



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

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

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**May 4, 2016**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2016:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the April 10, 2016 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educator Reports for: Jay Dampier (Community Resource & Economic Development), John de Montmollin (4-H Youth Development), Katie Gellings (Family Living), Nav Ghimire (Ag Agent).



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

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

**AGENDA**

**Committee Members:**

Joanne Guden,  
Chairperson  
Bob Schweder, Vice-  
Chairperson  
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. Introduction of new Committee members
5. Approval of the April 12, 2016 Minutes
6. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
7. Public Appearances
8. Certification of Appreciation to Maureen Schweder
9. County Library Services Report – Linda DeNell, Caestecker Library, Green Lake
  - a. Submitted Monthly Report
10. Correspondence
11. **FAIR – 2016**
  - a. Truck/Tractor Pull Update – Discussion/Approval
  - b. Entertainment Contracts – Discussion/Approval
  - c. Fair Updates – Discussion
12. **UW-EXTENSION**
  - a. Introduction of UW-Extension Staff
  - b. Educator Report – John de Montmollin, 4-H Youth Development Educator
  - c. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
  - d. nEXT Generation of UW-Extension – Committee Discussion
  - e. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
  - f. Extension Committee and County Board Chair visit to the Tri-County Produce Auction – Discussion/Approval
  - g. Agency-Farmer Interface Coalition Grant
  - h. UW-EX Begins to Offer 'Water Testing Program' to County Residents – Discussion
  - i. 2016 Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees Conference
  - j. Committee Discussion
  - k. Vouchers: Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair – Discussion/Approval
13. Future Agenda Items
14. Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday, June 14, 2016
15. 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 Vice-Chairman, Joanne Guden, at 8:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 12, 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, Vice-Chairman      Absent: Maureen Schweder, Chairman  
Patti Garro  
David Richter  
Michael Stoddard

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

Others Present: Harley Reabe, floater; Clairelynn Sommersmith, from Princeton Library; Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers.

#### **AGENDA**

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

#### **MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Stoddard/Richter)*** to approve the March 8, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None.

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

Submitted monthly reports on file. Sommersmith wished everyone a Happy Library Week and briefly summarized a few items. She also updated the Committee on the Princeton expansion.

#### **SEAT SUPERVISOR GARRO**

***Motion/second (Richter/Stoddard)*** to seat Supervisor Garro, 8:06 a.m.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Norman Miller, Amish – appreciation of Green Lake County UW-EX Agriculture Agent, Ghimire.

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

Nothing.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS**

- Hypnotist, Jay Hess, \$1,200
- Modern Rentals – no increase from 2015 - \$2,732.10
- Modern Rentals for the AgEducation - \$344.50 (Zills wrote a grant for naming rights to Landmark)

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

## **FAIR UPDATES**

- AgEducation Station – Matt Graff, from Farm Bureau, has been very instrumental with this new event.
- State Aid was increased by \$164 this year.
- Zills received the scholarship to attend the IAFE (International Association of Fairs & Expositions) Zone 4 Conference in Green Bay, April 4-6. The only expense for the county was mileage. She said it was a very good conference, being more educational based.

## **EDUCATOR REPORT**

Miller, Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program Educator, presented to the Committee, "The ABC's of Nutrition Education." Lots of discussion about educating children on fruits/vegetables and family/food preparation.

## **Q&A OF 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, Gellings and Dampier gave brief verbal reports of their present programming.

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

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

## **TRI-COUNTY PRODUCE AUCTION AG EXTENSION PROGRAM REVENUE TO UW-EXTENSION**

UW-Extension received a check for \$1,000 from the Amish Tri-County Produce Auction, as a thank you for Ghimire's good work with them. *Motion/second (Garro/Richter)* to send this on to the Finance Committee. Approved.

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

Ghimire reported that he has received several requests to test water. There was discussion about the different places that currently offer water testing and the cost. Guden requested that he continue to research this and bring it back to the Committee.

