



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

April 6, 2016

**The following documents are included in the packet for the
Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on
Tuesday, April 12, 2016:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the March 8, 2016 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educator Reports for: Jay Dampier (Community Resource & Economic Development), John de Montmollin (4-H Youth Development), Katie Gellings (Family Living), Nav Ghimire (Ag Agent) and Amanda Miller (Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program).



**AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR
MEETING NOTICE**

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.
Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room
571 County Road A, Green Lake, Wisconsin

AGENDA

Committee Members:

Maureen Schweder,
Chairperson
Joanne Guden, Vice-
Chairperson
Patti Garro
David Richter
Michael Stoddard

Mailing Address:
Green Lake County
UW-Extension
PO Box 3188
Green Lake WI 54941-
3188
920-294-4032
FAX: 920-294-4176
Website:
greenlake.uwex.edu

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Certification of Open Meeting Notice
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of the March 8, 2016 Minutes
5. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
6. Public Appearances
7. County Library Services Report
 - a. Submitted Monthly Report
8. Correspondence
9. **FAIR – 2016**
 - a. Truck/Tractor Pull Update – Discussion/Approval
 - b. Entertainment Contracts – Discussion/Approval
 - c. Fair Updates – Discussion
10. **UW-EXTENSION**
 - a. Educator Report – Amanda Miller, Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program Coordinator for Green Lake & Fond du Lac Counties
 - b. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
 - c. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
 - d. Tri-County Produce Auction Ag. Extension Program Revenue to UW-Extension
 - e. UW-EX Begins to Offer 'Water Testing Program' to County Residents
 - f. nEXT Generation of UW-Extension - Tom Schmitz
 - g. Committee Discussion
 - h. Vouchers: Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair – Discussion/Approval
 - i. Certification of Appreciation: Maureen Schweder
11. Future Agenda Items
12. Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday, May 10, 2016
13. Adjournment

Kindly arrange to be present; if unable to attend, please notify our office.

Sincerely,



Nav Ghimire
Green Lake County UW-Extension
Agricultural Agent/Department Head

An EEO/Affirmative Action employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements.

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance should contact the UW-Extension Office at 294-4032 no later than Noon on the day preceding the meeting.



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Maureen Schweder at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Maureen Schweder, Chair
Joanne Guden, Vice-Chair
Patti Garro
David Richter
Michael Stoddard

Staff Present: Jay Dampier
John de Montmollin
Katie Gellings
Kathy Ninneman
Kim Zills

Staff Absent: Nav Ghimire and Amanda Miller

Others Present: Harley Reabe, floater; Linda DeNell, from Caestecker Library.

AGENDA

Motion/second (Stoddard/Guden) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Richter/Garro) to approve the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES – None.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Submitted monthly reports on file.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL UPDATE

The contracts have been signed and returned by Rich Swanke and are now awaiting the county's approval.

ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS

- DJ/KJ Entertainment with Leroy and Dala: \$250 (August 5, 2016)
- Hypnotist Jay Hess: \$1,200 (August 6, 2016)
- Snakes Alive: \$300 (August 6, 2016)
- Uncle Ozzie: \$550 (August 7, 2016)
- NTPA Truck & Tractor Pull (Richard Swanke & Green Lake County)-(August 4 & 5, 2016)
- UB the Band: \$650 (August 4, 2016)

Motion/second (Guden/Garro) to approve the contracts as presented. Motion carried.

FAIR UPDATES

Zills discussed a new event at the fair, an AgEducation station. Matt Graff, from Farm Bureau, has been very instrumental with his expertise and contacts with this event.

EDUCATOR REPORT

Dampier, Community Resource Education & Economic Development Educator, presented to the Committee, "Program Update."

Q&A OF EDUCATORS' SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS & RELEVANT TRAININGS, MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Written monthly reports on file for Dampier, de Montmollin, Gellings, and Ghimire were reviewed. de Montmollin and Gellings gave a verbal report of their present programming.

2015 COMMITTED FUNDS REQUEST

Committed funds request from the UW-Extension and Fair were presented. ***Motion/second (Garro/Guden)*** to approve the Committed Funds. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Richter/Stoddard). Approved.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Schweder and Stoddard's last committee meeting will be next month.

