



UW-Extension Sheboygan County

Community Growth Management Education

Kevin Struck, Growth Management Educator

Random Lake Village Board, Sept. 18, 6:30pm

At the request of the Village Clerk, Kevin appeared before the Board to explain the Village's options for updating its comprehensive plan, which expires in 2019. The Board appreciated a summary of options that Kevin distributed and explained. "This is a much simpler and less time-consuming procedure than the creation of the original plan," Kevin told the Board.

Mosel Town Board, Sept. 20, 6:30pm

Kevin had worked with the Plan Commission to create a new zoning district for land uses related to agricultural tourism (see May 2017 Impact Report). The Board now considered the draft language for adoption, and Kevin was on hand to answer questions from the Board and residents.

Municipal Clerks' Quarterly Meeting, Sept. 21, 9:00am

Ten municipal clerks from towns and villages throughout Sheboygan County gathered to hear Kevin explain the basics of the comprehensive planning law and the 10-year update requirement. "I was feeling a bit overwhelmed before," said one clerk after the presentation, "but I understand it much better now."

Town of Rhine Long-Range Planning Committee, Sept. 21, 6:30pm

The Town, trying to decide whether to participate in Wisconsin's farmland preservation program, asked Kevin to answer several questions about the impact on non-participating landowners. Local officials were also interested in seeing a demo of the zoning strategy he had co-developed with the Town of Sherman.

Greenbush Town Board, Sept. 25, 8:00pm

The Town Board made two motions following a pair of presentations by Kevin. The first motion was to allow use of the town hall for an upcoming well water testing program, and the second was to officially work with Kevin on the 10-year update to the Town's comprehensive plan.

Town of Lyndon Agricultural Zoning Committee, Sept. 26, 7:00pm

Town officials met with Kevin to plan an Open House to help residents be informed about upcoming zoning changes and to listen to any questions or concerns.

Town of Holland Plan Commission, Oct. 2, 7:30pm

Kevin answered questions about 1) agricultural zoning, and 2) how to amend the ordinance to allow a small shed on a property without a house being present.

Adell Village Board, Oct. 11, 6:30pm

The Village President asked Kevin to give the Board an overview of what the Village would need to do to meet the statutory requirement that its comprehensive plan be updated at least once every ten years. Kevin had previously alerted the Village that its plan expires in May of 2018. "We did an amendment in 2008," Kevin said, "but you've had some significant changes since then, like the major upgrade of Wisconsin Street."

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Family Living and FoodWise

Jane Jensen, Family Living Educator

The Wisconsin Bookworms™ Early Literacy Program has been a collaborative among Jane, Sheboygan County Home and Community Education, Sheboygan County Head Start, and Wisconsin Public Television for almost 20 years. Fifteen volunteer mentors were trained on September 29 and will read children's books and share early literacy materials with 220 Head Start children each month during the 2017-18 school year. Activity sheets go home to the parents/caregivers so that early literacy skills can be reinforced at home. Each child receives a set of eight high quality books.

Reading to young children helps them develop a love of reading, along with an enthusiasm for learning. Yet, children from families with limited incomes may not have the opportunity to own many books. Wisconsin Bookworms™ is designed to provide free books to such children, giving them the experience of being read to and helping preschool children gain a lifelong love of reading. The families also become involved in reading to their children and doing family literacy activities. Since 1998, Sheboygan County's Wisconsin Bookworms™ Project has reached 4,495 low-income children between the ages of 3-5 years, and with Sheboygan County Head Start raised almost \$100,000 to purchase books for the program.

Amanda Miller & Janeth Orozco, FoodWise

New FoodWise Leadership in Sheboygan County

As a result of the UW-Extension nEXT Generation process, the FoodWise Program has finalized the following changes in area configurations:

- ◆ **Door / Kewaunee / Manitowoc** – Laura Apfelbeck (previously included Sheboygan)
- ◆ **Fond du Lac / Sheboygan** – Amanda Miller (previously included Green Lake)

The proposed changes took effect October 1st. The new FoodWise team consists of: Amanda Miller (80% FoodWise Coordinator), Janeth Orozco (100% Nutrition Educator – Sheboygan County), and Pamela Nelson (50% Nutrition Educator – Fond du Lac County.)

