

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Paul Roback | 262-335-4480

Paul was contacted by Ronna Corliss at Elevate to facilitate a strategic planning process for the **Heroin Task Force** (HTF). The mission of the HTF is “to create a community free of opioid abuse through education, intervention, treatment, enforcement, family support, and advocacy.” After a pre-planning meeting, Paul facilitated two planning sessions with 11 task force members. After facilitating a process that created mission and vision statements, Paul sent a survey that solicited feedback from a broader group of task force members. 60 responded.

As a result of Paul’s facilitation, 100% of participants agreed that the updated mission statement helped clarify their role as an organization and the updated vision statement assisted the group in understanding the general direction for their group’s future. Overall, participants rated Paul’s facilitation a 4.9 (on a 5-point Likert Scale). One participant commented that “Paul did a great job keeping the discussion focused, keeping us on topic. Nice job.”

As a next step, Paul will facilitate a meeting with a smaller group of HTF members in order to clearly align goals with future action.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Ron presented a teambuilding/ leadership workshop to the **Youth Futures** youth leaders. **Elevate’s** Prevention Specialist stated that ‘many of the youth have expressed how much fun they had, and learned a lot too’.

Ron presented at two **4-H General Leader’s Meetings** held August 27th on Using Activities to Enhance Teamwork. Several leaders stayed after the meeting for Q and A, learning where to find more resources on activities that teach leadership skills.

Ron met with the Public Health Strategist for the **Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department** and has joined the *Healthy Relations Committee* which meets monthly between the two counties.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Fri., Sep. 13th** Farm Management Update, Kimberly
- Wed., Sep. 25th** Meeting Tomorrow’s Feeding Challenges Today, Kiel
- Wed., Sep. 25th** Interview and Application Writing Workshop (5th to 8th graders), Public Agency Center, Room 1113 A&B, 6:00-7:30 pm
- Thu., Sep. 26th** Interview and Application Writing Workshop (9th to 13th graders), Public Agency Center, Room 1113 A&B, 6:00-8:00 pm

OCTOBER

- Mon., Oct. 21st** Taking Care of You (2-part series), United Way Resource Center, 1121 E. Sumner St., Hartford, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Mon., Oct. 28th** Taking Care of You (2-part series), United Way Resource Center, 1121 E. Sumner St., Hartford, 6:00-8:00 pm

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AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

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Master Gardener Program: The Washington County Master Gardeners have been collaborating with the Ozaukee Master Gardeners to help with the Washington County Community Garden this year. Master Gardeners are the administrators of the garden, maintain the pollinator plots and bee hive, and provide educational programs and materials to those who rent plots. They are also teaming up to create short YouTube educational videos which have been released on Facebook and by the local media. Videos released so far include: How To Select Produce at the West Bend Farmers Market, Digging Garlic, Adaptive Gardening Tools, Having a Bee Hive, What it Means to be USDA Certified Organic, and Pollinators. You can see these videos by visiting the “WC WI Master Gardeners” YouTube page.

Comments include, “So cool sounds amazing”, “wow so pretty and informational”.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Amy Mangan-Fischer | 262-335-4478

Promoting 4-H: This summer the Washington County 4-H Program has been out and about in the community. Our Summer Outreach Coordinator, Elizabeth Lampereur, worked with Amy Mangan-Fischer to design and provide educational programming at the Kewaskum Public Library, the Slinger Community Library, Riveredge Nature Center, Casa Guadalupe, Germantown Safety Town, Regner Park in West Bend and Woodlawn Park in Hartford.

The summer programs were designed to focus on projects that Washington County 4-H offers year-round: cake decorating, rocketry, wildlife, art, youth leadership and more. In addition to trying new things, children were able to grow in creativity, curiosity, confidence and communication.

Pictured: Will and Tyler DiGangi using grape juice and lemons to write hidden messages at the Slinger Community Library



HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONSHIPS

Carol Bralich | 262-335-4479

Parenting in a Digital World: Technology is very appealing for kids—from cell phones to gaming. Most of us are aware of the negative impacts that technology can have on youth, but what about the positive ways it can be used to support young adolescents’ wellbeing? Extension’s eParenting® High-Tech Kids, provides ideas for using digital media to stay close to your child and strengthen family relationships. Carol partnered with school counselors to coordinate weekly parent messages. Starting in January 2019, over 1,800 parents of Silverbrook and Badger Middle School students in West Bend received weekly articles in their electronic newsletters with a practical tip for using digital media with their pre-teen/teenager. School counselors noted that the content was relevant and are interested in launching the second set of messages in January of 2020. In addition, Kennedy Middle School in Germantown will be starting eParenting® High-Tech Kids via their student messaging service the first week in September 2019. Carol will be reaching out to other Washington County middle schools this fall.

NUTRITION EDUCATION (FoodWise/SNAP-Ed)

Renee Vertin | 262-335-4841

Adults of **Casa Guadalupe Education Center** participated in two FoodWise sessions at the new West Bend (WB) facility. Renee furnished written materials in English and Spanish, and a Casa staff member provided live translation of the session content. 100% of learners exhibited knowledge/motivation to follow safe food handling guidelines.

159 educational contacts were achieved at **Parks Programs of Germantown and WB**. At the last session, Renee introduced a talking stick, inviting each youth to share the impact that the 5-session series had made upon them. The youth were captivated with the novel method; 89% of attendees shared they’d gained new info on MyPlate, a willingness to choose healthier snacks, &/or an intent to increase physical activity. Families received 2 FW newsletters.

