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4-H Youth Development

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

On February 18, nearly 145 Sheboygan County 4-H youth performed in the **4-H Music and Drama Festival** held at the UW-Sheboygan Theater. Eight clubs put together skits or musicals that averaged about 15 minutes in length. The clubs spend several months planning, rehearsing, and preparing to showcase their skills and talents. Each club skit or musical was directed by adult and/or youth volunteer leaders. Judges selected two skits and one musical to go to the WI State Fair.



Since we also encourage duet or individual performances, 12 youth performed instrumental or vocal pieces they had selected and practiced on their own. After providing helpful critiques, judges selected two more youth to perform at the State Fair.

Some clubs and individual performers are now taking their acts to local community organizations such as local nursing homes.

New this year, a 4-H Band was formed by a 4-H youth member. The band consisted of youth from multiple clubs in the county. Performers had as little experience as 6 months to several years practicing with their instrument. They came together and performed *Irish Jig for Young Feet* and *Bohemian Rhapsody*.



The 4-H Music and Drama Festival was hosted and emceed by the Sheboygan County 4-H Ambassadors, utilizing their leadership and communication skills to introduce each performance and lead games and activities throughout the day. The Festival was coordinated by a committee of youth and adult volunteers.

A Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Program study found that participants in 4-H arts and communication programs increase their skills, self-esteem, and self-confidence. Youth report that they have used feedback from judges to improve their performance and creativity skills.



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Community Growth Management Education

Kevin Struck, Growth Management Educator

Recently, Kevin was invited to a newly formed ad hoc committee meeting in order to provide land use planning guidance and education. As the meeting was called to order, however, Kevin asked whether a quorum was present. After some discussion of who was officially on the committee, it was determined that a quorum was *not* present. At this point, the leader of the committee suggested that those in attendance could still work through the agenda as long as the committee didn't take any action on any agenda items. Kevin advised against this idea [see below for the reason why], and the meeting was ended and rescheduled.

UW-Extension's Local Government Center offers a wealth of information to help local governments—everything from finance to elections to Open Meetings Law. Here is an excerpt from one of the Center's fact sheets.

What is the number of members required to constitute a quorum?

Unless otherwise specified, a quorum of a public body is a majority of the members unless a greater number is set by law.

What can and should be done when there is no quorum?

If a quorum is not present when a meeting is scheduled to begin, it may be advisable nonetheless to keep a record of the meeting. The record should document that the meeting was called to order at the time and place specified in the public notice. The names of those in attendance should be listed. The records should also indicate what, if any, actions were taken to obtain a quorum. The record should also indicate the time of adjournment to document that those in attendance waited a reasonable time for absentees to arrive.

It is not clear whether the members at a properly noticed meeting without a quorum may discuss—but not act on—the items on the agenda. Some authorities opine that if the meeting has been properly noticed then there is no harm done by discussing agenda items. Others point out that members are doing the public's business by gathering information and deliberating in addition to making decisions and that there must be a quorum present when doing public business in any form. To date, this question has not been addressed by the courts or in an Attorney General's opinion. *The safest option is to avoid discussing agenda items when fewer than a quorum are present, even if the meeting has been properly noticed.*

Proxy and absentee votes are not permitted in Wisconsin local government bodies.



A typical town plan commission meeting.

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Family Living & Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP)

Jane Jensen, Family Living Educator

As a member of the **Creating Aging Friendly Communities** statewide work group, Jane is developing a toolkit for implementation and discussion around this important issue affecting Wisconsin communities. In 2010, the US Census Bureau reported that the number of Wisconsin residents 65 and older was 13.7%. Within two decades, approximately 20% of Sheboygan County residents will be age 65 or older.

Most older adults remain in their own homes and communities as they age. Therefore, addressing the needs of the aging population and their families is a critical part of maintaining community health and wellness, preventing public health problems, and supporting economic productivity and development across the age spectrum. An aging-friendly community is also an everyone-friendly (or livable) community. Qualities of an aging-friendly community (livable) include: inclusive, sustainable, healthy, accessible, interdependent, and engaged.

The toolkit includes important data, an assessment tool, and community engagement strategies. There are 13 characteristics in the assessment tool:

Housing	Transportation, accessibility and parking	Civic engagement and volunteering
Family caregiving	Sidewalks and pedestrian crossings	Respect and social inclusion
Nutrition and wellness	Community and healthcare settings	Community connectedness
Taxation, finance, and protection against fraud	Employment and workforce development	Community leadership and intergenerational collaboration
	Public safety and emergency planning	

The toolkit includes data sources for each aging friendly characteristic, with examples of success and next steps to translate enthusiasm into prioritization, strategic planning, and community level change.

Laura Apfelbeck & Janeth Orozco, Nutrition Education Program / FoodWise

From November to January, Janeth conducted a FoodWise pilot project with kindergarten students at Grant Elementary. By partnering with Sheboygan Area School District (SASD) and Nourish Farms, Janeth was able to present six lessons using the USDA's *Discover MyPlate* curriculum. Students learned the five food groups, identified foods belonging to each group, and discovered the importance of making healthy choices and being physically active. Using picture card recipes, students created snacks that included a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables. Each student received four emerging reader books to reinforce the lesson at home. Nourish Farms taught one additional lesson about growing plants, and the SASD organized food supplies for the recipes.

Parent responses were overwhelmingly positive, and the students looked forward to what "Miss O" would bring them to try. Students took recipes home and some prepared them again with their families.

Most of the parents who participated in the survey indicated their children are more willing to taste new foods or food they usually do not eat. Per the surveys, fruit and vegetable intake increased by 45% and 35%. One of the teachers from Grant noticed that after the classes her students started bringing more vegetable and fruit snacks.

This successful partnership with SASD and Nourish has led to expansion. FoodWise will present the Discover MyPlate series in kindergarten classrooms at Jefferson Elementary and Sheridan Elementary this spring. More photos are available at the FoodWise Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/manitowoc.uwex.edu/>



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Agriculture and Natural Resources

Mike Ballweg, Agriculture Agent

2017 Landscape & Grounds Maintenance Short Course

The goal of the short course is to provide timely information and education that will allow Green Industry professionals the opportunity to improve the quality of service and profitability of their horticultural businesses. Although this course is designed for people in the horticulture industry, all interested individuals are welcome.

One hundred thirty-six (136) have registered for the Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Short Course this year. Over 99% of short course participants from week #1 & #2 rated the class as either **excellent** or **good**. Comments included: *Great speakers; Very interesting!; Very good instructors; Great talk on soils!; Both excellent presenters & presentations—enthusiastic & informative.*

Week 1 - Friday, February 3 - 1:00 pm

Strategies for Low Input Lawn Care and Reduced Pesticide Risk Management

Learn techniques for maintaining healthy turfgrass while reducing pesticide toxicity.

Paul Koch, UW-Extension Turfgrass Plant Pathology Specialist

Managing Ticks, Mosquitoes and Scale Insects in the Landscape - Ticks, mosquitoes and scale insects can be problematic; learn how to minimize their impact and occurrence in the landscape.

PJ Liesch, Director, Plant Insect Diagnostic Lab, UW-Madison

Week 2 - Friday, February 10 - 1:00 pm

New Perennials That Impress. Planning Your Perennials for Year Round Color

Dave Wanniger, Horticulturist in Charge, Boerner Botanical Gardens

Managing Soils for Quality: Evaluation and Remediation

Good quality soils are critical to healthy landscapes; learn how to evaluate and improve soil quality in landscapes.

Jim Stute, Crops & Soils Research Director, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute

Week 3 - Friday, February 17 - 1:00 pm

Plant Communities for Pollinators in Urban Areas

You don't need large areas to support pollinators. Learn how small spaces can help too!

Ben Futa, Executive Director, Allen Centennial Garden, UW-Madison

Preservation of Pollinators in the Urban Landscape

How can we control the pests and preserve pollinators?

Chris Williamson, UW-Extension Turfgrass and Ornamental Entomologist

Week 4 - Friday, February 24 - 1:00 pm

Diseases of Conifers

Learn to identify and treat diseases of conifers commonly found in eastern Wisconsin.

Brian Hudelson, Director, Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic, UW-Extension

Beyond Blue Spruce: Conifers for Today's Landscape

Once you've learned which conifers are most likely to become diseased, Laura will offer ideas for better choices and replacements.

Laura Jull, UW-Extension Woody Ornamental Specialist



Chris Williamson, UW-Extension Turfgrass and Ornamental Entomologist, recently discussed **Preservation of Pollinators in the Urban Landscape** at the 2017 Landscape & Grounds Maintenance Short Course held at UW-Extension Sheboygan County.