

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



Daniel O'Neil *Agriculture*

- ◆ I received the 2006 Annual Report for the Wisconsin Master Gardeners. The Ozaukee County 2006 Annual report shows 7,664 hours contributed by the Ozaukee County Master Gardeners. Other highlights include three individual members reaching the levels of 2,500 hours, 1000 hours and 750 hours of service.
- ◆ Major projects accomplishments listed include the Purple Loosestrife education and control project, Pioneer Village improvement project, the Advocates shelter project, and the Ozaukee County Fair educational display. The main feature story focused on the Ask A Master Gardener answer line which is open every week of the year to answer residents horticultural questions.
- ◆ The four agricultural agents in the Tri-County Programming area completed the 2007 Winter Meeting flier for distribution in the three counties.



Kay Buelke Schroeder *4-H & Youth Development*

- ◆ The “Circle of Courage” character education program will be taught at Woodview Elementary School in Grafton by the 4-H Ambassadors beginning in January. Currently planning and scheduling is taking place with the GES guidance counselor. The 16 new and returning Ambassadors completed the training needed for the lessons they will teach. Two adult volunteer leaders will be advising the group this year.
- ◆ Oriented two 4-H Youth Leaders who have joined the board of the Ozaukee County 4-H Foundation, and worked with them gathering a youth perspective on the Foundations and its function. The Youth Directors will develop 4-H member focused materials to use in publicizing the Foundation and its purpose.



Mary Fran Lepeska *Family Living Educator*

- ◆ With 4 new requests for financial coaching, two were referred to volunteers. At the request of probation and parole office, met with 3 probation clients to review and plan financial actions. Had a follow-up meeting with couple on financial steps they are taking to improve their situation, and at the request of Ozaukee Works met with a single mom in setting up a spending plan. Did mandatory bankruptcy credit counseling with a Grafton couple, referred by their attorney.
- ◆ Six childcare providers attended the *Strengthening Relationships with Families* Connecting with Families series program, and five of them shared their bio boards completed as a result of the Oct. session (See photo). Session evaluations indicated that all six increased knowledge as a result of attending, and 4 of the 6 are more committed to connecting with families.
- ◆ Began planning with PWHS and Ozaukee Bank representatives the *Reality Store* event to take place next fall at Port Washington High School.
- ◆ Several *United for Youth* student members volunteered time to ring the bell and obtained over \$1800 in donations for Salvation Army.



Paul Roback *Community Development*

- ◆ Coordinated the process for hiring an Executive Director for the Ozaukee County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC). This included posting the position on several statewide and regional publications, coordinating candidates, developing scoring criteria to assist OCEDC members in prioritizing applicants, developing interview questions and coordinating interview logistics. This resulted in 20 application received from four states and four candidates interviewed. It is anticipated a new Director will be hired in late January or early February.
- ◆ Presented at the First Forum entitled “Comprehensive Planning for Ozaukee’s Future Quality of Life.” Despite the snow storm, 14 people attended this event and ten evaluated that they gained a greater understanding of comprehensive planning (a 4.4 on a 5-point scale). Due to the snowstorm, this forum topic will be repeated at the January 5, 2007 forum.
- ◆ Coordinated with the Ozaukee Technical Advisory Committee to the Home Consortium Board (HCB) in the development of policy recommendation for improved HCB operations. As a result, the HCB unanimously approved Ozaukee’s recommendations.