



# **GREEN LAKE COUNTY**

*571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941*

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**Amended March 3, 2016**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016:**

**Amended items are in Red.**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting
- 4) **County Library Report**
- 5) **2016 Committed Funds**
- 6) Educator Reports for: Jay Dampier (Community Resource & Economic Development), John de Montmollin (4-H Youth Development), Katie Gellings (Family Living), and Nav Ghimire (Ag Agent).



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

**Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.  
Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room  
571 County Road A, Green Lake, Wisconsin**

**AGENDA**

**Committee Members:**

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

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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 February 9, 2016 Minutes
5. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
6. Public Appearances
7. County Library Services Report
  - a. Submitted Monthly Report
8. Correspondence
9. **FAIR – 2016**
  - a. Truck/Tractor Pull Update – Discussion/Approval
  - b. Entertainment Contracts – Discussion/Approval
  - c. Fair Updates – Discussion
10. **UW-EXTENSION**
  - a. Educator Report – Jay Dampier, Community Resource & Economic Development Educator
  - b. Educators’ Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
  - c. 2015 Committed Funds Request – Discussion/Approval
  - d. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
  - e. Committee Discussion
  - f. Vouchers: Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair – Discussion/Approval
11. Future Agenda Items
12. Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday, April 12, 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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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, February 9, 2016 in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent: Patti Garro

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

Staff Absent: Amanda Miller

Others Present: Harley Reabe, floater.

#### **AGENDA**

***Motion/second (Richter/Guden)*** to approve the change in rotation item 10.c - North Central Regional Director, Tom Schmitz, to be first on the agenda, due to another county committee meeting commitment he is scheduled to attend. Motion carried.

#### **NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR BY GOOGLE HANGOUT**

Tom Schmitz, North Central Regional Director, joined us via Google hangout to explain the UW-Extension Reorganization Recommendations as presented by Chancellor, Catherine Sandeen, on December 21, 2015. Jill Hicks, Regional Associate, was in attendance along with Schmitz. He also answered any questions from the Committee.

#### **MINUTES**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None.

#### **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Submitted monthly reports on file. No librarians were present at the meeting because of Library Legislator Day at the State Capitol.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

#### **TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL UPDATE**

Corporation Counsel has revised Swanke's contracts and they are all in his hands.

## **ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS**

- Miller and Mike (Two stage shows and two hours of strolling entertainment) - \$850
- Fox of the River Voyageur Canoe Exhibit-Jerry Disterhaft (Saturday, Aug. 6, 2-6 pm) - \$100
- The Science Alliance (Friday, Aug. 5; Health & Chemistry) - \$1,150 (\$1,050 programs, \$100 travel)

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

## **FAIR UPDATES**

Zills received the information to apply for one of five \$400 scholarships to attend the International Associations of Fairs Expo Zone 4 Fair Conference in Green Bay April 4-7. ***Motion/second (Guden/Richter)*** to approve Zills to attend regardless if she receives a scholarship or not. Motion carried.

Zills received a \$500 grant from ThedaCare to put towards the handwashing station at the fair.

## **WAF CONVENTION**

Zills reported that while attending the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention, Networking, Free Money, and Smart Technology were very valuable sessions. She talked with Hollywood Motor Sports (new demolition derby promoter) and Dodge County has moved their demolition derby to Sunday night of their fair, so there will be no conflict at our fair. A&P Carnival would like to propose a two or three year contract as a reassurance when purchasing new rides.

## **EDUCATOR REPORT**

Gellings, Family Living Educator, presented to the Committee, "Financial Education Efforts 2015 (and Beyond)." Gellings gave the Committee a 2015 Financial Education Report and Health & Wellness Education Report summary of her programs.

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

Written monthly reports on file for Dampier, de Montmollin, Gellings, and Ghimire were reviewed. Ghimire made a correction to his report. Ghimire handed out the AFIC invitation for March 10 to the Committee. de Montmollin gave the Committee a copy of the four page document that was created by Gellings and Zills about the UW-EX Reorganization. It was handed out recently to 4-H and HCE volunteers. Dampier told the Committee he is starting to work on a pilot program with the Green Lake Association on water quality and lawn care.

## **APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS**

***Motion/second (Guden/Richter)***. Approved.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Nothing.

## **VOUCHERS**

***Motion/second (Richter/Stoddard)*** to approve the vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and Fair as presented: 2015 (UWEX) claims totaling \$346.91; 2016 (UWEX & Fair) claims totaling \$143,600.49. Motion carried.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next regular meeting date: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in the Training Room at 10:00 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/second (Stoddard/Guden)*** to adjourn at 11:12 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist*

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

**Berlin** - The staff at Berlin Public Library is definitely ready for spring to arrive, as are our patrons. We've got some great programs going on. For the children, we have Pajama Storytime on March 1 at 6:30pm. There is also an open craft on Friday, March 11, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Two programs for the teen will happen this month. Each Wednesday evening on March will be Teen Craft Night from 5-7:30pm to celebrate National Craft Month. Also, on March 8 at 6pm will be a program titled College Financial Prep Night with Julie Gurkowski from 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank.

Adult programs for the month of March include Container and Raised Bed Gardening with UW-Extension Office's Nav Ghimire and Darrell McCauley. We are also having a quilt display and contest with public vote during the week of March 14. On Saturday, March 19, staff member Julie Buchholtz will demonstrate this year's National Quilting Day Pattern, "Crooked Path" on her treadle machine.

**Green Lake** – Just like a garden, a library requires regular weeding in order to thrive. Items that are outdated or which haven't checked out for years are pulled out to make room for new books and movies and audio. Yes, there are always some things we are sad to see go. But our shelf space is limited and library users expect us to get new items in every week. Rest assured we don't only chase after the new and shiny – lovers of Charles Dickens and Jane Austen and the Brontes and Mark Twain will always find those works here. Nonfiction titles will continue to run the gamut from computer use to religion to science and history, with a large dollop of politics and biographies and pets and cookbooks. We strive to have something for everyone, and annual weeding helps us balance our holdings.

By the way, the Seed Library is back for its fourth growing season. Try some new heirloom veggies and flowers and herbs!

We have programs, too. Our Oscar movie series will continue on Tuesday evenings through the end of this month, with a mix of nominated and winning films. We have two Thursday Morning Conversations currently scheduled for March – the 17<sup>th</sup> on pruning your trees and shrubs and the 31<sup>st</sup> on this year's elections and the voter ID law. Carrie Nolen of Sassafra will lead a coffee tasting program on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Coloring and LEGOS and knitting and Bible study continue to draw folks to the library. And we will have special programs the week after Easter to help keep the kids entertained while they are enjoying Spring Break.

**Kingston** – February was a busy month at our library, even though it is the shortest month of the year. We showed 4 Oscar nominated films, Bridge of Spies, Spotlight, Steve Jobs, and The Martian. Held an Adult Coloring Class with a huge turnout, and are now running a contest with pictures that were colored by those attendees. Our American Girl Club, our Photo Club, and our Loosely Bound Book Club all held meetings. Two different bridge clubs met every other Wednesday to play cards. We had story hour every Thursday. Installed a new Meraki machine which will better keep track of wireless statistics. Helped many, many folks find tax forms, AND checked out 1500 items to customers. And can't forget we shoveled the sidewalks a few times, and are now looking towards Spring!

**Markesan** – The Markesan Public Library has joined the Coloring Book Craze and will have an open time for coloring once a week during the month of March. We will restart our story time for children after a brief break during the month of February. The March Book Discussion will feature a Wisconsin author, Nickolas Butler. The book, Shotgun Lovesongs, is told by five people, (four men and one woman.) They are life-long friends—now in their 30's. Life has taken them in different directions with different challenges, yet they maintain their ties to their small Wisconsin community. We will be gathering things to have for our Spring Fling silent auction on May 14. If you would like to donate an outdoor, porch, or patio type decoration or furniture, let us know. Popular items are planters, painted yard decorations, or garden items. We will have the items on display for about two weeks ahead of time and you can place your bids at that time.

**Princeton** – We are very excited to be collaborating with the Wisconsin Historical Society later this month. We will be hosting their traveling John Muir exhibit from March 15-March 28. Want to be a part of the grand reveal? Stop by between 6-7 on Wednesday March 16 for our display opening, with food, drinks, and music, plus a great exhibit about John Muir's influence and legacy with Wisconsin. The following week on March 22nd at 4pm, we will be joined by Michael Edmonds from the Historical Society who will be leading a lecture and questions on John Muir more in depth than the display. Want to be extra prepared for this lecture? Stop by the library and pick up one of two John Muir biographies. They are free giveaways to any interested patrons.

We also have an exciting Spring Break week, from March 21-March 25. On Monday the 21st at 6pm, library employee Millie Bowey will be sharing information and entertaining questions about her passion: geocaching. For those who are interested in this world wide treasure hunt, this is the perfect program for beginning interest. On Tuesday, kids ages 2-8 are invited to our Stuffed Animal Sleepovers. Pajamas are encouraged with this evening story time that will start at 6:30 with stories, followed by cookies and milk. The kids will then leave their animal friends overnight at the library. Who knows what mischief they might get up to? Animal and photograph evidence of the stuffed animal fun can then be picked up the following morning. On Wednesday from 6-8 we will see a return of Game Night. Games will be provided for by the library, plus instruction of new interesting game; also feel free to bring your own. And finally on Friday March 25 we will be showing a movie matinee at 1:30. Plus there will be popcorn!



Green Lake County

2016 Committed Funds

<b>Committed Travel</b>	<b>15-100-13-55620-330-000</b>
Ending 2015 Balance:	\$1,256.77

<b>Committed UWEX Capital Equipment:</b>	<b>15-101-13-55620-999-003</b>
Ending 2015 Balance:	\$ 279.08
Add total from above	: <u>\$1,256.77</u>
	\$1,535.85

We request that the combined total of: **\$1,535.85** be held over for FY 2016 and placed in Committed Capital Equipment Account **16-101-13-55620-999-003** for the following purpose:

Video Projector

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<b>Committed Grants</b>	<b>15-101-13-55620-999-004</b>
Ending 2015 Balance:	\$2,108.74

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<b>Committed UWEX Donations</b>	<b>15-101-13-49320-003-000</b>
Ending 2015 Revenue Received:	\$2,784.48
Add from 15-101-13-55620-999-001:	<u>\$1,617.15</u>
	\$4,401.63

This report briefly describes work completed during February 2016 within the Community Natural Resources and Economic Development (CNRED) Program. During the reporting period, the Educator made 47 direct educational / professional contacts and wrote a column for Berlin Journal Newspapers (circulation 7255 indirect educational / professional contacts).

## **Organizational Development and Capacity Building**

**Administrative Coordinator / County Administrator model research** The Educator has been asked by the Administrative Committee to provide research and facilitation service as the Committee considers the pros and cons of transitioning from Administrative Coordinator to County Administrator. During the reporting period, the Educator has begun compiling statutory, ordinance and policy data on the two positions, and will be presenting the initial findings in the next reporting period.

**Health Department Strategic Plan** The Educator has been asked by the Green Lake County Health Department to facilitate a strategic plan update. The Educator has initiated a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOC) exercise with the staff and advisory board, and will be coordinating and facilitating the effort in the upcoming months.

**Strategic Plan Request** The Educator has been asked to evaluate a local nonprofits readiness to enter into a strategic planning process. At present, the Educator has had one meeting with the organization's staff, and will enter into a "Plan for the Plan" process in order to better evaluate organizational readiness.

## **Economic knowledge and capacity**

**First Impressions Summit** The Educator coordinated a First Impressions Team Summit where the Cuba City team and the Princeton team will meet and share findings from the First Impressions evaluation visits. The summit was facilitated by the Educator as well as his counterpart from Grant County UWEX. The final report for Princeton will be made publically available in the near future.

**Economic Development Intelligence Education** The Educator provided economic development market intelligence to a local stakeholder operating within Green Lake County. If requests such as these continue, the Educator will consider offering a workshop on this topic.

## **Natural Resource Stewardship**

**Lawn Care / Water Quality** Program development is underway to provide education which will reduce non-point source pollution while maintain healthy lawns. The Educator is investigating grant funding opportunities.

## **Educational Programming, Outreach and Promotion**

**Intercounty Coordinating Committee (ICC)** The Educator along with two county board members participated in this month's ICC meeting hosted in Jefferson County. The topic of discussion was centered training new and returning county board supervisors.

**Green Lake Area Young Professionals** The Educator has completed the qualitative analysis of the needs survey and presented a draft report to the Green Lake Area Young Professionals.



**Grantwriting / Conflict Resolution** The Educator is collaborating with a fellow colleague in Dodge County in an exchange of trainings. The Educator has begun a 3-session workshop on grantwriting, and in exchange, the Dodge County Educator will be a program in Green Lake entitled, "Conflict Management: Practical Strategies for Work and Home." County Staff and Supervisors will be welcome to attend free of charge on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Professional development**

**Rank Change** The Educator successfully prepared and submitted documents for promotion and rank change from Instructor to Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Resource Development. The rank change takes effect March 1, 2016.

### **Newspaper articles**

- "Fresh Views on Customer Service Can Promote Business Development" Berlin Journal Newspapers. February 4, 2016 by Jay Dampier

### **Out of County Days**

- 0.5 Tenure Advisory Group Meeting for promotion consideration for the Educator, Stevens Point
- 0.75 CNRED Area Meeting, Fond du Lac
- 0.75 First Impressions "Summit" meeting between Princeton and Cuba City Teams, Madison
- 0.5 Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting, Jefferson County
- 0.5 Grant Writing Workshop, Dodge County

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

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



## Contacts

Phone	E-mail	Face to Face
17	32	81

### Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association

Organized at the county level, the 4-H Leaders' Association 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 Leaders' Association on Thursday, February 4, 2016. The meeting covered a variety of topics including the proposed restructuring plan for the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension.

### Super Saturday

4-H Super Saturday was held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at the Green Lake County Government Center. Over 60 4-H members and friends participated in this in depth project based day of learning.



### Evaluation Leadership and Support Team (ELST) Needs Assessment Workshop

I worked with UW-Extension specialists Jenna Klink and Kerry Zaleski to plan, implement and evaluate a workshop for UW-Extension colleagues on conducting needs assessments for local program. The workshop was held in Wausau on February 23, 2016 and participants reportedly felt more likely than not to use the three different data collection methods in their own work. This suggests that the program was effective in building new skills, as well as confidence to use those skills for successful program development, implementation and evaluation purposes.



## Green Lake County 4-H Volunteer Orientation

The primary purpose of the Volunteer Orientation process is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants. The Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Youth Protection program process includes:

- Completion of the Volunteer Application Form
- Background records check for arrest and conviction records
- Participation in a volunteer orientation session
- Completion of the 4-H Enrollment Form

In January and February we welcomed four new Green Lake County 4-H Volunteers.



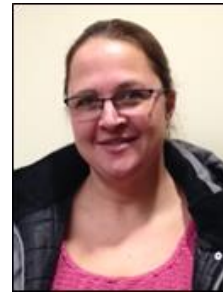
**ROBIN  
BRUNKE**  
Sunrisers



**KELSEY  
LENZ**  
Grand River Workers



**KRISTIN  
RADTKE**  
County Wide



**NICOLE  
VAN ABEL**  
Prairie View Rockets

## Did you know... Can a 4-H Organization Pay a Volunteer?

If a 4-H Organization wants to pay a volunteer beyond reimbursement for expenses, that payment may result in at least three unwanted legal consequences:

- The paid volunteer will lose protections for legal liability arising from the volunteer's conduct.
- The paid volunteer may become an employee of the 4-H Organization, and then the 4-H Organization will be legally responsible for complying with all laws and regulations regarding employer/employee relationships.
- The 4-H Organization and the paid volunteer will become responsible for complying with all tax regulations regarding the payment to the volunteer.

## Days Outside Green Lake County

March 9-10, 2016	Wisconsin 4-H State Meeting	Wausau
March 16-17, 2016	North Central Regional Meeting	Minocqua
March 23, 2016	Faculty Review	Wautoma

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Family Living Program in February of 2016. During the reporting period, the educator made 221 direct educational and professional contacts.

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

*Financial Literacy Workshop – Green Lake County Correctional Facility*

On the evening of February 3, I co-taught an hour-long financial literacy workshop to 3 female inmates at the Green Lake County Correctional Facility with Maureen Betz, MPTC Instructor. This month’s topic was Get Checking in which participants learned about the positives and negatives of financial institutions, the costs of using payday loan or check cashing services instead of a bank, how to write out a check and use a check register, the way to balance a bank account using a bank statement, and the common mistakes made in managing a bank account. 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 March and April will be employment forms, such as W4 forms, in time for tax season. Statistics from the program evaluation I conducted include:

N = 3 of 3 (February 2016) Get Checking	% Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change	% Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change
I understand why I should use a financial institution for my banking needs.	33.3%	33.3%
I understand how much “not banking” can cost me.	33.3%	33.3%
I am confident in my ability to write out a check and check register.	0.0%	66.7%
I am confident in my ability to balance/reconcile a bank account.	0.0%	66.7%
I understand the common mistakes made in managing my own bank account.	33.3%	66.7%

*Wellness Wednesdays Group – Green Lake County Correctional Facility*

In February, I had 6 males and 1 female attend the wellness group at the Green Lake County Correctional Facility. The topic for the lesson this month was portion control. Some evaluation statistics from the session include:

- 86% reported learning new ways to help with portion control in their diets.
- 71% reported learning the difference between portion size and serving size.
- 86% reported learning the MyPlate food recommendations.