VOUCHERS

Motion/second (Garro/Guden) to approve the vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and Fair as presented totaling \$1,537.57. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Schweder or Ghimire.
- Next regular meeting date: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in the Training Room at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Richter) to adjourn at 10:38 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist*

Green Lake County Libraries Report for April 2016

Princeton: We had a busy month in March. Most exciting was the traveling John Muir Exhibit we welcomed for two from the Wisconsin Historical Society. We were thrilled by the number of locals and out town visitors who came just to see the exhibit. We also had Michael Edmonds from WHS do a wonderful more in depth presentation of Muir. Also during the week of Princeton's Spring Break, we had a program on Geocaching, a Game Night, and a Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Not only did we have high attendance for all these programs, but they continued to reach out to all ages of our community.

For April we are most excited for our Local Poetry reading on April 20 at 6:30 with poets: Bruce Dethlefsen, Bob Hanson, and Dave Harris. We are also being joined by two County employees in the next month. Katie Gellings will be doing a program for kids for Smart Money Week and during the first week on May Jay Dampier will be leading a conversation on tree care. We also will be celebrating National Library Week, with an Open House supported by the Princeton Friends. The Open House will feature cake, an inside look at the library, and the opportunity to win 20 Chamber Dollars on Wednesday April 13th from 6-7pm.

We also making forward strides with the fundraising for our expansion project. Keep an ear open for our Pig Roast and Raffle on July 10 and our Golf Outing on August 8th. We are excited for the Flea Market to open as well at the end of the month, where we will be raising awareness about our project.

Green Lake: April 10-16, is both National Library Week and National Volunteer Appreciation Week. It's a happy combined celebration, as many libraries depend on their volunteers. We're no exception – the Caestecker Library couldn't even be open on Sundays without our volunteers. They do so much more than a week's gratitude can hold.

April is also a month of garden and general outdoor celebrations – Earth Day, Arbor Day, Gardening Month, Green Lake's Bird Fest. We will celebrate on Thursday, April 21, with an evening program on Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic, presented by Steve Swenson of the Aldo Leopold Foundation.

We still have some heirloom seeds available to check out, grow for the season, and save some seeds to bring back in the fall. Other items to check out and use in the great outdoors include our portable telescope, kid-sized fishing poles, and our outdoor adventure backpacks. And of course we have all kinds of books on bird watching, gardening, building outdoor structures, whatever you like to do outside. We want to help you celebrate spring.

Markesan: The Markesan Library has been busy with lots of activities, coloring book club, Zentangle Class, book discussions, story hours, etc. Next up is the annual Spring Fling on Saturday, May 14, 9-11 a.m. The local FFA will be selling plants. The library will also have a bake sale, a book sale, and the popular garden art silent auction. All items are donated by local business or individuals. We will have a bottle tree, wooden plant stands, book planters, painted wooden fences, wooden planters, bird houses, plate flowers, and much more. If you get a chance to come out, we would love to show you the work of some talented people. We are also working on summer library program for children, as well as our other summer programs. The book discussion group is reading *The boys in the boat* by Daniel James Brown. It is about the American young men's quest for the gold medal at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. If you use

Amazon, you are familiar with the star review system they use. This book has had over 17,000 reviews and a full 95% are either a 4 or 5 star review. This month we will have a booth at the school for the Week of the Young Child program in order to promote our story time and our summer library program.

Berlin: As we prepare for Summer Library Club, there's just a bit more programming for Spring that is worth the mention at our library! It's birthday month! For all of our patrons we have two programs that they are encouraged to participate in. For National Library Week, April 10-16, patrons are asked to stop in during the month of April to add a leaf to our Communi-tree display and gather a promotional pen in the process. We are also celebrating William Shakespeare's 451st birthday with a treat on Tuesday, April 26, from 2-6pm.

For children, we have a craft on Friday, April 22 to celebrate Earth Day between 10am and 4pm. On Wednesday, April 13 at 2pm, we celebrate Early Release Day with a movie for kids. We will also celebrate Eeyore's birthday on Wednesday, April 20, from 4-5pm.