Amanda Miller has been with FoodWise for 6 years, with a background in public health. Projects of interest include poverty & hunger awareness, working with food pantries, and Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) at farmers markets. Pamela Nelson has 25+ years experience with the program and a wealth of teaching experience.

Sheboygan residents will receive the same quality nutrition education programming as it always has. Amanda looks forward to working in Sheboygan County.



Amanda Miller

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Agriculture and Natural Resources

Mike Ballweg, Agriculture Agent

Cover Crops Field Day - Examining the Role of Cover Crops in Soil Health and Water Quality

Wednesday October 4, 2017, Jackson WI

Sheboygan County UW Extension, in partnership with Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, Washington and Ozaukee County Land Conservation Departments, and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, held a Cover Crops Field Day examining the role of cover crops in soil health and water quality.

Attendees had the unique opportunity to observe **on-farm demonstrations** that included no-till cover crops after wheat, inter-seeding cover crops into standing corn, and low disturbance manure applications.

Nearly 90 people attended, including farmers, industry agronomists, county conservation departments staff, as well as NRCS staff members. Many positive comments were made about the quality and usefulness of the demonstrations and presentations.

On-farm demonstrations included:

- Cover crops after wheat, mixes and effect on corn yield
- Low disturbance manure injection into cover crops
- Inter-seeding cover crops in corn and soybean



Mike Ballweg, Sheboygan County UW-Extension, shares Sheboygan County research results when using annual clovers.



Jamie Patton, Shawano County UW-Extension, discusses: Cover Crops and Soil Quality.



Mike Patin (pictured left), NRCS District Conservationist Sheboygan, Ozaukee & Washington Counties, explains NRCS cost share programs.

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4-H Youth Development

Sarah Tarjeson, 4-H Youth Development Educator and Linda Robson, 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator

The Sheboygan County 4-H Youth Development Program has officially declared the 2017-2018 4-H year to be the **"Year of the 4-H Project."** A 4-H project is an area that youth want to learn more about during the year. There are projects on just about any topic that one would like to explore, from art to woodworking, from computers to rabbits, from clothing to small engines.

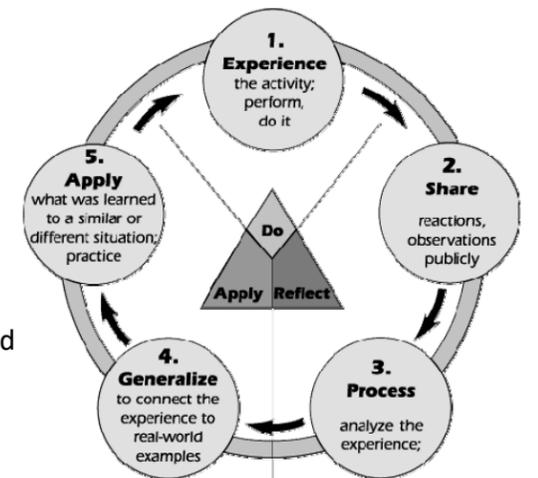


In 4-H, supportive adults help youth discover what they are learning as part of their experiences and dig out deeper lessons to help them in other life situations. 4-H Youth Development programs promote life skill development through the use of a five-step sequential experiential learning model. Experiential learning encourages thinking, working harder and ultimately learning more thoroughly than just showing or telling. Experiential learning takes place when youth are involved in a project or activity and they:

- Look back at their experiences critically,
- Determine what was useful or important to remember, and
- Then use this information in real life situations.

As a project leader, adults help this process by:

1. Setting aside enough time for reflecting on the experience.
2. Asking the right questions.
3. Planning developmentally appropriate experiences that lead to reflections.
4. Listening carefully.
5. Supporting each youth's unique learning.



You can help us celebrate this "Year of the 4-H Project" by promoting the dozens of project-based opportunities found in our monthly publication the Cloverleaf Crier. In addition, you can reach out to other caring adults and older youth and ask them to consider sharing their time and talents with our 4-H Members! Let's get a date on the calendar for winter or spring and invite young people to join in learning valuable skills! Make it a meeting, a workshop, or even a field trip! Not sure how to teach what you know . . . that's what UW-Extension is here for! Give us a call and we can help you plan and lead a great learning opportunity!

Projects are just one tool that the 4-H Youth Development Program uses to teach communities of youth across America citizenship, leadership, and life skills!