## **NEXT GENERATION OF UW-EXTENSION – TOM SCHMITZ**

Schmitz suggested to the Committee to keep this topic on the agenda every month. He explained the Work Group application, which is due today. de Montmollin is nominating Maureen Schweder and Joanne Guden to be on the Work Group. There was discussion about the reorganization. Staffing changes won't take effect until late 2016, early 2017. He suggested to maintain the same budget. The 133 contracts will be out soon, as they are on a calendar year contract. Schmitz also announced to the Committee that he is retiring the end of June.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Guden thanked Stoddard for his many years of service to this Committee and the County Board.

## **VOUCHERS**

*Motion/second (Richter/Garro)* to approve the vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and Fair as presented totaling \$66,003.20. Motion carried.

## **CERTIFICATION OF APPRECIATION: MAUREEN SCHWEDER**

Since Schweder is ill, we will table this to the May meeting.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Garro)* to adjourn at 9:11 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist*

## Green Lake County Libraries Report for May 2016

**Berlin** - With Summer Library Club creeping up on us, we have just one program to offer during the month of May. On Wednesday, May 4, from 6-7:30pm we will have a May the Fourth Be With You party at the library. We will celebrate Star Wars through crafts, games, prizes, and food with a Chewbacca Impression Contest. We are encouraging cosplay!

The end of May will bring school visits to promote summer library club to the entire elementary school plus two parochial schools. Fliers will be sent home with teens to encourage teen participation and the line-up of adult programming will begin on June 2. We are looking forward to a prosperous summer season at the Berlin Public Library.

**Green Lake** – It's May! A month for celebrating children's books and making summer plans and getting things done. We're doing all of the above at the library, and hope you will join us.

This month we have Thursday Morning Conversation guests on topics ranging from organic lawns to legal issues to the day in the life of a pastor. We also have evening programs on controlling purple loosestrife (more on that in a minute), using native plants in the landscape courtesy of a member of the Fox Valley chapter of Wild Ones, and on the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald. Area children are voting on their favorite book characters this week (Children's Book Week is celebrated May 2-8 this year). The Friends are holding a Spring Book Sale Friday and Saturday, May 6-7. Kindergarteners are looking forward to getting their library cards and visiting for a special celebratory story time. And there's so much more. Check our library website for details: [www.greenlakelibrary.org](http://www.greenlakelibrary.org)

**Princeton** – May allows for a slight breather before the busy chaos of Summer, and the Summer Reading Program at the Library. But it would be a lie to say we are not busy. On Thursday, May 5 we are having/had a basic tree care program with Jay Dampier (you might know him). We planned it to coincide just week after Princeton celebrated Arbor Day.

We are also up to ears in donated books as we are preparing for the Friends Annual Book Sale on Saturday, May 14th from 9-1pm. While in the past we have had the sale at another building downtown, last year we had in and outside the library and it was much more a success. The location allows us to both showcase specifically all that the library does, and highlight how much we need our expansion.

And speaking of the expansion we have four upcoming fundraisers. The Princeton Public and Catholic schools will be hosting a penny war on our behalf from May 16-May 20. On June 25, Beer Bellys will be throwing us a meat raffle starting at 1:30pm.

Then in the heart of summer we will be having a Pig Roast and Raffle on July 10 from 3-5. The Roast will be catered by local farmers and caterers at Stack Farm. Tickets for the dinner and the raffle at \$100, but there will be \$10,000 given away as prize money. You have a 1 in 12 chance of making more money back.

Finally in August we are hosting a Golf outing and fundraiser at Twin Oaks Golf Course on Monday the 8th. For questions about these fundraisers and more about our expansion, call the library (920-295-6777) or talk to Bob Schweder, head of our fundraising campaign.

Back to library programs, on Monday May 16th we will be hosting our Book and Movie discussion at 5:30. This month we will be reading and watching Cold Mountain. On Thursday, May 19th at 7pm I will be hosting a book talk to get people excited about upcoming titles being released later this summer. Plus, I will be giving away advance copies of said books, so it will be win win for all our book lovers. Finally on Wednesday, May 25th we will be hosting our now monthly Game Night from 6-8 pm.

**Markesan** - The Markesan Public Library is very busy putting the final touches on one of our fund raisers of the year, The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling, on May 14, from 9 until noon. We have over 40 items to bid on from plate flowers, bent iron figures, a wood duck house, a barn wood bird house, and painted gourds, and even a painted door! The items are beautiful and it helps

the library to fund the summer library program. Also on May 14 we will have a Scrabble Tournament from 10 until 11. Also, on that day will be the annual FFA plant sale and the library's book sale. While you are here for the Spring Fling event you should be sure to check out the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum's traveling exhibit on display for six weeks until June 15. The collection has 14 panels, 6 feet tall, in these clever stands. Each panel features a historical job connected to the military. Right after Spring Fling we will start our first summer display. Since the theme for the June Dairy Days Parade is Hats off to Agriculture, we will showcase Hats! Hats of all kinds will be found throughout the library: farmer's hats, workers' hats, fancy hats, antique hats, you name it. If that doesn't keep us busy enough, we will also be getting ready for Summer Library Program.

This report briefly describes work completed during April 2016 within the Community Natural Resources and Economic Development (CNRED) Program. During the reporting period, the Educator made 70 direct educational / professional contacts and wrote a column for Berlin Journal Newspapers (circulation 7255 indirect educational / professional contacts).

## **Organizational Development and Capacity Building**

**Tri-County Economic Development Corporation Planning Session** The Educator along with colleagues from Marquette and Waushara Counties facilitated a planning session for the TREDC board during the reporting period.

**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) online survey was sent to Staff and Advisory Board Members, and has since been returned. Survey results were shared with the Health Department and Advisory Board. Participants. They were given opportunity to seek clarification, provide suggestions, and prioritize the survey responses. The next phase will include presenting prioritized strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges to the staff and advisory board, giving each individual the opportunity to develop strategic issues and action items.



**Strategic Plan: Chamber of Commerce** The Educator is currently facilitating another strategic planning process with a local chamber of commerce. The Educator has initiated a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOC) online assessment with the staff and board. The next phase will include issue prioritization, and face to face meetings.

**County Board Orientation** The Educator delivered a 45-minute presentation to new and returning county board supervisors, entitled, "Basics of County Structure and Governance." Topics in the presentation included,

- A Brief History of Wisconsin Counties
- Roles, Responsibilities and Relationships of the Board and Committees
- County Board Leadership and Political Politesse

**Grantwriting Workshops** The Educator lead half-day grant writing workshops in Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara Counties. In total, fifteen participants attended, representing non-profits and governmental units. Overall participants indicated that they experienced increases in knowledge related to i) the steps involved in writing a successful proposal, ii) developing a compelling problem statement, and iii) developing the program budget.



## **Economic knowledge and capacity**

**First Impressions Princeton CDA** The Educator helped facilitate the Princeton Community Development Authority as the group is developing actionable steps based on the First Impressions report.

## **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 Marquette County. The topic of discussion was centered early planning for county budgets. Participants learned about the counties are similar and different in their approaches.

**Fresh Views on Customer Service** The Educator co-presented at the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Conference. The presentation investigated how to adjust your customer service techniques based on the customer's generation and personality type. Plans are in place to adapt this presentation, and deliver it in Green Lake County.

## **Professional development**

**UW System Virtual Conference** The Educator was a participant in the year's conference, logging in from the Green Lake office. Topics included using new technology and video in education outreach.

## **Newspaper articles**

- "Ash Tree Killer Closing in on Green Lake County" Berlin Journal Newspapers. April 28, 2016 by Jay Dampier

## **Out of County Days**

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

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

- 1.0 CNRED Inservice training, Wausau
- 1.0 Grant writing funding sources workshop, Stevens Point
- 1.0 CNRED Area Meeting, Montello





## Contacts

Phone	E-mail	Face to Face
28	55	89

## 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 Leaders' Association on Thursday, April 7, 2016.

### Green Lake County 4-H Dog Project

I attended the Green Lake County 4-H Dog project orientation meeting on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at the Green Lake County Government Center. In addition to providing youth participants and their parents with important information about the upcoming training sessions, the group passed a budget, elected board members and distributed the Green Lake County 4-H Dog Project handbook.



### Green Lake County Livestock Committee

The Green Lake County Livestock Committee offers young people many different types of opportunities to learn about beef, sheep, swine, rabbits, poultry and dairy. These opportunities include quarterly meetings, clinics, educational sessions and the Livestock Auction at the Green Lake County Fair.

