

# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

## \*Amended June 9, 2016

The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2016:

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) \*Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the May 10, 2016 & \*June 1, 2016 meetings
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) June Dairy Days Library Handout
- 6) County Library Plan of Service and Funding Agreement
- 7) Educator Reports for: Jay Dampier (Community Resource & Economic Development), John de Montmollin (4-H Youth Development), Katie Gellings (Family Living), Nav Ghimire (Ag Agent), Amanda Miller (WNEP).







# AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room 571 County Road A, Green Lake, Wisconsin

## **AMENDED\* AGENDA**

# Committee Members: Joanne Guden, Chairperson Bob Schweder, ViceChairperson Patti Garro Katie Mehn David Richter

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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 May 10, 2016 & \*June 1, 2016 Minutes
- 5. Public Comments 3 Minute Limit
- 6. Public Appearances
- 7. County Library Services Report Lucy Hazelwood, Markesan Public Library
  - a. Submitted Monthly Report
  - b. \*County Library Plan of Service and Funding Agreement
- 8. Correspondence
- 9. FAIR 2016
  - a. Truck/Tractor Pull Update Discussion/Approval
  - c. Entertainment Contracts Discussion/Approval
  - d. Pen Fee for Exhibitors Discussion
  - e. Distribution of Publicity Materials Discussion
  - f. Fair Updates

#### 10. UW-EXTENSION

- a. Welcome UW-EX Intern, Ali McNamara Oetzman
- b. Educator Report Nav Ghimire, Ag Agent
- c. Lawn Care Water Quality Program Jay Dampier, Community Resource & Economic Development Educator
- d. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
- e. nEXT Generation of UW-Extension Committee Discussion
- f. Approval of Educator Out of County Days Discussion/Approval
- g. Committee Discussion
- h. Vouchers: Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Discussion/Approval
- 11. Future Agenda Items
- 12. Next Regular Meeting Date Tuesday, July 12, 2016
- 13. Adjournment

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

Jay Dampier

Green Lake County UW-Extension

Community Resource & Economic Development Educator/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.



# AGRIGULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE May 10, 2016



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairman, Joanne Guden, at 8:00 a.m., on Tuesday, May 10, 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: Joanne Guden, Chairman

Patti Garro Katie Mehn David Richter Bob Schweder

Staff Present: Nav Ghimire

John de Montmollin Katie Gellings Kathy Ninneman

Kim Zills

Others Present: Linda DeNell, Caestecker Library, Green Lake; Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman;

Maureen Schweder, past-Chairman/Ag-Extension Committee; Tammi & Dean Shaffer, 4-H

Amanda Miller

Absent: Jay Dampier

family; Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers.

#### **AGENDA**

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

#### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Guden welcomed the new members of the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee: Katie Mehn and Bob Schweder.

#### **MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Richter/Garro)* to approve the April 12, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None.

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MAUREEN SCHWEDER

Ghimire presented Schweder a certificate of appreciation from UW-Extension.

#### COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Submitted monthly reports on file.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Dampier was not in attendance,

#### TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL UPDATE

Swanke has been in contact with Zills. She is just waiting for the alcohol contract.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS**

All contracts are signed and accounted for, except one - Sizzlin' Sonny's Rockin' Road Show.

#### FAIR UPDATES

- · Fair material will be available for next meeting.
- · Fair books will be available in June, but will be available online earlier.
- AgEducation is moving along with lots of great volunteers. \$500 was received from Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative through the CIP and will possibly be used for a tent.
- Zills was awarded a \$995 grant from Alliant Energy which is specifically for the Hillbilly Silly Science Show.

#### INTRODUCTION OF UW-EXTENSION STAFF

Everyone introduced themselves along with a brief background/job description.

#### **EDUCATOR REPORT**

de Montmollin, 4-H Youth Development Educator, welcomed 12 year old Dean Shaffer. Dean is a 4-H club member of the Seneca 4-H Club and was a recent Space Camp delegate from Green Lake County. He presented a PowerPoint to the Committee about his experience while attending Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama from April 21-25.

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

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

#### *nEXT GENERATION OF UW-EXTENSION*

The Committee is to keep this topic on the agenda every month. Guden has not heard any new updates. de Montmollin did nominate Guden to be a member of a Work Group.

#### APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Richter/Garro). Approved.

# EXTENSION COMMITTEE AND COUNTY BOARD CHAIR VISIT TO THE TRI-COUNTY PRODUCE AUCTION

Ghimire asked the Committee if they would like to go visit the Tri-County Produce Auction in August and he would send a letter to their board.

Motion/second (Garro/Richter) for Ghimire to send a letter to the Tri-County Produce Auction Board.

#### AGENCY-FARMER INTERFACE COALITION GRANT

Ghimire reported that he has received an Innovative grant of \$6,600 for continuous programming with the Agency-Farmer Interface Coalition.

#### **UW-EX BEGINS TO OFFER 'WATER TESTING PROGRAM' TO COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Ghimire researched the testing of all types of water. There are several different tests that can be done. Most importantly was the concern that people do want their water tested and we are to serve them. Proper marketing to the public was also discussed and its importance. Ghimire is to continue his research and bring back to the Committee next month.

#### 2016 WISCONSIN ASSOCIATED COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEES CONFERENCE

Ghimire extended an invitation to the Committee. If anyone is interested, please contact Ghimire or Ninneman before the May 20 deadline.

#### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Ghimire gave the Committee copies of several counties within the state that have passed Resolutions Opposing the UW-Extension Reorganization Plan. This will be discussed further at next month's meeting, after the Committee has had some time to look them over.

#### **MOTION TO DISMISS GARRO AT 11:09 A.M.**

Motion/second (Richter/Schweder) to dismiss Garro.