*Souper Saturday – Caestecker Public Library*

On Saturday, February 6, I held a soup program at Caestecker Library in Green Lake. There were 17 individuals that participated in the program that focused on healthy meal preparation. My normal programs at the library have included a cooking demonstration. For this program, I set up three meal preparation stations, in which the participants, themselves, had to peel, chop, and cook vegetables for various soup recipes. I provided food safety information and guidance. This program was very well received and I feel important meal preparation skills were learned.



*W2 and FSET (FoodShare Employment and Training) Workshops – Forward Services*

I held an educational workshop with Forward Services’ clients in Berlin. The first workshop, in January, was on budgeting and money management, with 3 attendees. The workshop held this month was on healthy cooking and food resource management, with 2 attendees. I have talked with the managers of the programming



at Forward Services and we are looking at offering the budget and money management workshop again since several participants wanted to attend but could not because of the date and time.

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

The first of four Family Plus Workshops was held on the evening of February 23, at the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin. The workshop topic was titled, “How to save a dollar when you don’t have a dime to spare.” The workshop was for parents and it was open to the public (participants did not need to have a kids who belong the Club to partake). The response was overwhelming, as there were 42 parents who attended. The Boys & Girls Club staff offered tours of the club and provided gas card raffle prizes. Here is some data from the evaluation survey I conducted:



- 88% reported learning how to create a spending plan
- 83% reported learning how to set financial goals
- 88% reported learning how to track their spending

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

I made 37 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of February. 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.

#### *Food and the Culture of Health Workgroup*

I currently co-lead a food and nutrition workgroup called Food and the Culture of Health with the Adams County Family Living Educator. We held our first face-to-face meeting in Green Lake at the Government Center in mid-February. There were 12 individuals in attendance, as well as five attending via Google Hangout. We accomplished numerous tasks during the meeting but the largest was planning our workgroup project(s). We will continue to meet monthly via phone, as we work on statewide initiatives to increase food and nutrition programming within UW-Extension.

#### **Newspaper Articles**

“Lead in drinking water a concern for some, but reducing exposure often simple.” Berlin Journal Newspapers. January 11, 2016. By Katie Gellings, Family Living Educator

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

- 0 Out of county days for this month
- 2 Out of county days scheduled for March (North Central Region All Colleague Conference in Minocqua – 2)

**Nav Ghimire, Green Lake County, Agriculture Agent, February 2016.**

### **Educational Contacts**

In the month of January, a total of 39 educational contacts were made with extension clients. Of the total contacts, face to face contacts were 33 (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 nutrient management training, pesticide application training and Nutrient Management Planning software program (SNAP-Plus) training.

### **Tri-County Produce Auction**

After the food safety training in January, Amish participants reported me that they are working on good agricultural practices plan for the coming season to produce vegetables and offer food that is safe to consume. They are going to produce flowers on hoop house as soon as March begins.

### **Pesticide Application Training**

A total of 12 people participated in February training. The training was started with video teaching followed by a certification exam. The tests have been sent to the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection for grading. The DATCP will inform all participants of their grade with pass or fail result.

### **Nutrient Management and SNAP-Plus Training**

Two- part nutrient management training was conducted in which 10 farmers participated. The presenters of the training were Jamie Patton, Ag Agent Shawano County and Nav Ghimire Ag Agent Green Lake County. In this, training farmers from neighboring county also participated. Green Lake County has been conducting nutrient management training for 17 years.

The curriculum of the training included importance of nutrient management, state regulations (ATCP 50, NRCS 590), components of a nutrient management plan, soil testing and sampling, management, manure management, nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium management, sulfur and humus development, carbon-nitrogen ratio, and soil quality and soil health.



### **SNAP-Plus Training**

The SNAP-Plus training was initially offered by the DATCP. Green Lake County UW-Extension started this two-part SNAP-Plus training for the local farmers with the help of Land and Water Conservation Department on 2012. This year, there were 11 people in the training. Some farmers completed their plan in the first week of the training and submitted. It is a hands-on training offered with the help of computer. After reviewing the training, next year I decided to market the program as a workshop rather than training so that more farmers will come to the workshop and complete their plan rather than thinking of attending a training.

### **Cover Crop Meeting Scheduled**

One day cover crop meeting has been scheduled Wednesday for March 2. In this meeting, there will be four different presenters from UW-Extension, Legacy Seeds and Air Custom Applicator of Waupun.

### **Out of County Days**

March 6-9 – Evaluation Training, Minnesota Evaluation Studies Institute, University of Minnesota, St. Paul

March 20-22- North Central Region Water Network Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska

March 28-30 – Journal of Extension Board Meeting, Starkville , Mississippi.

Planned Out of County Days = 7 day