69% increased hope that things will improve, 46% lowered stress over finances and 38% feel more in control. Written comments: *"I was not saving a lot of money before this information, now I am saving more money than I have since I've been working."* *"Started to save money, finally."* *"I checked my credit report/score. I also cancelled my credit protector service; it cost me \$35./month! I also decided to sell my unused tools for a good price. Also stopped using credit card."* *"Thanks, I appreciate you coming to help us, and for caring enough to show up and make a difference."*
- ◆ **Credit vs. Debit** program to 9 youth at the **Money Smart Youth College**, WB
- ◆ Hosted **Living with Grief: Before and After Death** for 35 people. VITAS Innovative Hospice provided lunch for the three hour program. Nearly 88% of evaluations indicated personal objectives met by the program, 79% gained new knowledge, 75% gained new ideas and techniques & 33% learned about local resources.



Kay Buelke Schroeder *4-H & Youth Development*

- ◆ Eight youth and three adults began the leadership process of planning 4-H summer camp including theme and teaching roles. Co-junior directors were selected this year and will be developing a shared leadership model for future consideration of this type of leadership model.
- ◆ Interviewed eighteen youth, applying for the 4-H summer camp staff positions, to assess leadership ability for working with campers, problem solving skills and teamwork aptitude. Fifteen youth were selected for advanced training. Evaluation results will be used to determine final staff placement.
- ◆ The 4-H Variety Show auditions, coordinated by youth and adult volunteers, included over 125 youth in music and drama acts. Original plays and skits were written and directed by youth; large group acts brought together a team of youth from first grade through high school. Participating in cultural arts activities encourage self-confidence, self-expression in youth and are a lot of fun!



Paul Roback *Community Development*

- ◆ Updated County economic development information and posted at **www.OzaukeeBusiness.org**, the new domain name for the Ozaukee County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC) web site.
- ◆ Utilized information from the Ozaukee County Comprehensive Planning process to create a **2007 Economic Profile of Ozaukee County**. This document and updated demographic data has been posted on the new OCEDC web site.
- ◆ Co-facilitated five meetings of the Comp. Planning **Housing, Economic Development and Cultural Resources Work Group**. This Group provided technical assistance in the development of element chapters of the County's Comprehensive Plan. One participant commented through evaluation, "The staff was outstanding. They were always organized, knowledgeable and timely. They skillfully facilitated meetings while maintaining meeting length and the calendar schedule."
- ◆ Co-facilitated four meetings of the **Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) Work Group**. As a result of their participation, Work Group members evaluated that they are satisfied with the multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning process for Ozaukee County (a 4.1 on a 5-point scale).