



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Amended January 11, 2016

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

Amended items are in Red.

- 1) **Cover Sheet**
- 2) **Agenda**
- 3) Draft minutes from the December 8, 2015 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 (WNEP Coordinator for Green Lake & Fond du Lac Counties).



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

**Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.
Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room
571 County Road A, Green Lake, Wisconsin**

***AMENDED AGENDA**

Committee Members:

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

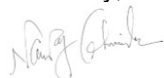
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1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Certification of Open Meeting Notice
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of the December 8, 2015 Minutes
5. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
6. Public Appearances
7. County Library Services Report
 - a. Submitted Monthly Report
8. Correspondence
9. **FAIR – 2016**
 - a. Truck/Tractor Pull Update – Discussion/Approval
 - b. Entertainment Contracts – Discussion/Approval
 - c. Informational Handouts - Discussion
10. **UW-EXTENSION**
 - a. Educator Report – Nav Ghimire, Ag Educator
 - b. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
 - c. UW-EX Kitchen Stove – Discussion
 - d. Nav Ghimire - Out of State Travel: *Soil Health Conference at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa (February 1-3); North Central Region Water Network Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska, (March 20-23); Journal of Extension Board of Directors Meeting, Mississippi State University- Starkville, Mississippi, (March 29-31) – Discussion/Approval*
 - e. *UWEX honors Mike Stoddard for his long service as committee member
 - f. *UW-Extension 'Reorganization and Recommendation Report' - Review
 - g. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
 - h. Committee Discussion
 - i. Vouchers: Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair – Discussion/Approval
11. Future Agenda Items
12. Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday, February 9, 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

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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, December 8, 2015 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: Nav Ghimire
John de Montmollin
Katie Gellings
Kathy Ninneman
Kim Zills

Staff Absent: Jay Dampier and Amanda Miller

Others Present: Harley Reabe, floater and Tony Daley, Berlin Journal newspapers.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Guden/Garro) to approve the November 10, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Reabe passed around the 2015 WACEC Annual Recognition Ceremony booklet that he brought back from the September 22 meeting. Stoddard is recognized for his 25 years of service on the Agriculture and Extension and Fair Committee.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES – None.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Submitted monthly reports on file.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL UPDATE

No report until January from Rich Swanke.

ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS

No contracts for this month.

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS

No handouts for this month.

EDUCATOR REPORT

de Montmollin, 4-H Youth Development Educator, presented to the Committee, "The Green Lake County 4-H Archery Program," served with popcorn.

EDUCATORS' SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORT

Written monthly reports on file for Dampier, de Montmollin, Gellings and Ghimire were reviewed.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Stoddard/Richter). Approved.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nothing.

VOUCHERS

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next regular meeting date: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 in the Training Room at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Guden/Garro) to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist*

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Green Lake County Library Activities Report for January 2016

Berlin: We are beginning the year off right! From January through April the Berlin Public Library is offering lots of programs for adults, youth, and anyone who wants to stop by the library. For the kids, we have a craft on Friday, January 22, from 10-4. Our teens will be engaging in a new Teen Advisory Board. Adult and Teens are welcome to attend two programs in January. Financially Fit for the New Year will be presented by Bob Thorsen of Farmers and Merchants Bank on Thursday, January 7, from 6-7 pm. Katie Gellings from UW Extension will get our diets started right with a program named Healthy Eating for a New Year. That program will be held on Tuesday, January 19 from 6-7 pm.

The new year also begins a service for our library. Our adult services librarian will be offering a drop-in technology assistance every Tuesday morning from 9-11am. We are hoping to help everyone set up Facebook accounts, set up email accounts, and learn how to use the devices that they received from Christmas.

We also have a newly designed website. Don't forget to visit our website at www.berlinlibrary.org. Like us on Facebook! Call us at (920) 361-5420 with questions or to register for programs!

