



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

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

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**November 26, 2019**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the  
Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on  
Tuesday, December 10, 2019:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educator Reports for: Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator), Ben Jenkins (Ag Extension Educator) and Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Coordinator).



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## AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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### *Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice*

**Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2019      Time: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room**  
**571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI**

#### AGENDA

#### **Committee Members**

*Patti Garro, Chair*  
*Keith Hess*  
*Katie Mehn, Vice Chair*  
*Kathy Morris*  
*Peter Wallace*

*Kathy Ninneman,*  
*Secretary*

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes: 11/10/19
5. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
6. County Library Services Report (submitted monthly report) – Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Public Library Director
7. **FAIR**
8. 2019 Fair Recap
9. 2020 Fair
10. **UW-EXTENSION**
11. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
12. Area Extension Director Report
13. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
14. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: January 14, 2020
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
15. Adjourn

Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office. Sincerely, Kathy Ninneman

**Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or Audio assistance, should contact the Extension Office, 294-4032, not later than 3 days before date of the meeting.**



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair Patti Garro, at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in the County Board 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: Patti Garro, Chair  
Keith Hess  
Katie Mehn, Vice Chair  
Kathy Morris  
Peter Wallace

Staff Present: Adam Hady  
Katie Gellings  
Ben Jenkins  
Morgan Martinez  
Kathy Ninneman  
Kim Zills

Also Present: Laura Skalitzky, Princeton Public Library Director; Chris Kalupa, Berlin Public Library Director; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman.

**MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Hess/Morris)*** to approve the September 10, 2019 minutes with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nothing.

**COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT – CHRIS KALUPA**

Laura Skalitzky, newly hired Princeton Public Library Director, introduced herself to the committee. Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Kalupa reported they will be working with Job Service and want to bring them into the communities. Princeton Library held their open house for their new library and everything went very well.

**2019 FAIR RECAP**

Zills reported she is waiting for last minute reimbursements and invoices to take care of, and will submit the DATCP report to the state.

**2020 FAIR UPDATES**

Zills reported she has submitted her retirement letter and her last day is January 3, 2020.

**EDUCATORS’ SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS & RELEVANT TRAININGS, MEETINGS & PROGRAMS**

Written monthly report on file for Jenkins and Martinez. Both gave verbal report.

**COUNTY 136 CONTRACT**

Hady reported this is the contract between the county and the educators.

***Motion/second (Mehn/Hess)*** to approve the contract. All ayes. Motion carried.

**AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Hady reported he is through the budget reports in all the counties. He met with all the educators for their mid-point reviews for January-July. The FoodWise Coordinator final interviews were held last Friday. The position for Health & Well-being educator is open in Adams County.

**APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS**

*Motion/second (Wallace/Hess).* All ayes. Approved.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

None.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Garro or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: December 10, 2019 in the Training Room at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second (Hess/Mehn)* to adjourn at 9:18 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Ninneman, Committee Secretary*

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## Green Lake County Libraries Activity Report for December 2019

**Berlin:** This week we welcomed angels for the Angel Tree. Patrons amazingly cleaned our tree of angels in just 3 days! We love the enthusiasm and caring hearts of our patrons toward the community and of those in need.

December programs include Holiday Cookie Decorating on December 5 and Santa Storytime on December 19 for the kids. Both of these programs have been very well attended by our "little" patrons.

To entice teens to come to the library more, we will be hosting our 1<sup>st</sup> after-hours teen laser tag activity on the afternoon of New Year's Eve. We are not sure how the teens will respond to the program, but we have some very excited staff members who are eagerly waiting to give it a try.

With the concern for online safety, we asked the Berlin Police Dept. to present a program on Identity Theft Prevention. This free program will be held on December 4 at 6pm.

On December 12, from 5pm to 7pm, we are hosting a gift wrapping party. We are inviting anyone to come wrap their holiday gifts away from prying eyes. With holiday beverages and a relaxing atmosphere, patrons can come get in the holiday spirit.

The end of the year is fast approaching, so we have been thinking of end of the year projects we would like to wrap-up. We are currently looking at updating our teen area and adult lounge area. These will not be big projects, but will help give the library a little of a fresh look.