Adults have two historical programs that they may participate in as well. There will be a book discussion on Thursday, April 7, from 6-7pm, with the book "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini as the discussion. On Saturday, April 9, from 1-2pm, historical portrayer, Jessica Michna, will treat our patrons to a discussion of Mary Todd Lincoln after her husband's assassination.

Kingston: Our first donation in the Pretty Pallet Projects has come in. It's an adorable frog hanging on a fence with a planter below him. Several other patrons have let us know that their project is almost done. Look for all the creative Pretty Pallet Projects to be auctioned off in a silent auction starting April 25th and ending May 7th. One of these items would make a great Mother's Day gift! Money raised from the silent auction will go towards some new shelving to help with crowded shelves. We are also working on an extensive weeding of the collection. Weeding is one of those jobs that should be done every year, but in our library it tends to get put off until it is needed. Books pulled from the collection will go in to our book sale room, where you can purchase them for \$5.00 a bag full. Stop in any time to check out what is available as it is always changing.

This report briefly describes work completed during March 2016 within the Community Natural Resources and Economic Development (CNRED) Program. During the reporting period, the Educator made 35 direct educational / professional contacts and wrote a column for Berlin Journal Newspapers (circulation 7255 indirect educational / professional contacts).

Organizational Development and Capacity Building

Administrative Coordinator / County Administrator model research Green Lake County is considering a change in its government structure and is evaluating the pros and cons of transitioning from Administrative Coordinator to County Administrator. The Educator has provided research services to the Green Lake County Administrative Committee. Deliverables included i) summarization of Administrative Coordinator & County Administrator position descriptions from other Wisconsin Counties ii) summarization of county leader email responses who've made the transition (from other WI counties), iii) providing resources in the form of questions answered, and fact sheets from the UW-Extension, Local Government Center.

Health Department Strategic Plan The Educator is working with Green Lake County Health Department to facilitate a strategic plan update. The Educator has initiated by conducting a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOC) online assessment with the staff and advisory board. Future work is planned, and will include meeting facilitation next month.

Strategic Plan Request The Educator will be facilitating another strategic planning process with a local nonprofit. The Educator has entered into a "Plan for the Plan" process in order to better evaluate organizational readiness and has initiated a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOC) online assessment with the staff, board and advisory committee.

Young Professionals The Educator presented the findings from the Educational Needs Assessment of the Young Professionals. Many survey participants faced workplace challenges. Three major workplace themes in the survey data are; the i) generational challenges, ii) unfair workplace practices and iii) lack of strong leadership.

Economic knowledge and capacity

Internet Marketing Basics The Educator provided a basic orientation covering online marketing to a local group interested in using websites and mobile apps to promote local history.

Natural Resource Stewardship

Lawn Care / Water Quality Program development is underway to provide education which will reduce non-point source pollution while maintain healthy lawns. The Educator has submitted a grant proposal \$4150. This pilot project will provide an individualized one-on-one educational experience to stakeholders living within close proximity to Big Green Lake. These stakeholder-participants will be offered a free lawn site assessment and lawn soil test. Since many stakeholders living close to Big Green Lake are also Green Lake Association (GLA) members, the GLA will be an important project partner – if funded.

Educational Programming, Outreach and Promotion

Intercounty Coordinating Committee (ICC) The Educator along with three county board members participated in this month's ICC meeting hosted in Sauk County. The topic of discussion was centered Heroin reduction programming at the county level.

Grantwriting / Conflict Resolution The Educator is collaborating with a fellow Educator in Dodge County in an exchange of trainings. The Educator completed a 3-session workshop on grantwriting (plus a funding search workshop at UW-Madison Memorial Library), and in exchange the Dodge County Educator will be hosting a program in Green Lake entitled, “Conflict Management: Practical Strategies for Work and Home.”

Fresh Views on Customer Service The Educator co-presented at the North Central All-Colleagues Conference. The presentation investigated how to adjust your customer service techniques based on the customer’s generation and personality type. Plans are in place to adapt this presentation, and deliver it in Green Lake County.

Professional development

Rank Change The Educator was promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Resource Development. The rank change took effect March 1, 2016.

Newspaper articles

- “Grant writing is important for nonprofit organizations” Berlin Journal Newspapers. March 24, 2016 by Jay Dampier

Out of County Days

- 1.0 Grant Writing Workshop, Dodge County
- 1.0 Geographic Information Systems and Local Government Center meetings, Madison
- 2.0 North Central All-Colleague Conference, Minocqua
- 0.5 Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting, Sauk County
- 1.0 Grant Writing Funding Source Data Base and Training, Madison

Planned out-of-county days for next month.

- 1.0 Community Builders, Grant Writing Series (Marquette and Waushara Counties)
- 2.0 Joint Council of Extension Educators, WI Dells



Contacts

Phone	E-mail	Face to Face
23	54	188

Program Highlights

Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association

Organized at the county level, the 4-H Leader Organization works closely with the 4-H Youth Development Educator. The organization brings together volunteers to serve as a venue for volunteer leader training and an organizing mechanism in providing volunteer and financial support for county level educational opportunities for 4-H members and 4-H volunteers. I attended the Green Lake County 4-H Leader's Association on Thursday, March 3, 2016 where we discussed recognition of 4-H volunteers who have passed away and I gave an update on the UW-Extension Reorganization.

Green Lake County 4-H Ambassador Meeting

The Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors are a group of older 4-H members who promote 4-H throughout Green Lake County. I attended the Green Lake County 4-H Ambassador meeting on Sunday, March 6, 2016. The large group broke into three committees to discuss Super Saturday, the Lock-in and the upcoming school-based Recycling Education program.

MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance)

I taught Green Lake County Meat Animal Quality Assurance program with help from Jody Mace (4-H Volunteer) to over 100 youth participants on Tuesday, March 15th and Saturday, March 19th.

Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) was developed in 2002 by UW-Extension, as the Quality Assurance program for Wisconsin. This quality assurance program expands on the Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) program that has been in existence since the 1990's but provides a more inclusive format for not only swine exhibitors, but to youth that are enrolled in the Beef and Sheep projects as well.



It is well documented how beneficial quality assurance programs are to the education of youth exhibitors. These benefits include:

- Improves consumer perception of youth shows.
- Improves the management and health practices of youth exhibitors.
- Teaches life skills of record keeping, decision making, and animal care.

All youth who wish to participate in the Green Lake County Fair Auction are required to participate in an MAQA session.

North Central Regional Meeting

I attended the North Central Regional Meeting on March 16 and March 17, 2016 in Minocqua. This conference gave me the opportunity to not only participate in several professional development sessions, but also gave me a chance to connect with colleagues from across the region. Katie Gellings and I also presented a poster session on partnership development. Here is the abstract of the poster session describing the partnership with the Boys and Girls Club:

According to the latest census, Green Lake County has a population of about 19,000 residents. Of that 19,000, over 28% (5,500 residents) live in the city of Berlin. When looking at specific demographic data for Berlin, over 8% of the population identified as Latino/Hispanic. In order to reach new youth audiences, Green Lake County UW-Extension staff (including 4-H Youth Development, Family Living and WNEP) have partnered with the Tri-County Boys and Girls Club in Berlin to expand our program reach. This poster session will not just focus on the specific programs that were offered through the partnership, but also highlight the lessons learned from partnering with another organization.



Did you know... 4-H Funds

Regardless of the source, all 4-H funds must be used for 4-H Youth Development educational programs. All 4-H funds are public funds and must be publicly accountable. Federal regulations governing the use of the 4-H Name and Emblem require annual financial reporting/accountability of all organized 4-H clubs/units/groups. Failure to annually submit the financial report could result in loss of the 4-H club/unit/group charter.

As with all public funds, there are specific rules and regulations that must be followed to ensure proper use and minimal risk. With the oversight from the 4-H Youth Development Educator, 4-H Clubs/Units/Groups have the following options for depositing or investing funds. These are listed in the order of preference.

- Option A: FDIC or NCUA Institution
- Option B: The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation
- Option C: County UW-Extension Account
- Option D: State UW-Extension Account
- Option E: Other 4-H foundation or endowment fund

Days Outside Green Lake County

April 19-20	JCEP Conference	Wisconsin Dells
-------------	-----------------	-----------------

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Family Living Program in March of 2016. During the reporting period, the educator made 312 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Financial Literacy Workshop – Green Lake County Correctional Facility

On the evening of March 2 I co-taught an hour-long financial literacy workshop to 7 male inmates at the Green Lake County Correctional Facility with Maureen Betz, MPTC Instructor. This month’s topic was taxes and employment forms, in which participants learned how to read a pay stub, determine take home pay, fill out a W-4 form, file for a tax extension, read W-2s, and get new W-2s if they become lost. The financial literacy workshops will continue to be offered monthly, alternating males and females (on a monthly basis), with a new topic bi-monthly. Statistics from the program evaluation I conducted include:

N = 7 of 7 (March 2016) Taxes and Employment Forms	% Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change	% Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change
I am confident in my ability to read a pay stub.	42.9%	28.6%
I am confident in my ability to determine take-home pay.	14.3%	28.6%
I am confident in my ability to fill out a W-4 form.	28.6%	28.6%
I am confident in my ability to file for a tax extension, if needed.	0.00%	71.4%
I am confident in my ability to read my W-2s.	14.3%	42.5%
I am confident in my ability to get new W-2s, if mine are lost.	14.3%	86.0%

Battle of the Chefs/Healthy Habits – Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area

At the beginning of March, the Battle of the Chefs/Healthy Habits program began at the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin. This program is taught through a partnership with the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) and will run for 8 weeks. We currently have 24 children who participate on a regular basis (weekly). WNEP provides a 30 minute nutrition lesson, while I provide a 30 minute cooking lesson with a snack. The children get to chop vegetables and cook their own snack each week, with guidance. They are learning important skills that some of them will use as they cook their own dinners already.



Rent Smart – Markesan High School

I began teaching Rent Smart to high school juniors in the Independent Living class at Markesan High School on March 8. The adapted Rent Smart curriculum is a 12 week program, with each class lasting 30 minutes. However, due to scheduling at Markesan High School, I am teaching for 6 weeks (twice each week) for 45 minutes. I have 13 students who are participating in the program. I believe this program is vital to students, as when they leave school, a majority will need to rent at some point in the future. The curriculum focuses on budgeting for a place to live, ordering credit reports, finding a safe place to rent, reading rental applications and leases, determining maintenance, having effective communication



with landlords and neighbors, and moving out and security deposits. I am looking forward to identifying what the students have learned through Rent Smart and reporting my findings in April.

Family Plus Workshop – Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area

The second of four Family Plus Workshops was held on the evening of March 22, at the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin. The workshop topic was titled, “Crockpot Cooking”. These workshops are for parents and are open to the public (participants do not need to have a kids who belong the Club to partake). There were 23 parents who attended this workshop. This specific workshop was sponsored by ThedaCare and Walmart. I applied for and received a grant from ThedaCare to offer Crockpot Cooking classes at five locations within Green Lake County. The classes will provide the first 10 registered, participating families with a free Crockpot. During the classes, participants learn healthy meal preparation skills and food resource management. The first location was at the Boys & Girls Club during the March Family Plus Workshop. Walmart provided a gift card for purchasing healthy meal starters for the class. I collected the following data from a post-lesson evaluation:

- 78% reported learning new basic slow cooker techniques
- 91% reported learning new food safety tips when using a slow cooker
- 83% reported learning new information about the cost effectiveness of using a slow cooker

Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 68 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of March. I continue to have a number of professional meetings scheduled with colleagues and mentors to continue to network and learn from my fellow Extension educators. I expect these meetings to continue to assist in my growth within my role in Green Lake County.

North Central Regional All Colleague Conference – Minocqua

The 4-H Youth Development Educator and I presented at the poster session during the North Central Regional Conference in mid-March. Our poster session showcased the principles of partnerships, as we have experienced through our partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area.