Green Lake: Adult coloring is a thing these days, and I know some folks who received coloring books for Christmas. Adult coloring programs at libraries are becoming a thing, too, and we're ready to jump on that bandwagon. Over the past few weeks we have purchased some artist quality colored pencils and ultra fine point markers, several adult coloring books, and located additional online coloring pattern resources. We are going to start holding regular coloring sessions for teens and adults on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, starting at 10:00. Which means the first session of 2016 is this weekend, January 9. Curious? Stop on by.

And the Academy Award nominees will be announced next week, which means our annual Road to the Oscars film series will follow close behind. Look for the first screening to be on Tuesday evening, January 19th, at 6:30. We'll continue right through February and March, and yes, we'll have popcorn. J

Kingston: At our first board meeting of 2016 we talked about fundraiser & event ideas for the coming year. On Feb. 2nd we will start with an Adult Coloring Class. The library will provide everything needed for a person to get started. Following that we will be holding an adult coloring contest with pictures needing to be turned in by Feb. 22nd. The pictures will be put out for 2 weeks and we will let the patrons judge with a penny per vote. Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place. We will also be holding a Road to the Oscars for the 4 weeks in Feb. on Thursday evenings. Movies shown will be ones that are nominated for an Oscar in some category. Later in the year we will again have our photo club do a show with prints and cards available to purchase. And something new this year will be our Pallet Art Silent Auction in April. Watch for details in the coming months. Happy New Year!!

Markesan: Markesan Library made it through a busy holiday season with all of our extra activities. We are learning how to take care of our fish tank as we received a donation of a fish tank complete with fish and all the equipment. We will be working on story hours, LEGO® nights, book discussions, etc. In addition, the staff will be busy counting up everything we will need for the annual report due to the state. We are making final plans for various spring educational programs and themes for our display case.

Princeton: Over the holiday week, we concluded our Friends' Christmas Sale and Cookie Walk. We had a record breaking year, raising over \$2,700. All of these funds will go towards the library expansion. It was exciting to host both the sale and the cookies in the library; it was easier on our volunteers and it allowed patrons to move easily from one item to the next. Additionally, it emphasized the need for our new library. We also concluded the year with a Princeton favorite, Gingerbread Houses Program. Kids came in on Saturday and got creative. We even saw a Christmas Gingerbread Tank. We have a couple exciting teen/adult programs coming up this month. Our Coloring and Chill (coloring book club) program is now regularly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Additionally, we will be having a Victorian Fashion lecture led by local patron Malia LeSavage. In addition to walking her audience through the history of Victorian style chronologically, LeSavage will have a number of items on hand for patrons to interact with. This program is on Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30 pm. The following week we will be hosting teen author Siobhan Vivian, author of novels including *The List* and *A Little Friendly Advice*. She will be speaking over Skype about her books, the process of writing, and answering questions from our audience of teens and adults. Join us on Tuesday, January 19 at 7 pm for this great literary program.

This report briefly describes work completed during December 2015 within the Community Natural Resources and Economic Development (CNRED) Program. During the reporting period, the Educator made 23 direct educational / professional contacts and 7255 indirect educational / professional contacts (Berlin Journal Newspapers circulation).

Educational Programming, Outreach and Promotion

Community Builders Educational Programming During the reporting period, the Educator (along with colleagues from Marquette Co. and Waushara Co.) completed development and planning of this 9 session workshop series which will address organizational, business and community needs. Each topic will be repeated and delivered in all three partnering counties, allowing for broad reach. *The finalized brochure will be distributed at the committee meeting.*

Organizational Development and Capacity Building

Green Lake Summit Facilitation The Educator facilitated a multi-organization process with the goal of identifying the similarities and differences of each participating organization. Participants were asked to identify and define opportunities where the organizations could work well together. Evaluations indicate that participants increased their knowledge in 1. Their own organization's mission, vision and values, 2. Other organizations' mission, vision and values, 3. Opportunities where organizations can complement each other's work, 4. Their organization's unique role in the community, and 5. Identification of duplication of work between organizations.

Professional development

Doctoral defense The Educator successfully defended his doctoral dissertation (on his own time) in Canada during the reporting period.

UW-Extension Strategic Planning Training The Educator successfully completed the UW-Extension Strategic Planning course. The four day training provided a proven framework for leading groups through all the steps in the strategic planning process. The Educator will be looking for opportunities to employ knowledge gained to Green Lake County organizations' needs.

Newspaper articles

- "Wood Smoke's Potential Health Risk" Berlin Journal Newspapers. December 10, 2015 by Jay Dampier

Out of County Days

- 4.0 UW-Extension Strategic Planning Training course in Madison. The Educator was awarded \$500 (From the UW-Extension, North Central Regional Office) to help cover some of the training expenses.

Planned out-of-county days for next month.

- 2.0 North Central Region CNRED Inservice
- 0.25 TREDC in Neskoro
- 0.5 Economic assessment meeting in Madison



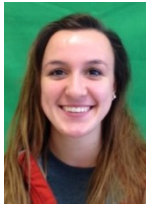
Contacts

Phone	E-mail	Face to Face
17	24	19

Highlights

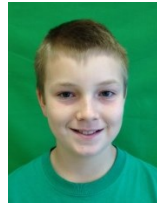
Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors

The Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors are a group of older 4-H members who promote 4-H throughout Green Lake County and provide social and educational programs focused on the retaining older 4-H members. I attended the Green Lake County 4-H Ambassador meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2015 and helped them begin to plan for the Green Lake County 4-H Lock-in, Super Saturday and for their promotion/education activity that will focus on recycling. In addition, the group welcomed four new members bringing the total number of Ambassadors to 15.



**Emily
Boelter**

Fox River Patriots



**Alexander
Douglas**

Fox River Patriots



**Karrington
Hoch**

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Green Lake County 4-H Ambassador Evaluation

Using a framework developed by the University of Illinois Extension on Teen Leadership Competencies, I developed a pre-post retrospective survey that was designed to measure changes in participants ability to plan, promote, teach, mentor, advocate and advise. Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors as a whole reported an increased increases in all six competencies (planning, promoting, teaching, mentoring advocating and advising).

The most significant change observed was in promoting where all program participants that completed an evaluation reported a change. The average score of this competency increased from 1.92 to 4.46 which was a net change of +2.54. One youth participant wrote: "I have gained the confidence to talk about my 4-H experiences and opinions with other people."

PROMOTING (N=6 of 11) <i>Scale: (1) Strongly Disagree (2) Disagree (3) Uncertain (4) Agree (5) Strongly Agree</i>	Average "Before" Program	Average "After" Program	Net Change
I can speak to a large group of people about 4-H	2.00	4.50	+2.50
I can educate decision makers on the value of 4-H	1.83	4.00	+2.17
I can solicit donations for potential 4-H supporters	2.00	4.50	+2.50
I can talk to youth and families about how to join 4-H	1.83	4.83	+2.00
Average for Promoting	1.92	4.46	+2.54

The second largest change was observed in mentoring where once again all program participants that completed an evaluation reported a change. The average score of this competency increased from 2.50 to 4.71 which was a net change of +2.21. "Through the Ambassador program, I have grown to help others and grown to apply the skills I have learned in the real world."

Journal of Extension Article

I co-authored an article that was published in the December issue of the Journal of Extension on Youth Representation on County Government Committees. Although the research is based on the Youth in Governance program in Kenosha County, the article sites implications for all types of youth leadership programs. The Journal of Extension has over 2 million visitors annually with a five-year article acceptance rate of 26%. The article can be found at: <http://www.joe.org/joe/2015december/rb4.php>

Did you know... Parent/Guardian Expectations

Parents and guardians are expected to behave in ways that promote positive role modeling for all youth. If 4-H youth development staff have reason to believe a youth or a parent/guardian has engaged in reckless or disruptive behavior at a 4-H meeting or event sponsored by UW-Extension or engaged in behavior at any time that constitutes criminal child abuse or neglect, that educator will inform that youth or parent/guardian of his/her reasons for that belief and direct that individual not to attend 4-H meetings or events sponsored by UW-Extension. Such a youth or a parent/guardian may not attend 4-H meetings or events sponsored by UW-Extension until such time as the youth or parent/guardian provides reliable evidence that he/she did not engage in such conduct.

Days Outside Green Lake County

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This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Family Living Program in December of 2015. During the reporting period, the educator made 73 direct educational and professional contacts, and 7255 indirect educational and professional contacts (Berlin Journal newspaper circulation).

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Cook Healthy to Eat Healthy – Markesan Winterfest 2015

On Saturday, December 5, I gave an hour-long presentation called, “Cook Healthy to Eat Healthy” to Winterfest attendees at Markesan Elementary. Participants learned about the myPlate food groups, portion control vs. serving size, fat, sugar and salt in our diets, ways to adapt recipes to make them healthier, and simple strategies to use in the kitchen to make meals quick, easy, and healthy. The educational content was very well received. I plan to use the same general presentation, with a few adaptations, at a programs with the Berlin Public Library in January.

Financial Literacy Workshop – Green Lake County Correctional Facility

On the evening of December 2, I co-taught an hour-long financial literacy workshop to 2 female inmates at the Green Lake County Correctional Facility with Maureen Betz, MPTC Instructor. This month’s topic was Rent Smart in which participants learned about the rental application process, the terms and details within a rental agreement (lease), the importance of good communication skills between a landlord and a tenant, the notices a landlord can issue a tenant regarding lease termination, and the things to do to avoid security deposit deductions. The financial literacy workshops will continue to be offered monthly, alternating males and females (on a monthly basis), with a new topic bi-monthly. The topic for January and February will be checking accounts. Statistics from the program evaluation I conducted include:

N = 2 of 2 (December 2015) Rent Smart	% Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change	% Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change
I feel prepared to answer questions from a potential landlord about my rental history and	0.00%	100.0%
I understand the terms and details of a rental agreement/lease.	50.0%	50.0%
I understand the procedures to follow when ending a rental agreement/lease.	0.00%	50.0%
I understand the notices a landlord can give to a tenant.	0.00%	100.0%
I understand the ways to avoid deductions from a security deposit.	100.0%	0.00%

Gifts from the Kitchen – Green Lake County Government Center Employee Lunch n Learn



Over the lunch hour in mid-December, I taught 28 Green Lake County Government Center employees during a Lunch n Learn session. I taught participants how to make and preserve a chocolate raspberry sauce. Participants also had the opportunity to assemble a friendship soup mix in a jar to take home, as a gift for a family member or friend. During the lesson, we talked about the fun and economical gifts we can give this holiday season, such as food in a jar. We also discussed food safety associated with giving gifts of food in a jar. I received several positive emails following the program and I think it was a great way to help relieve stress for employees around the holidays.

Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 48 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of December. 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 assist my growth in my role in Green Lake County.

Newspaper Articles

“Buying or Using Gift Cards? Read the Fine Print.” Berlin Journal Newspapers. December 14, 2015. By Katie Gellings, Family Living Educator

Out of County Days

- ½ Out of county days for this month (North Central Region Family Living December Meeting in Stevens Point – ½)
- 2 Out of county days scheduled for January (Active Communities Workgroup Meeting, Wisconsin Dells – 1, Dollars During Development Workgroup Meeting, Stevens Point – 1)

Nav Ghimire, Green Lake County, Agriculture Agent, December, 2015

Educational Contacts

In the month of December, a total of 56 educational contacts were made with extension clients. Of the total contacts, face to face contacts were 43 (meetings, walk-in, farm visits). Remaining contacts were phone calls, emails, and mailings. Of the total contacts, females were 6. The main areas of concern during that period were Agency-farmer Interface Coalition meeting and Tri-County Produce Auction winter programs, and home horticulture.