As always, we welcome any of you to our library to look around. I would be happy to give a personal tour as well if you call ahead. We very much appreciate the support you have all given libraries of Green Lake County. Thank you for your commitment to our wonderful community.

**Green Lake:** Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is our annual Breakfast with Santa! There will be all sorts of things happening at the library that morning – The Friends are having their cookie sale (\$7 for a one-pound box of assorted goodness), a book sale, the CPL Knitting Group will be selling handmade items, Tia the reading therapy wonder dog would love to hear your favorite Christmas stories, and the aforementioned breakfast with the man in red. For \$3 a person you receive pancakes cooked to order (regular or chocolate chip), applesauce, beverage, and a seasonal treat. Plus, a chance to whisper your wishes in Santa's ear. Breakfast runs from 8:00-10:30, the cookie sale will go on until there are only crumbs left, and the book sale will last until noon. All the activity will be in the library's lower level.

Later in the month on December 19, Brian Bartels, author of "The Bloody Mary" will visit the library on to share about the book and sign and sell copies. A virgin Bloody Mary demo and tasting will also take place.

Watch for movies and crafts and a little holiday fun in the weeks to come or visit [greenlakelibrary.org](http://greenlakelibrary.org) for more info. I hope we see you soon!

**Kingston:** Our BYOB Silent Auction went very well this year with a total of 55 baskets being donated for bidding. A profit of \$1881.00 was made which will be used to update our public computers. They are 12 years old and still running Windows 7, which will no longer be updated as of Jan. 1, 2020. One of the benefits of Winnefox is cooperative buying power and they will order the new computers, getting us a much better deal than we could get on our own.

We have finished our Savvy Senior Space and held 2 programs in it this November. The first was with Irene Kutz talking about the in's and out's of Medicare. The second was a wood burning make & take program with local artist Harlan Barkley. Each person attending was able to make 2 wooden Christmas ornaments to take home with them. We will continue with program the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 10 a.m., watch for details.

Our 21<sup>st</sup> annual Cookie Walk will take place on Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Santa will also be around that day for the children to visit with, and we will have a huge book sale as well. Currently we have a display titled "Smart Cookies Read" with loads of cookie cookbooks that can be checked out. Maybe for a new idea for cookies!

Cheese 4 Heroes, a non-profit group, is getting ready for their Christmas delivery to the deployed military and has a collection box in the Kingston Library. You can help make their holidays away from home a bit easier to bear by donating any of the following items. Travel size-shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, Listerine, Q-tips, baby powder, Vicks Vapor Rub, Icy Hot, Sunscreen, Kleenex, baby wipes, and hand sanitizer. They are also collecting powder drink packets, snack packs of sunflower seeds, etc. beef jerky and slim jims. Hard candy but no chocolate. Decks of cards, pillow cases, 5 hour energy drinks, band aids, and small flashlight and batteries. The box will be out for items until Thursday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Markesan:** November and December have been busy months at the Markesan Library. Some of the exciting events in November included the Homespun Holidays' Kid Zone held at Markesan Elementary School, countdown to Christmas craft classes, and a Black and White Photography class. In December we will host a Santa Storytime, a Christmas card making workshop, more craft classes, a "Forest of Trees" tree cutout art activity, DIY Glowing Globes, and DIY party poppers, along with Storytime. For the Homespun Holidays the library partnered with both the Markesan Chamber of Commerce and the High School's National Honors Society to head up the Kid Zone which offered area children crafts, a coloring contest, a reading corner, cookie decorating, candy cane fishing, a bouncy house, Santa, and face painting. We hope to partner with the National Honors Society during our Santa Storytime as well. It's been wonderful seeing the older students get involved with volunteering. In other news at the library, we've been rearranging, creating a more open area in the children's section and more room in our Large Print section. We've also come up with a new, more attractive way to display our new books. Circulation has been consistently up this year as well.

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Katie Gellings  
Green Lake County  
Health & Well-Being Extension Educator  
November 2019

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Health & Well-Being Institute in November of 2019. During the reporting period, the educator made 66 direct educational and professional contacts.

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

#### *Taking Care of You, Berlin Public Library*

In mid-November I taught Taking Care of You, a stress management program, to 7 individuals at the Berlin Library. This program has been popular at several locations in the county and I am continuing to teach it into 2020 at more places as well. Taking Care of You is a stress management program that offers strategies to help deal with stress, take better care of yourself, and enhance overall living.