#### **VOUCHERS**

*Motion/second (Richter/Schweder)* to approve the vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and Fair as presented totaling \$4,234.15. Motion carried.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- · If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Ghimire.
- Next regular meeting date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 in the Training Room at 10:00 a.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/second (Mehn/Schweder) to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist



## Agriculture, Extension Education And Fair Committee June 1, 2016

The special meeting of the Agricultural, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair, Joanne Guden at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in the Committee Room. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Joanne Guden

Patti Garro Bob Schweder Katie Mehn Dave Richter

Also Present: Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk Harley Reabe, Board Chair

Tom Schmitz, UWEX District Director

**AGENDA** 

Motion/second (Garro/Schweder) to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

*Motion/second(Richter/Schweder)* to move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. section 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, compensation or performance evaluation data of specific public employees over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. This closed session relates to a UWEX agent over which the governing body has jurisdiction. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

# RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

Motion/second(Garro/Richter) to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

*Motion/second(Richter/Garro)* to accept the recommendation from Tom Schmitz on a change in the department head role. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 1 nay (Schweder).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/second(Garro/Schweder) to adjourn at 10:10 AM.

Submitted by,

Marge Bostelmann County Clerk

## **Green Lake County Libraries Report for June 2016**

The Green Lake County Libraries will be having a float in the June Dairy Days Parade. The parade theme is "Hats off to agriculture." We decided to expand the theme to be "Hats off to books." We are making sandwich boards out of cardboard to look like children's book covers. If you are able, and get this in time, you should definitely come to Markesan to watch the parade on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. It starts going at the Library (don't all good things start at the Library?) and winds south through downtown, goes west for two block on Manchester street, then heads back north on Highway 44. Enclosed you will also find the brochure we will hand out. We wanted to keep it to one page, so it is only a partial listing of the libraries' events.

Berlin Public Library -- At this time of the year we are planning for students to be out of school and to offer some great programs for summer family fun with the library as a family destination. We advertise these programs as All Ages in hopes that people without children will still feel welcomed to participate if the program interests them. The magic show, Beyond Belief: The Magic of Rick Allen, will be on Wednesday, June 8, from 2-3pm. On Monday, June 13, from 11am-12pm, Presenting the Paine Art Center will be an interactive presentation that will introduce you to the art, sculptures, and history of the Paine house. Attendees of Animal Acrobats! on Wednesday, June 15, from 6-7pm, will see live animals. On Wednesday, June 22, from 6-7pm, The Hillbilly Science Spectacular will be a comedy show featuring science experiments. On Tuesday, June 28, from 2-3pm, the Caestecker Family Concert with Green Lake Music Festival will present LaMay's Quartet. The program Magical Fitness on Wednesday, June 29, from 6-7pm will feature magic and balloon sculpturing.

Summer programs geared for the child with some parent participation includes *Pajama Storytime* from children 1-5 years old with a parent on Mondays, June 6 to July 11, from 6:30-7:30pm. Thursdays will feature movies for kids with G rated movies on Thursdays at 10am and PG rated movies at 2pm. Fridays in June, from 10am to 12pm, will feature crafts for ages 2 to 10ish.

We haven't forgotten about the teens this summer. There will be a monthly Teen Craft Class on Tuesdays at 1pm in June, July, and August. Teen Book Club will meet once a month in the summer from 2-3pm on Fridays. Teens are also welcome to join in on the coloring club and craft programs listed under the adult programming.

For adult programs, we will have a three-part series on canning that begins with an *Introduction to Canning & Food Preservation* on Thursday, June 2, from 6-7pm. There will be a *Tote Bag workshop* on Saturday, June 18, from 10-11am, and a craft program to make *Book Wreaths* on Thursday, June 23, from 6-7pm. Every other week in June, July, and August, Teens and adults can join in at the library for *Coloring Club* from 2-3pm. There will also be two book clubs for adults to attend. *Mystery Mondays Book Club* will meet once a month on Mondays at 2pm, and *Thursday Evening Book Club* will meet once a month on Tuesdays at 6pm in June, July, and August.

Our Summer Newsletter is publish in house and online through our website at <a href="www.berlinlibrary.org">www.berlinlibrary.org</a>, if you would like more information on our programs and other library events.

Markesan Public Library -- We had a successful Spring Fling earlier in May, and we are already talking about next year. If you have not ever had a chance to see and bid on our nice selection of donated items, you should make it a point for next year. Besides lots of beautiful items made by local artists, the library relies on this fund raiser to cover the cost of our summer library program. Speaking of which, we have a packed schedule of events for this summer. We start by having a float in the June Dairy Days Parade with all five county libraries. We will have sports related programs, a special program on wild animals, Reading to Purdy, Legos, as well as the reading portion. We will be having a workshop to make a wooden cut out hanger that is 3 foot tall.

We have two displays at the library right now. In conjunction with the "Hats off to agriculture" theme for June Dairy Days, the Library has over 70 hats on display. There are baseball caps, winter hats, military, fur hats, paper hats, bridesmaid hats, antique hats, cowboy hats, straw hats, amish hats, Cat in the Hat hat, etc., just to name a few.

The other display is on loan from the Wisconsin Veteran's museum, Working Warriors. Did you know that there needs to be 8 to 10 support personnel for every one person on the battle field? There are 14 panels showing the wide variety of noncombat roles from cooks, seamtresses, dentists, to mechanics.

Just in case you may think that all we do is have programs at the library, you should know we continue to have plenty of readers. For the month of June our discussion group is reading "The Girls of Atomic City." It is about the incredible true story of the top-secret World War II town of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the young women brought there unknowingly to help build the atomic bomb. At the height of World War II, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was home to 75,000 residents, and consumed more electricity than New York City, yet it was shrouded in such secrecy that it did not appear on any map. Thousands of civilians, many of them young women from small towns across the U.S., were recruited to this secret city, enticed by the promise of solid wages and war-ending work. The library also continues to provide a wide variety of material to a wide variety of users. We have a several library users who read one or more books per day, and have quickly read though most of what we have in house. We are able to order enough books for them by using the other Winnefox Libraries—they are very happy. We also are able to provide material for the endless educational topics on just about any topic you can think of. Lately we have provided material on the country Nicaragua, building small houses and cabins, special diets, how to draw cartoon characters, calligraphy, folk songs, dairy goat farming, and Pearl Harbor. At least this is what I remember, there were more.

