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Community Development Education

Kevin Struck, Community Development Educator

The Wisconsin Statutes [require a community's comprehensive plan to be updated no less than once every 10 years](#) if that community wishes to continue to be able to approve the rezoning and dividing of land.

Since the **Village of Cascade** Comprehensive Plan was adopted on December 12, 2009, the 10-year update is required by December 12, 2019. Kevin made the Village aware of this deadline, and the Village requested Kevin's help in preparing an update in the form of an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan.

Some of the key updates include:

- ◆ Like many small villages, Cascade's growth rate has slowed considerably since year 2000.
- ◆ The housing stock in Cascade is older, on average, than in other area villages. This may mean housing is more affordable, but it also may need more maintenance and repairs. This might be an issue for an aging population.
- ◆ A total of 8 lots were platted in Cascade's newest subdivision (2007) and so far none of the lots have been developed.
- ◆ It is a challenging time for Cascade's municipal finances. General revenues only increased 2.6% from 2013 through 2017—in comparison to an average of 16.7% for all villages in the state during the same period.
- ◆ Despite its challenges, Cascade has remained debt-free. Meanwhile, the statewide per capita debt for villages is on the rise, reaching \$1,862 at the end of 2017.



- ◆ The Village passed an ordinance in 2012 allowing golf carts on village streets with certain stipulations.
- ◆ 10 acres of park land were added, including a hiking trail and a popular disc golf course.
- ◆ In contrast to a statewide trend for volunteer fire departments, the department in Cascade remains strong with over 50 firefighters.



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Approximately 110 area farmers and industry agronomists attended the **2019 Agronomy Day** to learn about cropping systems research to improve crop profitability while protecting our soil and water natural resources.

UW-Madison Extension faculty presenting at the **2019 Agronomy Day** program included: Dr. Rodrigo Werle, Weed Science Specialist; Dr. Joe Lauer, Corn Specialist; and Dr. Shawn Conley, Soybean & Small Grain Specialist.

A grain crops Market Outlook was provided by Naomi Blohm, Senior Market Advisor, Steward-Peterson Group, West Bend.

One hundred percent (100%) of those completing the program survey rated the **2019 Agronomy Day** Program as either excellent or good. Sixty-one percent (61%) rated the program excellent. One hundred percent (100%) completing the survey said they would like another Agronomy Day Program in 2020.

2019 Agronomy Day

Brings University of Wisconsin
Specialists to the
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During the Feb. 21 Agronomy Day at the 5 Pillars Supper Club, UW-Madison Extension weed science specialist Rodrigo Werle gave a presentation about "water-hemp," an aggressive weed now present in most Wisconsin counties.

UW-Extension crops and soils agent Mike Ballweg welcomes the crowd. Agronomy Day is organized by the UW-Extension offices in Sheboygan, Ozaukee and Washington counties.

Cedar Grove farmer David Mueller (left) discusses crops with Nathan Casper, a field agronomist with InDepth Agronomy of Manitowish.

Mark Ramey, who farms in rural Random Lake, visits with staffers at the Country Visions Cooperative booth, including Casey Hahn.

Paul Morgan (left) of Hingham visits with Ken Thimmig of Oostburg during Thursday's Agronomy Day program. There were 120 in attendance.

Paying attention to the speaker are Jerome Zimbal (left) and Richard Back, both from Sheboygan Falls.

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4-H Youth Development

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

Scholarships were due March 1st. The Leaders Association will award 5 scholarships this year. A committee will be coordinated to review scholarships and will consist of a mixture of 4-H Leaders and community members. If you know of someone who would make a great reviewer, please let Linda know.

Summer Internship Applications were due March 15th. We have one applicant and will be extending the deadline. We will be holding interviews within the next few weeks. This is always an excellent opportunity for young adults to really get involved with the 4-H program and the UW Extension Office.

Spring General Leader Meeting is Monday, April, 29th starting at 7:00 pm. This will be a great meeting for General Leaders or a representative from the club to attend. Leaders will take an in-depth look into the demographics of our membership and how it compares to the population of the communities we serve.



