



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

April 8, 2018

**The following documents are included in the packet for the
Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on
Wednesday, April 11, 2018:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the March 13, 2018 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educator Report for: Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator).
- 6) 4-H and Ag Report: Kathy Ninneman (support staff)



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

**Date: *Wednesday, April 11, 2018* – 9:00 a.m.
Green Lake County Government Center, Committee Room
571 County Road A, Green Lake, Wisconsin**

AGENDA

Committee

Members:

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1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Notice
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of March 13, 2018 Minutes
6. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
7. Public Appearances
8. County Library Services Report – Linda DeNell, Caestecker Library, Green Lake
 - a. Submitted Monthly Report
9. Correspondence
10. **FAIR**
 - a. 2018 Contracts – Discussion/Approval
 - b. Tent Rental Agreements – Discussion/Approval
 - c. 2018 Fair Updates on Projects and Events
11. **UW-EXTENSION**
 - a. Educators’ Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
 - b. Ag Educator Search Update – Discussion
 - c. Ag, Education & Fair Coordinator LTE position Update – Discussion
 - d. Staffing Update
 - e. Area Extension Director Report
 - f. 2019 MOU Update
 - g. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
 - h. Committee Discussion
12. Future Agenda Items
13. Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday, May 8, 2018
14. Adjournment

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.

Green Lake County Libraries Report – April 2018

Berlin: April is an exciting month at our library, full of fun and educational events. Back by popular demand, we will be hosting a Ukrainian Egg Decorating workshop. Next week, we will celebrate National Library Week with treats throughout the week. And to help patrons pay off their fines, we are having our first ever *Rock & Read off your Fines*, where patrons can earn up to \$5.00 off their existing fines.

The following week, we will celebrate Shakespeare's 454th Birthday. The Wisconsin Historical Fencing Association will be doing a fencing demonstration, followed by a kid friendly fencing activity on Saturday, April 21 at 10:00. Kids can also stop in on his birthday, Monday, April 23 to make a paper crown.

Kid's activities for April include making seed starters in the craft of the month, Bad Art Contest on Monday, April 23, Wednesday Story times, and Family Movie Time, featuring *Paddington 2*.

Thanks to the help of our Friends of the Library, we are adding new bulletin boards to our newly painted Children's area. And with a donation from St. John's Lutheran School Parent organization we will be adding new chairs for the kids to enjoy.

Green Lake: April is a month with a decided literary bent. It's National Poetry Month, National Library Week is April 8-14, we celebrate Shakespeare's birthday on the 23rd – you get the idea. Reason enough for us to celebrate, and I hope you will join us. (Hint – treats all week long during National Library Week.)

As for programs, we're running the gamut. Gardens, baseball, cooking, autism, movies, music, birds, and crafts are all on the schedule. Since there are so many things happening, I invite you to check the library website for all the details – www.greenlakelibrary.org

Kingston: We are gearing up for our Spring Fling on Saturday, April 21st from 9am until 1pm. Stop by and browse or buy. We have 14 vendors signed up, each with a unique talent and items. We will also be serving food, loaded baked potatoes as the main course, yummy! A book sale and prize drawings are some of the other events happening that day. Come on over and help us Celebrate Spring!

We will be weeding our collection over the next couple of months. Items that are pulled will go into our book sale room, which is open all the time now. Need some extra reading material for the cabin or a vacation? Stop in and check out our gently used books.

Markesan: Markesan Public Library is expecting to have another event filled spring. After an exciting program on Beekeeping we look forward to the Birds of Springtime presented by Tom Schultz on April 5. The items for our Garden Art Silent Auction will start arriving by the end of the month. Bidding will continue until our Spring Fling on May 12. Final bidding will be at 11:00 a.m. In conjunction, we will give out seeds for people to plant with the agreement that they will bring back some of the harvest to share with others. March is Student Art Month and our art wall and display cases are filled with creative, unique and very fun pieces from Markesan High School art classes. These should not be missed and only showing until mid-April. The month of May will bring a program about the January Medical and Dental trip to Kenya.

Princeton: We have concluded a great Spring Break at the library. Every day was full of programs, crafts, puzzles and more. Now as we move into April, we have events celebrating National Library week (we will giving out book bundle prizes, making Book Faces, and more) and National Poetry Month. We will have a poetry reading from community members on April 17, and before that an evening of poetry writing prompts and crafts on April 10. On April 26 we will be hosting a Medicare Workshop.

