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Waupaca native to retire from UW-Stevens Point

After 30 years of service with the University of Wisconsin System, Waupaca native Sally Marchel Handrich will retire this month.

Her first 23 years with UW-Extension were at UW-Madison with the Department of Family Living Education, WISPLAN Computing, and the southern district office. She joined the staff at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP) in 1998 working with new student orientation and disability services assisting students with disabilities.

“This was rewarding and a learning experience, working with students with a whole range of learning challenges,” said Marchel Handrich.

Four years later, she transferred to UWSP’s College of Natural Resource’s Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Program as a program assistant. In her role with the Lakes Program she assisted with the annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention held every spring. Marchel Handrich worked on the Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute and helped coordinate various program and events with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Association of Lakes. In late 2002 the unit was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with an EPA Clean Water Leader Award, recognizing the unit’s outstanding statewide leadership and accomplishments in water resource protection. Marchel Handrich also served as co-chair for the Classified Staff Advisory Committee (CSAC) for two years.

She holds an associate degree from the Madison Business College.

Bailey Lake, not far from Waupaca, is where she and her husband, Don, will spend much of their time. She met her husband, who works for Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac, at their 30th Waupaca High School reunion. During retirement, Marchel Handrich wants to reacquaint herself with the people and places of her youth. Her main hobby is perennial gardening and she hopes to become a certified “master gardener” sometime in the next few years.