Participants learned how to develop habits that can lead to a healthier person: body, mind, and spirit. It is an important program with the increase in mental health concerns in recent years. The following is data collected from a post-program evaluation:

- 86% of participants learned self-management techniques for reducing stress
- 57% of participants learned how stress affects their bodies, thoughts and behaviors



#### *Rent Smart, Markesan High School*

I taught a series of two classes of the adapted Rent Smart curriculum to the Independent Living class of juniors and seniors at Markesan High School. There were a total of 16 students who participated in the classes. We talked about budgeting for renting, finding a place to rent, rental applications and rental agreements, moving out, and security deposits.



#### *Basic Budgeting, Seeking Safety, Green Lake County DHHS - Behavioral Health*

Seeking Safety is an evidence, based counseling model to help people attain safety from trauma and/or substance abuse. Green Lake County DHHS – Behavioral Health provides a Seeking Safety group for some of their clients. I was asked to teach a budgeting lesson at one of their group sessions that focused on community resources. I provided the opportunity for participants to create a spending plan, to learn ways to save money, and to properly track spending. There were 9 participants, and I collected the following from a post-program evaluation:

- 67% of participants were confident in their ability to use the spending plan they developed
- 55% of participants learned new ways to track spending
- 100% of participants plan to use the information they learned in their personal life

#### *Community Support Program (CSP), Green Lake County DHHS - Behavioral Health*

In late November, I taught a nutrition lesson to 5 participants in CSP within Green Lake County. As a group we made two healthy recipes, monster cookie bites and fruit salsa, as part of our activity. The group learned nutrition facts and tips, as well as how to properly measure, follow a recipe, and make two new snacks.

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

I made 98 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of November. 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.

*Extension All-Colleague Meeting, Madison*

I attended the All-Colleague Meeting for Extension in Madison. We had professional development opportunities in each institute. I attended both the Health & Well-Being (HWB) Institute programs as well as the Human Development and Relationships (HDR) Institute. My health, nutrition, and wellness programming is housed in the HWB Institute while my financial programming fits into the HDR Institute.

**Newspaper Articles**

“Take Charge of Holiday Spending” Berlin Journal Newspapers. November 25, 2019. By Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Educator

**Out of County Days**

- 4½ Out of county days for November (UW Carbone Cancer Center Conference, Madison – 1; All-Colleague Meeting, Madison – 2 ½; Girl Power program planning meeting, Fond du Lac – 1)
- 1 Out of county days planned for December (Dollars During Development Workgroup meeting, Fond du Lac – 1)

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension





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**Ben Jenkins**  
**Green Lake County**  
**Agricultural Educator**  
**November 2019**

*This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in November of 2019. During the reporting period, the educator made 81 direct educational and professional contacts.*

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

### *Alternative Enterprises: Boerson CSA Tour*

Even with temperatures below normal for the time of year about a dozen people including a representative from Senator Grothman's office attended the Tour of Matt and Danielle Boerson's farm in Green Lake. Matt and Danielle showed us around their operation and talked about the challenges that face a first-generation farm. These challenges included finding land to farm and the knowledge of growing crops and raising cattle. Most of the attendees were local people who walked away with a better understanding of just how challenging it is to get started in today's farming environment. Matt and Danielle are trying some techniques not often seen in the US to enhance soil health while growing crops. Their passion for farming in a way that will protect our natural resources is an asset to Green Lake County.

### *Hemp*

*The growing season is drawing to a close and the 2019 crop is now in storage. I am still working closely with our hemp growers to help them get a leg up on next years crop. The CBD markets have softened in the wake of harvest but interest in growing CBD hemp continues to be strong.*

### *Land Conservation Tour*

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of November I was fortunate to be able to attend the "manure tour" with the Land Conservation Dept. It was great to see how much effort has been made by the county and its farmers to protect our land and water.

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

### *Produce Safety*

Through out the month I've been brushing up on the new Produce Safety Curriculum. I also attended an in-person meeting in Portage where we were trained in the standardized process of writing Food Safety Plans. We invited produce farms to come and participate in the writing of their own plans. The feedback from this group of test farms was quite positive with several of them saying that they wished we could have given them more time to get their plans done.