**Green Lake Library** -- June is jam-packed with programs at the Caestecker Library. We start right away on the 1<sup>st</sup> with a visit from John James Audubon and continue right through to the 30<sup>th</sup> with a visit from Fang of the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. There's something happening nearly every day – you can get all the details at <a href="www.greenlakelibrary.org">www.greenlakelibrary.org</a> Meanwhile, here are some of the highlights:
We are pleased to have a R.E.A.D. therapy dog this summer. She's Tia, and she will be reading with kids every Tuesday morning from 10:00-11:30. Young readers are invited to sign up for a 15 minute

The Summer Reading Program officially gets started with our annual ice cream social on June 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4:00 p.m. But this year we have a couple of special events even before then – magician Nickey Finn on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and a special Splash into Summer story time in Playground Park on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

appointment with Tia by phoning the library at 294-3572.

Once the Summer Reading Program gets started, we have special performers on Mondays, Reading with Tia on Tuesdays, Make and Take Crafts on Wednesdays, LEGO Club on Thursdays, and story times on Fridays. All Summer Reading Program special events begin at 10:00 a.m.

While much of our efforts are kid-centric this month, grown-ups can look forward to Thursday Morning Conversations, that visit from Mr. Audubon, an author talk on June 9<sup>th</sup>, book sale on the 11<sup>th</sup>, a program by the executive director of the Natural Resources Foundation on the 16<sup>th</sup>, a free concert on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and "Think(ing) Green" with an environmental philosopher on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Of course, people of all ages are welcome at the special summer reading program events.

**Kingston Public Library** - We have a new display in our case, 3-D Puzzles put together by Sarah & Sharon Krueger of Manchester. There are several months open on our display case calendar yet. If you are a collector and would like to display your items at the library please give us a call. We also have our annual exhibit from the photography club out right now and it will be up until Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The photos are matted and for sale at \$20.00 each. Something new this year are greeting cards which come with an envelope, have a photo on the front, and are blank inside for you to write a message. Our Summer Reading Program starts on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and will run for 4 weeks. We are using the theme "Exercise Your Mind, Read" this year. Sarah Chastain, a teacher at Markesan District School, will run the program for us again. Stop in and sign up for some fun today.

**Princeton** – Like the other libraries, we are at the beginning of the Summer Reading Program. Princeton has a least two programs for kids planned for the next seven week until the end of July that will get our youngest patrons in the library, engaged, happy, and learning. Some specific programs we are excited by are: our collaboration with Katie Gellings, from UW Extension, where kids will learn how to make healthy lunches, Zoozorts animals program that will give kids a hands on look, and maybe feel, of exotic animals, and a self-defense class with a Taekwondo instructor from Wautoma. All of our programming for the summer can be found on our website: princetonpublib.org. For adults, we are doing a collaboration with Golden Sands, a nature conservation non-for-profit, to raise beetles which will grow to eat the invasive species, Purple Loosestrife. We will be having a discussion about this process in more depth on June 9 at 2pm. As for the fundraising, we had a very success collaboration with the public school, who hosted a Penny War. We raised \$735. At the end of the month on the 25th we will be having a meat raffle at Beer Bellys in Princeton. And of course, we are still selling tickets for our Pig Roast and Raffle on July 10th.

## **Markesan Public Library**

6-13 Monday 1:30-2:30 **Zoozort Wild Animal Show** 

6-15 Wednesday 1:30-2:30 **Sports Clinic** 

6-21 Tuesday 1-3 **Read with Purdy (R.E.A.D Therapy Dog)** 

6-21 Tuesday 4-5 **Legos** 

6-22 Wednesday 1:30-2:30 Sports Clinic

6-28 Tuesday 1-3 **Read with Purdy (R.E.A.D Therapy Dog)** 

6-29 Wednesday 1:30 **Movie Matinee—Zootopia** 

This is a partial listing. For more program information:

www. markesanlibrary.org



## **Princeton Public Library**

6-13 Monday 5:00 Family Movie Night—Finding Nemo

6-16 Thursday 11:00 **Zoozort—Wild Animal Show** 

6-18 Saturday 11:00 Outdoor Games

6-21 Tuesday 4:00 Jump Rope Fun

6-22 Wednesday 2:00 **Taekwondo Self Defense Class** 

6-23 Thursday 2:00 **Missoula Acting Troupe: Creating a Character** 

6-28 Tuesday 4:00 Jump Rope Fun

6-29 Wednesday 2:00 **David Landau**, **Children's Entertainer** 

This is a partial listing. For more program information:

www.princetonpublib.org/



# Green Lake County Libraries

# Summer Library Program June 2016





#### **Berlin Public Library**

6-13 Monday 11-12 **Paine Art Center Show** 

6-13 Monday 6:30-7:30 **Pajama Story Time** 

6-15 Wednesday 6-7 **Animal Acrobats** 

6-16 Thursday 10-12 **Brave (movie)** 

6-17 Friday 10-12 Playful Crafts

6-20 Monday 6:30-7:30 **Pajama Story Time** 

6-22 Wednesday 6-7 **Hillbilly Science Spectacular** 

6-23 Thursday 10-12 **Toy Story (movie)** 

6-24 Friday 10-12 Playful Crafts

6-27 Monday 6:30-7:30 **Pajama Story Time** 

6-28 Tuesday 2-3 **LaMay's Quartet** 

6-29 Wednesday 6-7 **Magical Fitness** 

6-30 Thursday 10-12 **Cars (movie)** 

This is a partial listing. For more program information:

www.berlinlibrary.org



# Caestecker Public Library Green Lake

6-13 Monday 10:00 Zoozort Wild Animal Show

6-14 Tuesday 10-11:30 **Read with Tia** (R.E.A.D. therapy dog)

6-15 Wednesday 10-11 Make & Take craft

6-16 Thursday 10-11 Lego club

6-17 Friday 10-10:30 **Story Time** 

6-20 Monday 10-11 Animal Acrobats

6-21 Tuesday 10-11:30 Read with Tia

6-22 Wednesday 10-11 Make & Take Craft

6-23 Thursday 10-11 Lego Club

6-24 Friday 10-10:30 **Story Time** 

6-27 Monday 10-11 **Comedy Juggler** 

6-28 Tuesday 10-11:30 Read with Tia

6-29 Wednesday 10-11 Make & Take Craft

6-30 Thursday 10-11 Lego Club

6-30 Thursday 10:30 **Fang** 

This is a partial listing. For more program information:

www.greenlakelibrary.org



# Mill Pond Public Library Kingston

6-16 Thursday 4:30 **Read with Purdy** (R.E.A.D. Therapy Dog) and Story Hour

6-23 Thursday 4:30 **Read with Purdy** (R.E.A.D. Therapy Dog) and Story Hour

6-30 Thursday 2:00 **Summer Reading Program** 

7-7 Thursday 2:00 **Summer Reading Program** 

7-14 Thursday 2:00 **Summer Reading Program** 

7-21 Thursday 2:00 **Summer Reading Program** 

7-28 Thursday Pool Party for those who have completed Summer Reading Program.

This is a partial listing. For more program information:

www.millpondlibrary.org



#### AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between **Green Lake County**, a State of Wisconsin Municipal Corporation, hereinafter called "COUNTY," and the Winnefox Library System, a public library system organized in accordance with Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereinafter called "WINNEFOX."

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Section 43.15(4)(b), the County may participate in a federated public library system if it does all of the following:

- 1. Adopts and maintains the plan of library service submitted and approved under Section 43.11(3) and 43.13(1).
- 2. Provides the financial support for library services required under sub. (2). [43.15(2)]
- 3. Enters into a written agreement with the public library system board to participate in the system and its activities and to furnish library services to residents of those municipalities in the county not maintaining a public library, and

WHEREAS, the plan of library service for a county... (43.11 [3] [c]) shall provide for library services to residents of those municipalities in the county not maintaining a public library under Chapter 43. The services shall include full access to public libraries in the county participating in the public library system. The plan shall specify the method and level of funding to be provided by the county to implement the services described in the plan and shall describe the services to be provided by the public library system and the allocation of state and county aid to fund those services, and

WHEREAS, Winnefox has been organized and operates as a federated public library system within the meaning of Section 43.19 Wisconsin Statutes, and

WHEREAS, Winnefox must, in order to qualify for and maintain its eligibility for state aid, provide all services outlined in Section 43.24(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Green Lake County to contract with Winnefox to provide for the extension and development of library services described in the Long-Range Plan of Library Service, hereinafter called the Plan, a copy of which is attached.

#### NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Winnefox Library System to negotiate and execute such Agreements as are necessary to implement the Plan attached hereto for the calendar year 2017 and each subsequent year for the plan's life.

- 2 The County agrees to participate in the Winnefox Library System and its activities.
- 3 The County agrees that all of the public libraries in Green Lake County should be compensated for serving Green Lake County residents living outside municipalities that maintain libraries. Accordingly, the Green Lake County Library Advisory Committee, composed of the Directors of the libraries in Green Lake County, shall present an annual funding request based on this formula. It is understood that due to budget constraints the county may not be able to fund the full request in some years.
  - a) Using the latest Annual Reports filed with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the public libraries in Green Lake County shall determine what percentage of the previous year's total circulation is to residents of Green Lake County residing outside of the municipalities which maintain libraries (county rural residents).
  - b) The percentage of circulation to county rural residents shall be multiplied by the total operational expenditures of the libraries for the prior year. This figure shall constitute the libraries' request for reimbursement for services to Green Lake County rural residents.

Total expenditures X percentage of circulation to = Green Lake county rural residents County support

(a) (B) (c)

- c) The allocation of funds shall be as follows:
  - a) Using figures reported on their most recent annual reports, each library shall determine their cost per-circulation by dividing their total operational expenditures by their total circulation for the service year.
  - b) The cost per-circulation at each individual library shall be multiplied by the library's total non-resident circulation from Green Lake County. The resulting sum, plus any funds for shared services, will constitute that library's share of support from Green Lake County.
- 4 Funds appropriated by Green Lake County shall also provide support for Winnefox Cooperative Technical Services (WCTS) which provides libraries with cooperative ordering, cataloging, material processing, and other services. The WCTS Executive Council with the assistance of the Green Lake Librarians Advisory Committee (LAC) shall determine the WCTS service program and shall submit a budget request to fund the county's share of the service program.
- 5 Green Lake County shall pay funds requested by libraries in adjacent counties under Section 43.12(1) of Wisconsin Statutes.

- 6 Nothing in the funding formula shall preclude the libraries from requesting grant funds or special project funds from the County for a specific purpose. Approval of such a request shall be at the County's discretion.
- 7 The County shall be entitled to membership on the library boards of the participating libraries as provided in sec. 43.60(3), Wis. Stats. The Green Lake County Board Chairman, subject to confirmation by the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors, shall appoint County members to the library boards.
- 8 The County designates the Agriculture, Extension, Education & Fair Committee and the Green Lake County Librarians Advisory Committee as the Green Lake County Library Planning Committee.
- 9 The borrower registration records of participating libraries may be audited by an official of Green Lake County appointed by the Chairman or County Board to ascertain that registration procedures for borrowers are applied equally to both city and county residents and that borrower percentage figures described in the Plan are accurate. This audit may not violate provisions of sec. 43.30, Wis. Stats. regarding confidentiality of library records.
- 10 The parties agree to cooperate to further improve public library service to County residents.
- 11 Winnefox agrees to provide such financial or operational reports of its activities as the County requests.
- 12 Winnefox will present a request for a County library appropriation in accordance with the County's budgeting procedures and will distribute these funds to the participating libraries based on Member Library Agreements and the Plan.
- 13 This Agreement shall go into effect January 1, 2017 and remain in effect through December 31, 2021, the life of the attached long-range plan. This Agreement may be amended at anytime by mutual agreement of both parties. The parties may abrogate it only by following procedures outlined in Wisconsin Statute 43.18.

**APPENDIX A:** Long-Range Plan of Library Service - Green Lake County 2017 - 2021 **ATTACHMENT:** 

IN THE PRESENCE OF:	GREEN LAKE COUNTY, a State of Wisconsin Municipal Corporation, ("COUNTY)
	By: Jack Meyers, Chair
	Margaret R. Bostelmann, County Clerk
Dated:	
IN THE PRESENCE OF:	WINNEFOX LIBRARY SYSTEM (WINNEFOX)
	By: Kevin DeCramer, WLS Board President
	Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Director
Dated	

# Green Lake County Long Range Plan of Library Service <u>2017 - 2021</u>

#### **Statement of Principles:**

- 1. The people of Green Lake County should have convenient access to all library services being provided by all county municipal libraries within the county on the same terms as local municipal residents supporting such libraries. The people should be free to use any or all libraries at their discretion.
- 2. Nothing in the county plan of service or the formula for reimbursement should inhibit the libraries' ability to aggressively promote the use of libraries by all county residents.
- 3. The participating libraries recognize a responsibility to provide library services in the most cost effective manner. Each library will initiate or continue a planning process in order to provide the most needed services in the most cost-effective way.
- 4. The participating libraries recognize that there is an illiteracy problem in the county, and the libraries have a responsibility and an important role to play in community efforts to combat illiteracy.
- 5. Residents of those municipalities with libraries should be assured access to the other libraries in Green Lake County. No compensation will be necessary when respective use is determined to be *reciprocal*.
- 6. Residents of Green Lake County should have access to the resources of other libraries within the Winnefox Library System. It is the responsibility of the County to reimburse libraries for that service. (Wis. Stat. 43.11(3)(c)) in accordance with the Plan. No compensation shall be necessary when respective use between the counties is *reciprocal*.
  - a. Green Lake County shall provide reimbursement to Winnefox member libraries serving Green Lake County residents living outside municipalities with libraries at the same level of reimbursement (excluding grants and support for shared services) as is paid to Green Lake County libraries.
  - b. Winnefox Library System member libraries located outside Green Lake County electing to request payment must submit a bill for service provided in the preceding calendar year to the County Library Services Committee by August 1 of each year so that an amount may be budgeted for the following fiscal year.

7. Residents of the Winnefox Library System should have access to the resources of other libraries outside the Winnefox Library System. No compensation will be necessary when respective use between systems is determined to be *reciprocal*.

#### **Library Service Priorities 2017 through 2021:**

Residents of Green Lake County enjoy the opportunity of receiving service from five unique libraries located within the county. The priorities and activities listed below are examples of priorities found in individual plans and policies and will be undertaken by one or more libraries.

Priority I: All libraries in Green Lake County recognize the value of establishing reading skills in youth as a basis for lifelong learning and will continue to consider services to children and families to be of primary importance.

#### **Activities:**

- a. Establish/strengthen liaisons with other community organizations serving children and families such as Headstart, preschools, WIC, etc.
- b. Develop intergenerational activities such as holding preschool story hours in retirement facilities.
- c. Increase and diversify programming for children and families by holding programs for different ages of children, offering craft programs, and other means.
- d. Offer summer reading programs for all ages
- e. Offer more hands-on activities to encourage more frequent and longer visits to the library by families.

Priority II: The libraries in Green Lake County will remain the center of community life for Green Lake County residents.

#### **Activities:**

- a. Provide support for community events by providing resources such as meeting space, publicity, or co-sponsoring activities with other county organizations.
- b. Be a primary resource for community information.
- c. Provide a comfortable atmosphere within libraries for visiting and meeting with neighbors.
- d. Provide services that may not be readily available elsewhere such as tax forms, a copy machine, fax machine, public access computers, etc.
- Priority III: Green Lake County libraries will be leaders in providing access to information technology to all citizens of the county, promoting information literacy, and keeping up-to-date with all continuing technology as practical.

#### **Activities:**

- a. Provide public access to the Internet and training for those that need it.
- b. Provide computers with word processing software for creating resumes and letters, or for other personal needs.
- c. Promote the use of online resources available through library web pages.
- d. Make sure that all computers within each library are updated frequently so public service is not limited by equipment obsolescence.
- e. Provide public access and assistance to online books and media.

Priority IV: Green Lake County libraries will work closely with local schools and homeschoolers as partners in the educational process.

#### **Activities:**

- a. Consult with school staff to obtain information on curriculum needs to provide better resources for students' homework needs.
- b. Provide book talks and other programs in classrooms to encourage students to visit the library.
- c. Encourage class visits to the library including visits from Headstart and preschools.
- d. Sponsor displays on behalf of the schools such as student art works.

Priority V: Green Lake County libraries recognize the need to serve all county residents, including those with disabilities and other special needs.

#### **Activities:**

- a. Form partnerships with public and private sector service providers to both assess the needs of disabled individuals in the county and reach those in need of library services.
- b. Continue to ensure that all facilities and technology are accessible to all
- c. Continue to provide home delivery of material.
- d. Support the activities of other agencies in teaching English to non-English speakers.
- e. Work with the Green Lake County Literacy Council to provide learning material for adult new readers in the county. (remove, the literacy council no longer exists)
- f. County libraries will provide information in alternative formats

Priority VI: Green Lake County Libraries will facilitate lifelong learning for all county residents.

#### **Activities:**

- a. Consider adult learning needs to be a central collection development priority.
- b. Provide quiet areas for study as well as distance learning technology.

c. Provide programming for adults

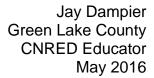
Priority VII: Green Lake County libraries will be proactive in meeting changing needs within the county.

#### **Activities:**

- a. Library directors will continue to attend Library Advisory Committee meetings and meetings of other community organizations to discuss mutual concerns.
- b. Examine community need and change hours and services as needed
- c. Continually evaluate library usage patterns, discontinuing services that are no longer relevant and implementing new services to meet emerging needs.
- d. Revisit and update the long-range plan on a regular basis.
- e. Stay in touch with governmental officials soliciting their opinions regarding community needs.

#### **Evaluation**

Each year, prior to annual funding requests, County Libraries will present a report to the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension, Education & Fair Committee and County Board detailing progress on service priorities listed above. The committee will be provided with appropriate statistics, and other information, to access the effectiveness of county libraries.





This report briefly describes work completed during May 2016 within the Community Natural Resources and Economic Development (CNRED) Program. During the reporting period, the Educator made 44 direct educational / professional contacts and wrote a column for Berlin Journal Newspapers (circulation 7255 indirect educational / professional contacts).

## Organizational Development and Capacity Building

Strategic Plan: Green Lake County Health Department The Educator continues to work with Green Lake County Health Department facilitating the development of their strategic plan. A Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Challenges (SWOC) prioritization exercise was completed in the previous reporting period. During the present reporting period, each participant was given the opportunity to develop actionable steps based on the previously identified strategic issues. These issues will become the basis of the plan. The final plan is anticipated to be complete this summer.

Strategic Plan: Chamber of Commerce The Educator is currently facilitating another strategic planning process with a local chamber of commerce. Building on the Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOC) exercise from the last reporting period the Educator facilitated an issue prioritization meeting with the staff and board. Participants were given opportunity to seek clarification, provide suggestions, and prioritize the identified issues. The final plan is anticipated to be complete this fall.

County Administrator Process Facilitation The Educator is providing research and process facilitation support to the newly appointed Green Lake County Ad Hoc County Administrator Committee. Building on work from the Administrative Committee's previous work, the Educator has been working with the Ad Hoc Committee Chair in developing a project timeline, and has facilitated a position description prioritizing exercise.



Participants prioritizing strategic issues.

**Grantwriting and Funding Sources Training** The Educator facilitated another funding sources training in Stevens Point, allowing participants from Green Lake County (as well as participants from neighbouring counties) to access the database and search for funders that closely matched their project ideas. One Green Lake County employee who attended found over 30 new potential funding sources.

## Natural Resource Stewardship

Lawn Care / Water Quality The Educator has been granted \$4150 in order to pilot a project that aims to reduce non-point source pollution while fostering turfgrass health. This 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 and are also Green Lake Association (GLA) members, the GLA will be an important project partner. The summer intern will also be given the opportunity to contribute to this project.



# **Educational Programming, Outreach and Promotion**

**Intercounty Coordinating Committee (ICC)** The Educator along with one county board member participated in this month's ICC meeting hosted in Sauk County. The topic of discussion was focused on attracting and retaining young skilled workers to the county.

## **Professional development**

**All CNRED Colleagues Inservice** The Educator participated in the 2015 CNRED in-service. The training's theme was focused on using technology in extension work.

## **Newspaper articles**

• "Tourism in Green Lake County" Berlin Journal Newspapers. May, 26 2016 by Jay Dampier

## **Out of County Days**

- 1.0 All CNRED Colleagues Inservice, Wausau
- 1.0 Grant writing funding sources workshop, Stevens Point
- 0.5 ICC Meeting, Baraboo
- 1.0 CNRED Area Meeting, Montello

#### Planned out-of-county days for next month.

- 0.5 UMOS Training, Oshkosh
- 1.0 WACEC, Wausau
- 0.75 Tenure Advisory Group Meeting, Stevens Point

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#### **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, May 5, 2016. Agenda items included clubs reports, project updates, upcoming events and a thoughtful discussion on the Bingo fundraiser at the Green Lake County Fair.

#### **Green Lake County 4-H Horse Council Meeting**

I attended the Green Lake County 4-H Horse Council meeting which was held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at the Green Lake County Government Center. At this meeting 4-H Horse Council members and volunteers learned about hoof care from Clint Layborn, an experienced farrier and Green Lake County 4-H Alumni, A farrier's routine work is primarily hoof trimming and shoeing. In ordinary cases, it is important to trim each hoof so it retains its proper orientation to the ground. If the animal has a heavy work load, works on abrasive footing, needs additional traction, or has pathological changes in the hoof, then shoes may be required.



#### **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, May 1, 2016. Agenda items included 4-H Cloverbud Day, Teaching recycling at schools, 4-H promotion including the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 4-H Open House and Fall Forum.

#### **Volunteer In Preparation (VIP) Training**

On Thursday, May 19, 2016 I participated in the UW-Extension Volunteer In Preparation (VIP) Training which is the new volunteer orientation program that will be launched in October 2016. Adult volunteers are critical to the Green Lake County 4-H program. Volunteers put 4-H's researched-based, learn-by-doing model in action. They help youth learn and practice skills such as problem solving, decision making, and communicating – skills crucial for their success in school, careers, and communities.

There are over 80 adult volunteers that have fun while making a positive impact on the youth in Green Lake County.

## **Regional 4-H Youth Development Meeting**

I attended a North Central Regional 4-H Youth Development meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Part of the day-long meeting provided an update on risk management procedures in 4-H Youth Development work.

#### **New Green Lake County 4-H Homepage**

I worked with Kathy Ninneman to redesign the Green Lake County 4-H Youth Development home webpage. This new page has simplified language, important links on how to join and a new promotional video that highlights how 4-H started in the rural areas, but over the years has grown to reach youth in the towns and cities. Here is the link:

http://greenlake.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/



#### Did you know... The Essential Elements of 4-H Youth Development

In 4-H, the critical components of a successful learning experience are a sense of Belonging, Independence Mastery, and Generosity.

Belonging: Youth need to know they are cared about by others and feel a sense of connection to others in the group.

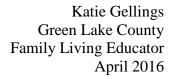
Independence: Youth need to know that they are able to influence people and events through decision-making and action. They learn to better understand themselves and become independent thinkers.

Mastery: In order to develop self-confidence youth need to feel and believe they are capable and they must experience success at solving problems and meeting challenges. Youth need a breadth and depth of topics that allow them to pursue their own interests.

Generosity: Youth need to feel their lives have meaning and purpose.

#### **Days Outside Green Lake County**

June 2, 2016	nEXT Generation Work Group Meeting	Madison
June 10, 2016	Camp Counselor Training	Montello
June 20-22, 2015	4-H Camp	Wisconsin Dells





This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Family Living Program in April of 2016. During the reporting period, the educator made 467 direct educational and professional contacts.

#### **Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community**

*Nutrition as you Age – Princeton Senior Center* 

On April 1, I presented at the Princeton Senior Center on nutrition for older adults, including a healthy cooking demonstration. There were 8 participants who attended. The Princeton Senior Center is looking for ways to continue to grow and include more educational programs at their center. They have invited me to come back to teach Brunch for the Brain, which I had previously taught at the Berlin Senior Center. The Princeton Senior Center is also interested in a possible Cancer Clear and Simple series of classes. I am looking forward to working with the senior population in Princeton in the near future!

#### Wellness Night of Healthy Habits – All-Saints Catholic School, Berlin

In March, I was contacted by a parent and school wellness advocate, who has children at All-Saints Catholic School in Berlin. The school was recently informed that ThedaCare would no longer be offering the Read Run Reach program for their school system. The parent contacted the Green Lake County Department of Health and Human Services, who referred them to me. I was able to offer an educational lesson on nutrition followed by a hands-on healthy snack making activity. Participants learned about go, slow, and no beverages. Go beverages are those that we should drink more of, like low-fat milk and water. Slow beverages are drinks that we can drink sometimes but we shouldn't consume a lot of, like flavored milk and 100% juice. No beverages are drinks that we shouldn't consume because they have a lot of calories and sugar, but very little nutrition. Examples of no drinks are soda and energy drinks. Participants also learned about the amount of sugar that is in soda. There were a total of 36 individuals who attended this fun event!

#### DID YOU KNOW?

If you drink one 20 ounce Coca-Cola each day for one year, you would have consumed 52 pounds of sugar, or 13 4-pound bags!

#### Financial Literacy Workshop – Green Lake County Correctional Facility

On the evening of April 6, I co-taught an hour-long financial literacy workshop to two female 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 conclude for the summer months and start again in the fall. Statistics from the program evaluation I conducted include:

N = 2 of 2 (April 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.	0.00%	50.0%
I am confident in my ability to determine take-home pay.	50.0%	0.00%
I am confident in my ability to fill out a W-4 form.	0.00%	100.0%
I am confident in my ability to file for a tax extension, if needed.	0.00%	100.0%
I am confident in my ability to read my W-2s.	0.00%	50.0%
I am confident in my ability to get new W-2s, if mine are lost.	0.00%	50.0%

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

The third of four Family Plus Workshops was held on the evening of April 18, at the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin. The workshop topic was titled, "Get Money Smart: Banking Loans and Credit". 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 eight parents who attended this workshop. This specific workshop was offered in partnership with

1<sup>st</sup> National Bank. John Mirr, a banker from 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank in Berlin, and I co-taught the 30 minute lesson. John covered loans and debt repayment, while I taught about credit reports. The final workshop of the series will be held near the end of May, with the topic of healthy cooking. I collected the following data from a post-lesson evaluation:

- 50% reported learning how to check their free credit report and why regular credit checks are important
- 63% reported learning the ways to fix errors in their credit report

Rent Smart – Markesan High School
I finished teaching Rent Smart, on April 21, to high school juniors and seniors in the Independent Living class at Markesan High School. I taught the program for 6 weeks (twice each week) for 45 minutes. There were 13 students, pictured at the right, who participated and completed the Rent Smart course. 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. Participants took a final review exam, which was a part of their overall class grade. I collected the follow data from the post-session evaluation:

- 92% of participants could identify two questions which should be asked when looking at an apartment
- 100% of participants could identify tenant and landlord responsibilities
- 92% of participants understood that payment history impacts credit scores

Money Smart Week – Caestecker Public Library, Princeton Public Library, Berlin High School During Money Smart Week (April 25-29)...

- I updated two display boards that were put on a front table with handouts at Caestecker Public Library from April 25-May 3. One board informed viewers about preventing identity theft and the other board was about checking your free credit report.
- I created a display board that I put on a table in the lobby of the Green Lake County Government Center by the security desk. The board was on display from April 25-May 2, and included information on credit reports, college savings (for parents of young children), and money saving tips.
- I offered an hour Money Smart Kids program at Caestecker Public Library on Monday, April 25. During the same timeframe, I held a parent workshop on teaching youth about money management. I was able to offer the programs at the same time with the help of the 4-H Ambassadors and the 4-H Youth Development Educator. Sophie Schaefer, a 4-H Ambassador, read the children the book, 'Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last
  - Sunday'. Following the reading, children painted a ceramic piggy bank that they were able to take home with them to practice saving money. Six youth attended the kids program, while four adults participated in their own portion of the Money Smart Week program.
- I offered the same hour long Money Smart Kids program for 13 children at Princeton Library on Wednesday, April 27.



Five Girls Scouts were able to receive their 'Using Resources Wisely' badge for participating in this program. There was no parent workshop offered in Princeton due to the limited space of the library.

I partnered with 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank, Thrivent Financial, Farmers & Merchants Bank, and Berlin High School to offer a Reality Fair for all high school juniors on April 28. A total of 57 Berlin High School students and 41 community volunteers participated in the Reality Fair. Students in the Reality Fair were assigned a life status, and then were required to visit assigned stations and pay monthly bills based on the choices they have made. This interactive program allowed students to learn vital money management skills. We plan to make this an annual event for students at Berlin High School.

#### **Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities**

I made 95 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of April. 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.

Family Financial Security State Team Meeting and Showcase – Stevens Point In early April, the Family Financial Security State Team, which I am involved in held a face-to-face meeting and showcase in Stevens Point. I was able to see what projects other financial education workgroups and educators are working on. I also had the opportunity to present the project accomplishments of the Dollars During Development workgroup. It was a great chance to showcase our project so other educators can use the material in their own counties!

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Conference – Wisconsin Dells

Near the end of the April, I attended the two-day JCEP Conference in Wisconsin Dells. I had the opportunity to present twice during the conference. The first was a 60 minute presentation on the Dollars During Development 'Money as you Grow' project, and the second was a lightning round presentation on the Healthy Retail Project, which I co-lead. These presentations were great opportunities to share my work with other educators. On the final day of JCEP, I attended the Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) meeting. During that meeting, I was elected ESP President-Elect for the 2016-2017.

#### **Newspaper Articles**

"Healthy Eating can be Affordable." Berlin Journal Newspapers. April 4, 2016. By Katie Gellings, Family Living Educator

#### **Out of County Days**

- 4 ½ Out of county days for this month (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)
- Out of county days scheduled for May (Health and Health Insurance Literacy Training for Extension Educators in Appleton 1)



#### Nav Ghimire, Green Lake County, Agriculture Agent, May 2016.

#### **Educational Contacts**

In the month of May, a total of 29 educational contacts were made with extension clients. Of the total contacts, face to face contacts were 17 (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 Tri-County Produce Auction Growers' meeting, food safety, vegetable disease, harvesting and handling winter squash, and home horticulture.

#### The Agency-Farmer Interface Coalition Program

Nav Ghimire secured grant money of \$6,600 from the UW-Extension Innovative Grant fund for the soil and water conservation in the Fox River Watershed. After conferring with farmers, the initial assessment is that money will be used to conduct conservation research in the Green Lake Watershed. The research and extension program will be conducted based on farmers' advice, interest, and issues they are facing in their soil/water conservation practices. The program will be led by a group of farmers. It is expected that a group of seven to ten grain/livestock farmers will be interested to be a part of the farmer led-coalition. The first conservation research planned for the AFIC is cover crop.

#### **Tri-County Produce Auction – Meetings Scheduled**

**Growers' Meeting:** In partnership with the Tri-County Produce Auction Board and UW-Plant Pathology Department, Green Lake County UW-Extension has scheduled a growers meeting for Wednesday June 15. The topic will be harvesting and handling winter squash to avoid fruit damage and appeal buyers.

**Twilight Field Day**: Amish growers also call this as 'produce walk' will be hosted by Ag agent Nav Ghimire on Wednesday July 27 at 6:00 pm in a farm located in Golden Road, Dalton. The UW-Entomology expert Russ Grove and Plant Pathology expert Amanda Gevens will respond to growers' questions.

**Farm Food Safety:** Nav Ghimire is hosting farm food safety program for Amish vegetable growers with a day-long schedule on July 27. The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) expert Chris Blanchard will visit 2-3 farms and the Produce Auction Barn to see how farm food safety is followed to comply with the FSMA and what further improvement are needed to avoid food borne illnesses to consumers.

Wholesale Success Manual: On the request of Nav Ghimire, UW-Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems provided eight 'Wholesale Success Manuals' at no cost to the Tri-County Produce Auction Board. In coordination with the Auction Board, I distributed the manuals to Amish vegetable growers in Dalton. The Auction Board put a responsibility on growers who received the manuals that they have to spread the word in the communities about the manual's usefulness and share it with neighboring growers when they ask for. The manual was published by a FamilyFarmed non-profit organization committed to expanding the production, marketing, and distribution of locally grown and responsibly produced food in the communities.

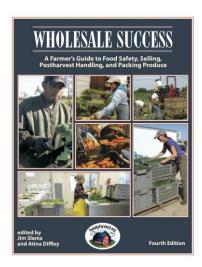




Fig 1: Wholesale Success Manual (Fourth Edition)





# Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program

#### Fond du Lac and Green Lake Counties

During the 2015-2016 school year, the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) offered a 6 session series to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms (10 total) at Clay Lamberton Elementary School. "Show Me Nutrition" is a comprehensive 6 week series for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders that teach several important age-appropriate health themes, including nutrition, food safety, and physical activity. Newsletters were distributed quarterly to the parents. "Food Day" is a curriculum designed for upper elementary and middle school students that offers 5 lessons (a 6<sup>th</sup> hand washing/foods safety lesson was incorporated) on "eating real." The children learned the importance of eating less processed foods and more fresh foods. This was a coordinated effort between Clay Lamberton administration, food service workers and WNEP to offer fruit and vegetable taste tests to all students at each class. Quarterly newsletters were distributed to parents to compliment the nutrition messages offered to the students.

A follow-up evaluation was provided to each teacher. The results indicated the following:

- 59.1% of teachers observed or heard comments from students about changes made in the variety and amount of vegetables eaten at home or school.
- 63.6% of teachers observed or heard comments from students about changes made in the variety and amount of fruits eaten at home or school.

Teachers were asked "Please share student behavior changes you observed or comments you have heard from parents/caregivers about student or family behavior that have been attributed to WNEP lessons."

- Students are more willing to try the daily healthy snack and want to take home extras.
- I am seeing more students bringing a healthy snack during snack time.
- Students have been "gobbling up" different kinds of fruit.
- Students are willing to try new things and encouraging others.
- My students are definitely willing to try new things since they know it takes a few times before they really know if they like something.

Teachers were asked "Please share any of your behavior changes you have made (as a teacher) since WNEP has been offered in your classroom."

- I continue to encourage my students to try new things and not to judge other people for their dietary choices.
- I refer back to lessons learned when covering similar topics.
- I tie in the vocabulary from the WNEP lessons when a healthy snack is provided.
- Anytime there is an opportunity to share/discuss foods, I make the most of it.

WNEP provides nutrition education to schools with a free/reduced lunch eligibility of 50% or higher. Currently, Clay Lamberton's eligibility rate is at 54%.

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