Summer Camp is right around the corner, July 7th-11th. Registration for the event is open on 4HOnline, so sign up now! **Early Bird Camp registrations** are due May 1st. This year camp is from July 7th-11th, at Camp Lakotah in Wautoma. We have an excellent group of 17 youth staff members preparing to run camp!

Project Day event was held on Saturday, March 16th at UW-Sheboygan. There were 14 different sessions that youth were able to take part in and all completed a project for the fair! 121 youth and adults participated in the program in addition to a group of 25 older youth and adults who helped to lead and facilitate a project during the day.



Music and Drama Festival will be on April 6th with performances of both musicals and plays/dramas and individual/duet vocal or instrumental performances. It will be held at the Sheboygan Falls High School Auditorium. Please promote this exciting event for clubs as a whole and youth participation!

Communication Arts Festival was held this year on February 24th from 1-4pm. We had 107 participants with over 180 entries (nearly double of last year)! It took place here at the UW Extension Office.



New Leader Orientation is set for Tuesday, April 16th from 6-8pm. If you have interested parents or potential new volunteers, please let them know about this date! To volunteer, adults must complete all 4 steps: attend this training, have a background check done, complete a mandatory online reporting training, and enroll on 4HOnline.

Projects are underway for 2019! All Animal Projects and Shooting Sports project members must be enrolled by March 1, 2019. All non-animal related project members must be enrolled by May 1, 2019! **These deadlines must be met in order to show at the 2019 Sheboygan County Fair!**

The American Legion and UW-Extension host an annual **Youth Government Day**. This event will be held in Sheboygan County on April 23rd at the County Courthouse and Administration Buildings. This year we expect to host over 50 students from Cedar Grove, Sheboygan North High School, Sheboygan Christian and Plymouth. Anyone interested in helping to facilitate or participate should contact Sarah.

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Family Living and FoodWise

Jane Jensen, Family Living Educator

[The Family Caregivers Coalition in Sheboygan County](#) was co-founded by Jane with the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). She continues to co-chair the coalition with the ADRC and work with steering members from the Alzheimer's Association and the Dementia Care Network as well as a family caregiver representative. The mission of the coalition is identify, recognize, support, and enhance the role of those affected by family caregiving through 1) community outreach, 2) education, 3) peer support, and 4) shared resources in order to help family caregivers thrive.

Recent data for the annual report indicated that 272 family caregivers and 147 community organizations are current members. Continuing to meet the current and emerging needs of family caregivers is currently implemented annually through four community education events, a quarterly newsletter mailed to all family caregiver members and electronically shared with organizational members, several events that allow family caregivers and their care recipients to learn and socialize in a safe environment, as well as resource sharing through the organizational website and written materials. There are no membership dues and programs are sustained through shared skills and resources of members. Upcoming community education events for 2019 will focus on grief and bereavement, effective communication with healthcare professionals, the power of gratitude, and technology for caregivers.

Amanda Miller & Janeth Orozco, FoodWise

[A follow-up on healthy habits](#)

For the current school year the FoodWise Program was invited to provide nutrition education as part of the afterschool programs at Longfellow Elementary School and Jefferson Elementary School in the Sheboygan Area School District. This collaboration provides the opportunity for Janeth to teach at each grade from kindergarten to 5th grade.

Lessons at the afterschool programs have been a success. Students are excited to participate in the activities provided by the educator and are always excited to try new foods. Lessons provided are age appropriate and include a variety of topics, such as the five food groups, the importance of physical activity, family meals, and healthy snacks.

Some of the students in the afterschool program grades 1st and 2nd had received nutrition education in their classroom in the past through the nutrition lessons provided by Janeth at kindergarten classrooms. Janeth was amazed by how much the kids remembered from the five food groups and characters' names from the Discover MyPlate curriculum. With a basic idea of healthy eating and MyPlate, now students seem prepared to learn more about MyPlate and are more willing to try new foods and encourage others to do the same.