Tri-County Produce Auction

A large volume of fresh produce is sold at the Tri-County Produce Auction. More than 40 wholesale buyers are supplying produce to regional consumers that include hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and chain grocery stores such as Pick ‘n Save and Piggly-Wiggly. To protect consumers from foodborne illnesses, the U.S. government regulates food safety policy. Consumer awareness of food safety has driven the increased demand for higher-quality produce. Buyers are asking growers to produce food using good agricultural practices (GAP). The Tri-County Produce Auction Board requested that I conduct a food safety training for growers so that they could continue selling produce to existing buyers and so they could also attract new buyers. Therefore, I am in the process to search for a GAP expert who can resonate with Amish culture, tradition and custom and would be interested to teach without projector and screen.

Agency-Farmer Interface Coalition Meeting

The “Agency-Farmer Interface Coalition” (AFIC) meeting was held on Thursday Dec 3. A total of 37 people attended this meeting. The participants were farmers, DNR, DATCP, USDA-NRCS staff, private agriculture service providers, Green Lake Association, and Extension Committee members. There were four hour long discussions in different topics and discussion was focused on increasing gap between agencies and farming communities and increasing mistrust of farmers toward agencies works.

The discussion revealed a gap in agencies’ understanding of local farm management practices as well as farmers’ priorities, culture, tradition, and principles of operation. It also highlighted the lack of farmer understanding of, and opportunities to participate in, the agencies’ research and educational program design and agricultural policy planning. A review of the meeting was also conducted 2 weeks after the meeting in which 5 farmers and five agency staff participated. The review committee decided to find three main issue from the discussion notes and put that in the agenda for discussion for 2016 Spring AFIC meeting.



Program Evaluation Training

Agent taught the use of statistical methods such as Correlation, Student T-test, Wilcoxon Rank Test, and Regression in program evaluation to Extension educators in the Evaluation Essentials training that was held in Madison. Research shows that Extension educators nationwide have lack of competencies in evaluation and reporting program outcomes to meet the needs of local, state and federal stakeholders.

Out of County Days

January 5 – Agronomy Meeting – Fond du Lac County

January 8 – WACEC meeting – Minocqua

February 1-3 – Soil health conference, Ames, Iowa

Planned Out of County Days = 4 days



Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program

Amanda Miller – December 2015
Fond du Lac and Green Lake Counties

The Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program is offering a 6 part series called “Eat Smart and Live Strong” to senior adults at Edgewater Apartments, Green Lake Senior Meal Site and the Markesan Senior Meal Site. Topics include: reaching your nutrition goals, challenges and solutions to nutrition, fruits and veggies are colorful and classic favorites, eat smart and spend less, food is safe/so am I, and enhancing food’s flavor with less sodium.

A 6 part nutrition education series has begun at Clay Lamberton Elementary School. “Show Me Nutrition”, which focuses on the 5 food groups and MyPlate, will be taught to 2nd graders. “Food Day”, which focuses on eating real foods and less processed foods, will be taught to 4th graders.

Head Start preschool children were taught about the 5 food groups and MyPlate during the “Food for Thought” series.

Teacher evaluations from last year include: Student behavior changes included: “the children are using the colors of the rainbow as a way to taste more. They get excited if their friends do to”, “the children talk about trying new foods at meal time. They remember to try things, even if it’s just a taste”, “the students say that they have to try a new food, because they might like it”, and “the children are more willing to try new foods.”

Teacher behavior changes included: “using new phrases to have children try new foods, like touching it to their tongue first”, “that it is okay if a student doesn’t like a food right away, but to keep trying”, “I will talk more about eating fruits/vegetables and continue to encourage and recognize my taste testers”, “I now remind my students that they need to try something more than once before they know if they will like it”, “I use the phrases sometimes and always foods”, and “I now talk more about healthy food choices in the classroom.”