Two new technology updates include a new website for the library (princetonpublib.org) and the option to print from personal devices. Patrons are now able to print from their phones, tablets, or computers and never need to use a public computer to print.

The fundraising efforts and building project as moving forward. We are selling brats at Sherm's Piggly Wiggly on April 14. Our Golf Outing at Sondalle's White Lake will be on May 5.

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Family Living Program in March of 2018. During the reporting period, the educator made 93 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Green Lake County Correctional Facility Financial Literacy Workshop, Green Lake

I taught the final two workshops of the financial literacy workshop series at the Green Lake County Correctional Facility. The workshops continue to be a popular program within the facility, and they provide important education for this population. The topics covered in March were credit and debt (males only), and banking basics (males only). A total of 5 inmates attended the workshops. The following is based on the evaluation data I collected from the two workshops:

N = 3 of 3 (March 2018) Credit and Debt	% Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change	% Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change
I am confident in my ability to get my free credit report.	33.3%	66.7%
I understand why regular credit checks are important.	33.3%	66.7%
I understand the factors that affect my credit score.	33.3%	66.7%
I understand ways to increase my credit score.	33.3%	66.7%
I understand ways to repair my credit.	33.3%	66.7%

Participants shared the following when asked, “What is the most important new idea you learned today?”:

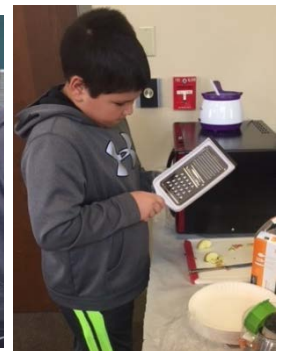
- To bring my credit score up and how to check it
- The biggest thing I learned today is that being aware of my credit report and score will greatly benefit me in building my score and history.

N = 2 of 2 (March 2018) Banking Basics	% Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change	% Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change
I understand the importance of using a financial institution for my banking needs.	100.0%	0.0%
I understand how much “not banking” can cost me.	50.0%	50.0%
I am confident in my ability to write out a check and check register.	50.0%	50.0%
I am confident in my ability to balance/reconcile a bank account.	0.0%	100.0%
I understand the common mistakes in managing a bank account.	0.0%	100.0%

Participants shared the following when asked, “What is the most important new idea you learned today?”:

- How to bank successfully; these workshops made me more confident in my finances
- Balancing a bank account

Teens Top Chef/Snack Attack Program, Berlin Public Library



I partnered with Nicole Overbeck, the Teen Services Director, at the Berlin Public Library to offer a free program for teens during spring break. The program focused on cooking skills with some nutrition education as well. Participants were randomly assigned partners and each group of two had to create a snack with any number of different food items that we provided. Each pair needed to use the secret ingredient of apples somehow in their recipe. They had 10 minutes to

make a recipe plan and 30 minutes to “cook.” The snacks were judged on creativity, tastiness, and presentation. Each participant got a cookbook from the library.



Money As You Grow, Community Options, Inc. – Green Lake

I taught Money As You Grow to 11 children at Community Options, Inc. in Green Lake. I read the book, “Just Shopping with Mom” by Mercer Mayer. We talked about key ideas from the story, which included prioritizing, spending, and self-control. We also discussed the following ideas making decisions about what to buy with our money; requiring money to buy things and how these things have different prices; money can only be spent once and after buying something, a person needs more money to buy something else; and making choices on spending money right away or waiting. After the discussion, each child had the opportunity to decorate a piggy bank to take home with them. All participants also received a copy of the children’s book, a parent guide, and a parent letter explaining the program.



Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 43 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.

WI Association for Family and Consumer Science (WAFCS) Conference, Wisconsin Dells

In early March, I presented on the Money As You Grow program at the WAFCS Conference to 11 participants. The participants were future family and consumer science teachers and professionals. It was a great opportunity to display the materials I have developed with the Dollars During Development workgroup.

Fulfilling the Promise Conference, Wisconsin Dells

In mid-March, I was selected to present at the Fulfilling the Promise Conference in Wisconsin Dells. The presentation was on the Girl Power (self-esteem) program I developed. I presented to a group of 18 people during the 75-minute session.

Newspaper Articles

“15 Ways to Get Your 5 to 9 A Day: Lunch Style” Berlin Journal Newspapers. March 12, 2018. By Katie Gellings, Family Living Educator

Out of County Days

- 3 Out of county days for March (WAFCS Conference, Lake Delton - 1; Fulfilling the Promise Conference, Wisconsin Dells – 1; ESP Treasurer Audit, Oshkosh – 1)
- 2 Out of county days planned for April (WI Cancer Control Prevention Regional Meeting, Kimberly – 1; All Colleague Conference, Wisconsin Dells* - 1)

* Travel expenses are covered by UW Extension

March 2018

Report by Kathy Ninneman



4-H Cloverbud Workshop March 1—6:30-8:00 pm, held at the Government Center on the 2nd floor hallway. It was very well attended, having 17 Cloverbuds. I worked with Julie Chapman, general leader of the Prairie View Rockets 4-H Club, and her club members who were hosts, along with the 4-H Ambassadors. They had several different stations for the cloverbuds to make crafts and educational opportunities.

Mandatory Swine Exhibitor Meeting-March 1—6:30-7:00 pm, held in the Training Room. Julie Chapman & Connie Bobek (co-swine fair superintendents), lead the meeting. It was mandatory that each family have one person at the meeting in order to show at the fair this year. There was pertinent information dispensed regarding the new testing required for swine by DATCP. Along with eliminating weigh-ins and the process of tagging animals for the fair.



4-H Leaders' Association Meeting-March 1—7:00 pm, held in the Training Room. I compile their meeting agendas along with the approval from the president. Plus I have attended their monthly meetings which are the first Thursday. I dispense information that would normally come from the 4-H educator. The meeting in March had three club reports from youth.

4HOnline Volunteer background checks continue to be a slow process at the state level. I continue to help our county volunteers through this process and also communicate with Mike Farrey at the state office.

4-H Horse Council Meeting—March 5 -7:00 pm at the Government Center Training Room. I worked with the president to organize the meeting. They recapped about their educational trip to Madison where the youth were able to ride a horse simulator. At the end of the meeting, they watched a video on Veterinary Medicine Careers and a whole lot more!



VIP (Volunteer In Preparation) Training—March 13 –6:30 pm in our office conference room. Heidi Hensel-Buntrock, Waushara County 4-H Program Advisor, came over and trained four Green Lake County adult volunteers, which I was very appreciative of her to help out during the absence of a 4-H educator in our county. Heidi has been very helpful and has invited our county to their 4-H Cloverbud Camp and their Project Discovery Day.

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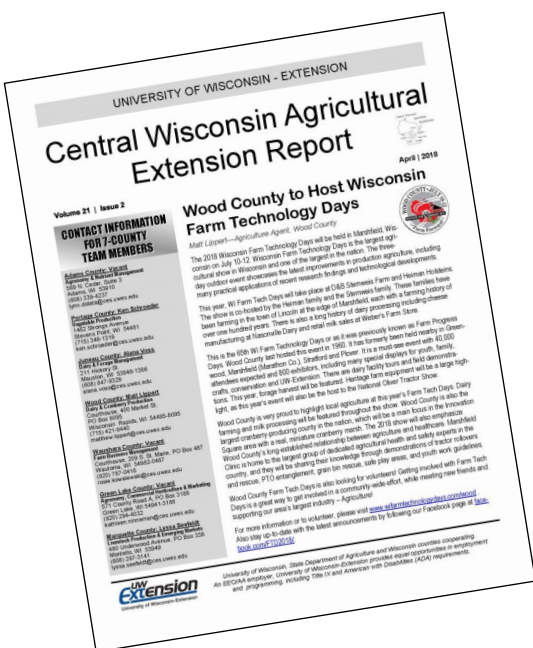
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4-H Camp—Planning meetings –Educators from four of the five counties have been meeting to plan camp and have communicated with me via email of my responsibilities. I have been working to align the camp counselors from Green Lake County, so far we have three. The Leaders' Association have offered to pay for the bussing of the campers this year and Dan Berndt volunteers his time as the bus driver.

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Certification –This is a new certification this year, replacing the MAQA. And since our county doesn't have an educator, I worked with Dean Slark, Ag teacher from Markesan High School took the certification to teach the course. And on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:00 pm approximately 50 youth from Green Lake County attended the face-to-face online course.

4-H Focus Newsletter: The newsletter is compiled with various educational opportunities: club, county, state and national. The club secretaries submit their minutes via email, along with any photos that are of interest. I mail out an estimated 150 copies. It is also put on our 4HOnline software, our Green Lake County UW-Extension website and also on Green Lake County 4-H Facebook page.



CWAS Newsletter: Receive articles from the 7-County Ag Specialization team and compile the newsletter. I email or upload to Google doc the Publisher file and PDF for all of the support staff to receive in the 7-counties. I bulk mailed 455 copies.