

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Paul Roback | 262-335-4480*

Paul was contacted by the **Village of Germantown** to facilitate a process with the village board and village department heads to develop shared strategic priorities between board and staff. As a result of a pre-planning meeting with the village administrator and the support services manager, Paul facilitated three planning sessions.

At the first session, nine village staff identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. Staff then identified and prioritized goals. At a second session, eight village board members participated in a similar process. Using the data from the two sessions, Paul identified common themes and developed four strategic priorities. At the third session, Paul presented these priorities to 17 board members and staff. He then facilitated a process that identified action steps for the village to move forward with.

Through evaluation, participants evaluated Paul's facilitation as excellent (4.7 on a 5-point Likert Scale). One participant commented that "Paul is very professional and an excellent communicator, facilitator, and presenter." A planning report has been developed and shared with staff.

### POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*Ron Jakubisin | 262-335-4481*

Ron has joined the **Washington County Heroin Task Force's** Prevention Committee. The committee met in December to review and revise current goals and develop 2020 goals.

Ron participated in the Root Cause Analysis exercise which will continue in upcoming meetings. Vaping, marijuana abuse and underage alcohol use were identified as central issues to explore.

As part of the committee focus Ron researched evidence-based and outcome-based prevention programs that will inform this committee. Ron attended two webinar trainings on a vaping education program for youth called Catch My Breath and reviewed national trends in successful prevention programming via the SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) documents for Evidence-Based Resource materials. This information will be shared with committee members to help inform the process of 2020-2021 goal development.

This position is shared between Washington and Fond Du Lac Counties.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY	
Wed., Jan., 8th	<b>Volunteer in Preparation Training</b> , Public Agency Center, 1:00-3:00 pm
Wed., Jan., 8th	<b>4-H Key Award winners at County Board Meeting</b> , Government Center, 6:00 pm
Mon., Jan., 13th	<b>Volunteer in Preparation Training</b> , Public Agency Center, 6:30-8:30 pm
Wed., Jan., 15th Wed., Jan., 22nd	<b>Taking Care of You</b> (2 Part Series), Washington County Family Center 2376 W Washington St, West Bend, WI 53095, 9:30-11:00 am
Mon., Jan., 20th	<b>Building Our Dairy Future: Robotic Milking Systems</b> Osthoff, 10 am
Wed., Jan., 22nd	<b>Farm Pulse Financial Management Webinar</b> , 6:30 pm
Tue., Jan., 28th	<b>Cultivating Your Farm's Future: Where am I at?</b> American Legion Hall, Kewaskum, 1pm
Wed., Jan., 29th	<b>Pesticide Applicator Training</b> , Public Agency Center, Room 1113 A&B, 9:00 am
Thu., Jan., 30th	<b>ARC/PLC Program Overview</b> , Chissy's, Waldo, 1:00 pm

### LAND USE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

(Extension Oversight Committee)

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### AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

*Steph Plaster | 262-335-4477*

**Deepening Connection Through Reflective Listening:** Over the course of the last year, Stephanie and another area colleague have been developing the “Making the Connection” series which focuses on listening and communication skills for agriculture professionals working with clients experiencing stress.

At the Wisconsin Farm Succession Professionals Network Meetings this fall, Stephanie presented “Making the Connection: Deepening the Connection through Reflective Listening” which focuses on a key communication strategy to help build rapport and strengthen a relationship by deepening the personal connection between the speaker and the listener. Participants were asked to role play various listening scenarios to recognize and demonstrate nonverbal listening and skills.

They commented “great information”, “this is harder than it seems”, “seems really useful”, and “will be practicing more”. One hundred percent of participants (n=11) found it a useful professional development experience.

### 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*Amy Mangan-Fischer | 262-335-4478*

**Learning about 4-H:** One of the ways that Washington County 4-H welcomes new families is through the New Family Orientation series. These engaging workshops provide both youth and adults an opportunity to get to know families in other clubs, learn more about what 4-H has to offer, and ask experienced youth and adult leaders questions.

The first part of the series, “**An Introduction to 4-H,**” was attended by 70 people. On the evaluation all adults checked that they would recommend this event to other new families! One adult wrote, I learned that “4-H is primarily youth lead, so I will be encouraging my kids to take the lead more than myself.”

Adults can also learn more about 4-H through our “**Volunteers in Preparation**” in-person training. Amy Mangan-Fischer, 4-H Program Coordinator, has facilitated trainings for adults at the i4Learning Community School in Wayne, the Richfield Village Hall in Hubertus, Washington County Fair Park and at the Public Agency Center in West Bend. Additional trainings will be offered throughout 2020!

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONSHIPS

*Carol Bralich | 262-335-4479*

**Implementing Extension’s Rent Smart Program:** In spring of 2019, Carol was approached by the Executive Director of the West Bend Housing Authority, who was searching for a local program for tenants to have a successful renting experience. Rent Smart challenges participants to know and understand their rights and responsibilities as a tenant, as well as know and understand the rights and responsibilities of their landlord. Emphasis is on forming a strong partnership between the tenant and landlord. Participants receive a certificate of completion.

As a trained facilitator, Carol presented an overview of Rent Smart to the Continuum of Care Coalition & promoted the November five hour program to the agencies’ members for clientele. Participants learned: “understanding the responsibilities of the land lord and what to look for in finding an apartment that suits my budget and needs.” Participants surveyed, (3 of 4), strongly agreed: I better understand the importance of building a positive relationship with my landlord. I feel more confident I will be able to communicate my rental needs with my landlord.

### NUTRITION EDUCATION (FoodWise/SNAP-Ed)

*Renee Vertin | 262-335-4841*

Staff of the **Seed of Hope Center** (new partner in FY20) and Casa **Guadalupe Education Center** met with Renee to discuss promotion and logistics of FoodWise programs. Renee taught two sessions of nutrition and food resource management to seven adults of **The Threshold Inc.**

FoodWise (FW) Policy, Systems, & Environment Work:

- A) Participated twice at Enchantment in the Park, sorting foods collected at the event (expectation of **Full Shelf Food Pantry** Board Members).
- B) Assisted **Feeding America** in promoting its 2020 Mobile Food Pantry (West Bend), and **Our Kids’ Closet** (Germantown) in expanding its outreach for needed donations.
- C) Strategized with Co-Manager of **Sts. Boniface and Gabriel Community Pantry** on a few of its operational concerns, and on FW direct education.
- D) Met with a newly hired Public Health Strategist to learn how **Well Washington County** intends to address food insecurity, and to discuss a potential collaboration with FW. Shared resources/contacts with her.