I attended the Board of Directors meeting which was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 where several topics were discussed including conducting another buyer survey to determine areas of improvement for the auction. I also attended the educational program which was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at Ran's Meats and Beck's Meats. Youth attending either of these locations learned about the meat processing industry. Evaluations were collected from all participants to determine what youth gained from the experience.



## Communication Arts Day

I assisted with the coordination and implementation of Communication Arts Day which was held on Saturday, April 23 and had 16 participants.

- Youth who participate in the Foods Revue prepare of a menu, learn about all the food groups, coordinate a place setting and serve one special dish for a judge.
- Demonstrations give the participants the opportunity to gain self-confidence and public speaking skills while allowing them to teach others.
- The Clothing Preview asks young people to model the garments the members have made. Along with the judging of their garments appearance, including grooming, fit, selection, construction, accessories and pressing.



Clothing Preview  
Anna Hibicki



Demonstration Day  
Sam Pehoski



Foods Review  
Erica Kowald

## Did you know... Volunteer Background Check Changes

In accordance with UW Regent Policy #20-19 and UW Extension Criminal Background Check policy, 4-H Youth Development is now required to conduct a national criminal background check for volunteers holding a “position of trust with access to vulnerable populations”. Volunteers holding a position of trust with access to vulnerable populations shall be subject to a criminal background check every four years during volunteer service and shall be required to self-disclose certain criminal offenses. Under the old policy, each county was responsible for conducting a state background check and was also responsible for paying for these checks. Under the new “national” background check system, the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension will pay for the background checks.

## Days Outside Green Lake County

May 18, 2016	North Central Region 4-H Youth Development Meeting	Wausau
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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:

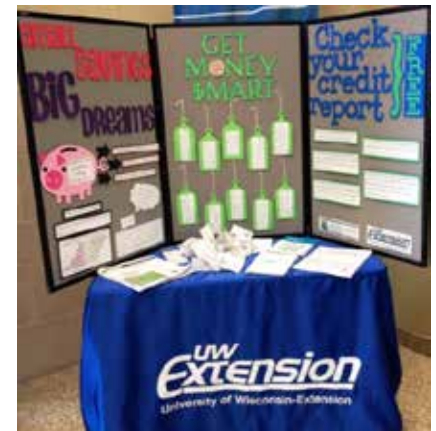


- 92% of participants could identify two questions which should be asked when looking at an apartment
- 100% of participants could identify tenant and landlord responsibilities
- 92% of participants understood that payment history impacts credit scores

### *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)
- 1 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, April 2016.**

### **Educational Contacts**

In the month of March, a total of 37 educational contacts were made with extension clients. Of the total contacts, face to face contacts were 29 (meetings, walk-in, farm visits). Remaining contacts were phone calls, emails, and mailings. Of the total contacts, females were 11. The main areas of concern during that period were apple pruning workshop, farm visits, and home horticulture issues.

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

The Tri-County Produce Auction began its first day of the operation on Tuesday April 19. On-tray seedlings and flowers in the basket were sold. The buyers were mainly home owners wanted to buy bedding plants for their lawn and garden.



### **Apple Pruning Training**

A total of 28 people participated in the apple pruning workshop. The workshop was held in partnership with the Pineapple Hill Orchard, Princeton. The workshop contents were managing dwarf and tall apple trees, disease and insects of apple, and dwarf varieties for backyard. There were two sessions: one in the morning and one in the afternoon.



The end-of session evaluation reported that participants increased knowledge in the area of punning, disease and insect management, use of chemicals, and spray schedules. Some of the participants made follow-up contact with the agent in person and reported that they used the pruning techniques in their fruit trees and increased the fruit bearing capacity. Participants reported they have as many as 20 trees in their home yard.

### **Joint Council of Extension Professional Conference**

Agent taught to a group of Extension educators how to conduct needs assessment and how it is connected to program development and evaluation. The end-of session evaluation shows that participant could connect the information on types of needs assessment presented during the session with their work at the grassroots. Further, they will use the information in their future needs assessment. They reported that they will be exploring the opportunity for latent / hidden needs so that they could discover the opportunity for better programs.

### **Out of County Days**

May 23 – Department Head Meeting – Lincoln County UWEX