Newspaper Articles

“Tax Credits: Help for the state’s working families.” Berlin Journal Newspapers. March 14, 2016. By Katie Gellings, Family Living Educator

Out of County Days

- 2 Out of county days for this month (North Central Region All Colleague Conference in Minocqua – 2)
- 4 ½ Out of county days scheduled for April (Family Financial Security Team Meeting and Showcase in Stevens Point – 2; Meeting with UMOS Program Staff in Waushara County – ½; Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Conference in Wisconsin Dells – 2)

Nav Ghimire, Green Lake County, Agriculture Agent, March 2016.

Educational Contacts

In the month of March, a total of 114 educational contacts were made with extension clients. Of the total contacts, face to face contacts were 102 (meetings, walk-in, farm visits). Remaining contacts were phone calls, emails, and mailings. Of the total contacts, females were 21. The main areas of concern during that period were cover crop, Agency-Farmer Interface Coalition (AFIC) meeting, gardening class for general public, and home horticulture issues.

Tri-County Produce Auction

At the end of February, growers started to produce flowers and seedlings in the hoop house. While growing plants in hoop house, growers are concern about temperature regulation and leaf burning due to over heating or inappropriate ventilation. Fungal diseases are mainly attacking plants at the seedling stage. Aphids and Thrips insects are active in the hoop house and transmit virus in seedlings. Once these seedlings are planted in the field, at favorable temperature, virus deteriorates plants growth and capacity to produce fruits. This year, the produce auction will begin to operate on Tuesday April 19th. Until early June, mainly flower seedlings will be sold. Large volume of fresh vegetables will only be sold in the auction from July.

Cover Crop Meeting

A total of 35 people participated in cover crop meeting. The meeting was jointly conducted by UW-Extension and Legacy Seeds. The topics presented in the meeting were: soil health and impact of soil erosion; cover crop seed selection, mixture and establishment; aerial seeding and new perspective of growing cover crops; soil health and cover crop in Green Bay watershed area.



Fig 1: Cover Crop Meeting March 2, 1016.

Agency-Farmer Interface Coalition (AFIC) Meeting

The 3rd AFIC meeting was held on March 10. A total of 34 people participated in which 18 of them were farmers. In the meeting, agency staff from DNR, DATCP, USDA-NRCS, and Land Conservation participated. Supervisor Harley Reabe and Joanne Guden also participated in this meeting to learn broader soil and water conservation issues in the communities and the role that UW-Extension plays to design the

solutions. Three farmers volunteered to facilitate the discussion process in the meeting. The discussion were focused in the area of best soil and water conservation practices used by farmers, changing demand of the farm management practices and farmer responsibilities, and role of agency and farmers working together to meet conservation goals.



Fig 2: AFIC Meeting March 10, 2016.

Container and Raised Bed Gardening - Berlin Library

I taught container and raised bed gardening class in Berlin Library. A total of 31 people participated who were mainly town dwellers. The following topics were covered: building container and square foot gardening, selection of plants, soil preparation and fertilizers, irrigation, insect and disease, role of inter-planting to attract beneficial insects, and seasonal maintenance.



Fig 3: Container and raised bed gardening training March 12 in Berlin Library.

Out of County Days

April 19-20 – Joint Council of Extension Professionals Meeting, Wisconsin Dells

April 15 – Soil Health Conference, Wisconsin Dells

April 27 – State Evaluation Meeting – Place to be determined

Planned out of county days = 4 days



UW
Extension

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program

Fond du Lac and Green Lake Counties

The Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) will be completing the 1st (October-December) and 2nd quarters (January-March) of the fiscal year. As of the 1st Quarter, WNEP taught nearly 2000 teaching contacts (duplicated learners.) This is the time of year when the WNEP Coordinator plans the next fiscal year's budget documents. With phone calls and visits to various partners in Green Lake, all have reported being satisfied with the nutrition education they are receiving and would like to be included in the budget for next year. These partners include, but are not limited to, ADVOCAP, the Boys and Girls Club, Clay Lamberton Elementary, and UMOS.

Amanda Miller, MPH

WNEP Coordinator & Family Living Educator Fond du Lac/Green Lake UW-Extension

400 University Dr., AE-227

Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Phone: (920) 929-3174

Fax: (920) 929-3181

Hearing Impaired Relay: 711

<http://fonddulac.uwex.edu><<http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/>>