### *Alternative Enterprises*

As leader of the Alternative Enterprises Team I have been working with the Farm Management OPM and team members to develop and carryout a plan of work as it relates to farm diversification. As a part of this I am involved in the planning and coordination of the upcoming Resilient Farms Conference on December 12<sup>th</sup> in the Wisconsin Dells. Resilient Farms is a way for producers to get exposure to lots of new ideas for where to take their farm business. Topics covered at the conference range from value added to entirely new crops like hemp. I have also been busy writing articles for the new UW-Madison Extension website on the topics of diversification.



### All Colleague Meeting

November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> I attended the All Colleague Meeting at the Monona Terrace in Madison. This year attendance was especially crucial to our understanding of the new model since UWEX was merged into UW-Madison. Most of the conference focus was where we go from here with both information sessions and planning sessions. These are interesting and exciting times for the Agriculture Institute.

### Out of County Days

- 3 Out of county days for November (11/6 produce safety\*, 11/18-20 for the all programs meeting\*)
- 2 Out of county days planned for December (12/6 Resilient Farms\*, 12/16 FARM Bootcamp)

\*Denotes that it was paid for by UW-Madison Extension





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Morgan Martinez  
Green Lake County  
4-H Program Coordinator  
November 2019

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in November of 2019. During the reporting period, the program coordinator made 143 direct educational and professional contacts.

## **Program Highlights**

### ***Green Lake County 4-H Youth Awards Program, Green Lake***

I worked alongside Kathy Ninneman to coordinate the 2019 4-H Youth Awards Program which was held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 in the Training Room. Several Awards were presented including:

- **Project Awards:** These awards are given to 4-H members who excelled in a particular 4-H project area.
- **Secretary and Reporter Awards:** These awards are given to youth who have demonstrated outstanding skills in their elected office.
- **Step Beyond Award:** The awards are given to youth who have submitted outstanding record books highlighting their 4-H year.



### ***4-H Horse Council, Green Lake***

I attended the November 4, 2019 meeting of the Green Lake County 4-H Horse Council where youth members collaborated with 4-H leaders to create their educational calendar of topics they would like to explore and educational experiences they would like to take to grow within the horse project.

### ***4-H Afterschool, Berlin***

I held the first meeting of Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area 4-H Afterschool on November 4, 2019 at the Boys & Girls Club. At this first meeting I facilitated youth to establish a list of group rules for our 4-H Afterschool club that aligns with both 4-H policies and Boys & Girls Club rules. I provided interactive learning opportunity for youth to receive introduction to various 4-H project areas. The youth collaboratively then used this information to create their 4-H Afterschool meeting calendar.

## **Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Banquet, Green Lake**

I worked with Kathy Ninneman and the Leaders' Association Executive Board to coordinate the 2019 4-H Leaders' Banquet on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at the Green Lake American Legion Hall. Awards included:

- **4-H General Leader Recognition:** General Leaders are the backbone of the 4-H organization. They contribute countless hours behind the scenes in the "organization" of the club program.
- **4-H Leaders' Association Board of Directors:** The Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association is an organization that supports the Green Lake County 4-H Program.
- **Wisconsin 4-H Key Award:** The highest award that can be presented to a 4-H member.



In addition to awards presentation, youth delegations from Space Camp, American Spirit Experience, and Citizenship Washington Focus Experience gave presentations highlighting their experiences. Over 70 youth and adults attended the program.

## **Green Lake County 4-H Charters**

The 4-H Charter is a legal document that indicates a 4-H Club or Group is organized in accordance with the policies and objectives of the Wisconsin 4-H program. It authorizes the club or group to use the 4-H Name and Emblem for educational purposes in accordance with laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This year 16 clubs or groups completed the necessary paperwork to be considered a chartered entity. After filing the e-postcard with the IRS, all Green Lake County 4-H Charters were uploaded to a system in Madison and will be reviewed by Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Staff.

## **Out of County Days**

- 2 Out of county days for November
  - All Program Meeting\*, Madison, November 18-19
- 1 Out of county day planned for December
  - 4-H Club Officer Training, Montello, December 7

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension