



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Paul facilitated three strategic thinking sessions with the **Rotary Club of West Bend**. At the first session, Paul presented U.S. Census data to highlight the demographic changes that have occurred in West Bend and Washington County over the past several decades. At the second session, participants developed a vision statement for the club. At the third session, participants identified and prioritized goals. A total of forty-nine club members attended the three sessions. As a result of Paul's facilitation, 87% of participants agreed that creating a vision statement assisted them in understanding the general direction for their organization's future and 90% agreed that the process of identifying and prioritizing goals increased their ability to identify issues and set priorities. Overall, 97% of participants evaluated Paul's facilitation as good or excellent.

Paul facilitated a second strategic thinking session with the Board of the **Washington County Historical Society**. As a result of Paul's facilitation, 87% of participants agreed that the process of identifying and prioritizing goals increased our ability to identify issues and set priorities.



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Program Highlights May 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- Fri., May 4th** **Farm Management Update for Ag Professionals**, Liberty Hall, Kimberly, 9:30 am-3:30pm
- Tue., May 8th** **Building a Spending Plan**, Public Agency Center, 333 E. Washington Street, Room 1023, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Tue., May 8th** **Dairy Margin Protection Program (MPP)** Info Sessions, Sheboygan County FSA Office, 650 Forest Ave, Room 105, Sheboygan Falls, 1PM
- Wed., May 9th** **Taking Care of You Workshop Series**- Stress Reduction for parents and the community, Public Agency Center, 333 E. Washington Street, Room 3224, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Thu., May 10th** **Dairy Margin Protection Program (MPP)** Info Sessions Washington-Ozaukee FSA Office, 333 E Washington, Room 3224, West Bend, 1PM
- Wed., May 23rd** **Taking Care of You Workshop Series**- Stress Reduction for parents and the community Public Agency Center, 333 E. Washington Street, Room 3224, 6:30-8:30 pm

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

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Heart of the Farm: Steph collaborated with two Eastern Wisconsin Ag Agents to develop and implement this Heart of the Farm workshop for women in agriculture. Forty-three participants were in attendance. Based on a 5-point Likert scale, participants rated their knowledge before and after each session. Participants indicated a 1.6 point increase in knowledge on building their personal and farm brand, a 1.6 increase in knowledge on milk marketing, and a 1.7 point knowledge increase on adding value to the dairy farm. One participant commented, “I have been inspired to write a mission statement and goals.”

Chickens 101! Steph developed and presented this workshop on raising backyard chickens. Thirty-two participants including twelve youth were in attendance. Based on a 5-point Likert scale, participants rated their knowledge before and after each session. Participants indicated a 2.1 point increase in selecting the right breed, a 2.2 point increase in basic chicken care principles, a 2.4 point increase in preventing diseases, and a 1.8 point increase in being a good neighbor. Comments included, “I found this to be a very informative and well presented class.”



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Preparing Youth Leaders for Camp and Beyond: Providing youth with opportunities to learn and grow at camp, and *even before camp*, is an important part of 4-H. Youth leaders interested in becoming camp staff must complete a required application and then new staff must participate in an interview. This process allows youth a chance to practice their communication, problem-solving and critical thinking skills. It also provides youth with the experience of an interview in a safe environment. This year eight youth interviewed to be a member of the Upham Woods Camp Staff and five youth interviewed to be a member of the Zombie Survival Day Camp staff.

Youth camp staff also attend trainings to prepare them for their roles at camp. The first training, for new Upham Woods camp staff, included learning about the developmental stages of the campers, the importance of positive reinforcement, and the different stages of group development. Youth practiced decision making through discussions of potentially challenging camp situations and got to know each other better through fun team building exercises.



FAMILY LIVING EDUCATION

Carol Bralich
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Financial Education Outreach: Washington County planned Money Smart Week (MSW) events during the week of April 21-28 to create financial literacy awareness. MSW is a national campaign sponsored by the Chicago Federal Reserve. Carol facilitated the planning process with local financial institutions, libraries, and nonprofit agencies.

The 3rd annual women’s financial conference was offered to focus on the unique financials needs of women. Moraine Park Technical College was the setting for 68 women to engage in financial conversations with local expert speakers on topics such as cutting the cable, retiring confidently, and virtual protection.

For the past 6 years, the MSW committee has partnered with county libraries to offer the “Big Read” event during story time with young children and their parents. Children’s literature offers an opportunity to discuss important life skill concepts in an easy-to-understand format. In 2018, the libraries in Hartford, Slinger, Germantown, Kewaskum and West Bend participated in the event. Over 140 children attended and received the book “Those Shoes” by Maribeth Boelts to take home.



NUTRITION EDUCATION (FoodWise/SNAP-Ed)

Renee Vertin
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Renee has made numerous contacts to discuss the summer 2018 programs to be provided, as well as the continuation/formation of **Partnerships** for the FoodWise FY19 Plan. Analysis of the county’s 2010 census tracts revealed outreach to underserved populations living in poverty could be expanded upon in Germantown; Renee met with key contacts at **Pick ‘n Save**, the **Park and Recreation Department**, **Sts. Boniface and Gabriel Community Pantry**, and the **School District** to discuss how Partnerships with FoodWise and **Well Washington County** in FY19 could help residents make changes toward leading healthier lives.

Renee also participated in meetings of the **Full Shelf Food Pantry Board** and the newly forming **Nonprofit Coalition**.

Recruiting to fill a part-time, summer position continues with print media, online ads, and social media posts; Office Assistants and 4-H have shared their expertise to assist Renee.

Other contributions by Renee: the Office’s social media outreach efforts, and the **Office’s Planning Committee** which is working to commemorate 2018 as UWEX’s 100th year of serving this County.