



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

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

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**April 9, 2020**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee to review since the meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 has been **cancelled**:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) No Agenda – **meeting cancelled**
- 3) Draft minutes from the March 10, 2020 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Fair Coordinator Report / Fair Financial Report
- 6) Educator Reports for: Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator), Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator), and Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Coordinator).



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, March 10, 2020 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

Also Present: Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Chris Kalupa, Berlin Public Library Director; and Rich Swanke, Pullers Inc.

**MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Hess/Morris)*** to approve the February 11, 2020 minutes with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nothing.

**COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Kalupa gave the Committee a report on the Berlin Library.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW FAIR COORDINATOR**

Schmit introduced the new Fair Coordinator, Lindsey Machkovich, who currently works in the Treasurers' Department. Machkovich shared some of her previous work experience along with family info to the Committee. Everyone introduced themselves. Her first day as the Fair Coordinator is Tuesday, March 17.

**2020 FAIR CONTRACTS**

Schmit reported there are a couple contracts:

- International Demolition Derby for \$7,500 (\$4,000 in advance for prize money, balance day of event by Fair check).

After discussion a ***motion/second (Hess/Wallace)*** to make the time change from 2 pm to 6 pm on their current contract, as long as the promoter is willing to accept it. All ayes. Approved.

- Sonny's Sizzlin Rock'n Road Show: \$400, Saturday, August 6, 7:30-11:30 pm.

***Motion/second (Mehn/Morris)*** to accept the contract. All ayes. Approved.

Garro exited the meeting at 9:22 am.  
Garro returned to the meeting at 9:24 am.

## **2020 FAIR UPDATES**

- Schmit reported since the close of the 2019 financials, approximately \$10,000 was over budgeted.
- Jerome Jahnke has retired from the Maintenance job at the fair. There will be bids put out for the Maintenance very soon.
- Schmit reported the Committee will be given a monthly Fair Financial Report.

## **TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL**

Swanke brought a contract to the Committee stating that he would provide the maintenance for the Truck/Tractor Pull, if the Committee would waive the 10%. The Committee will review the contract and give the results at next month's meeting.

Swanke exited the meeting at 9:35 am.

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

Written monthly report on file for Gellings, Jenkins and Martinez. Gellings, Jenkins and Martinez gave verbal reports.

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019**

The Committee received copies of the 2019 Annual Report.

## **AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT**

- Hady is going through the Administrative Review Process, along with the new colleague Cohort.
- The FoodWise Coordinator position closes on Sunday, March 15, 2020 for Green Lake/Marquette/Waushara Counties.
- There has been discussions along with different options given regarding the vacant Ag position in Marquette County.
- The new Health & Well Being Educator from Adams County has started and is getting out to meeting everyone.

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

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

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

None.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Garro or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: April 14, 2020 in the Training Room at 9:00 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second (Hess/Mehn)* to adjourn at 9:45 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Ninneman, Committee Secretary*

## Green Lake County Libraries Activity Report for April 2020

**Berlin:** What a difference a month makes! As all other libraries, we are switching gears and working on services and programs we can offer virtually. I think I can speak for the staff in that we thought we would be trying to find things to do to fill our time while working from home. Boy, were we wrong! This is a whole new learning curve and even we didn't realize how much we have to offer. The days are going by quickly and we are learning so much about a new way of offering the library to the community.

In addition to the digital services we offered before (Overdrive/Libby, Mango Languages, NewspaperArchives, Tech Skills, Badgerlink, and many more), we are adding some fun and useful online services.

Newly added to our online services are the following, but keep checking back, because we will be adding more! We have added a chat option to our website to help patrons connect with our staff to answer questions or to get help. We are in the process of adding Hoopla to stream movies, TV shows, music, audiobooks, and much more. This should be set up in about a week or so. And we now have TumbleBooks, which is a great source for learning tools for school age kids up to adults.

If you missed the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show, you can find the entire show on our Facebook page. We will be encouraging viewers to vote for their favorite. We were only able to have the quilts up for 2 days before we had to close our doors. As a result, we thought putting pictures online was a good idea. We still hope to hang the quilts when we re-open, but with the future of this pandemic unknown, we will wait to determine that as time goes on.

Our library team is dedicated to continuing great service to our patrons. We are definitely looking forward to when we can open our doors once again.

**Green Lake:** A month ago, I certainly would not have predicted to be writing this report with a view of my kitchen instead of a view of the front desk at the library. I must say, the view was better last month. But we make do.

With the physical library closed, I have been working out of our digital library on daily basis. Our website usually houses a long list of resources for skills learning, ancestry research, educational tools, entertainment, and language learning. Most of those resources have been expanded or are in higher demand while people are staying home. I am promoting all the existing resources, and new finds, on our Facebook page and website ([greenlakelibrary.org](http://greenlakelibrary.org)). There are so many new resources available while people try to cope and build community in new ways that it's astounding. I am also sharing local news and information to aid in communication with the public on what's happening within their community. Margie is currently working on video storytime to keep reading to her regular classes at Green Lake and Peace Lutheran schools. She sent out her first videos recently to positive reviews from teachers and students alike. Where services are not free, I am putting funds towards increasing our existing digital content—additional dollars to Overdrive to increase availability of audio and ebooks to fulfill holds faster along with upping our hoopla borrows from 5 to 10 per month.

I have also been spending time reviewing our policy manual and personnel handbook, been planning summer reading programs and activities (with contingency plans as needed), doing some digital learning of my own through webinars, working on learning a new Winnefox materials ordering system and placing the usual April orders, and keeping in contact with staff at other libraries and Winnefox. I did complete the interviews for the open clerk position and have a top pick in mind for when we get back to regular operating hours.

I hope you are all learning good ways to manage this change in our pace of life and the world. I am available by phone and email if you just want to chat, have questions, or have ideas for other things we could be doing to help the community.

**Kingston:** The Kingston Library closed on Wed., March 25<sup>th</sup>, per Gov. Evers orders. Until then we had remained open, being the only place in town where a fax could be sent, copies made, or public internet was available. Since the closure we are working on catching up on projects that have been put on the

“when there is time” list. We also have a fundraiser planned for the end of April, which hasn’t been cancelled as of yet, but I’m guessing will be postponed a couple of weeks (thinking positively) or more. In case no one else mentioned this, all due dates were pushed out until the end of April so materials are not due back to any libraries before then. And all library cards that were up for renewal have been automatically renewed so no one would be locked out of an account for that reason. New resources have been added to all websites as they come available, especially things for the children who are out of school. Here’s hoping you and yours are all healthy, and stay that way for the duration.

**Markesan:** Greetings from the Markesan Library and wishes for health and happiness during this unprecedented time. With the COVID-19 crisis, the Markesan Library is closed to the public and working hard behind the scenes to develop a “virtual library” for our patrons. We already had a wealth of virtual resources such as E-books & downloadable audio books & streaming movies, through the Wisconsin’s Digital Library powered by Overdrive. Patrons can use either the Overdrive app or software or the new more user friendly app Libby to access these resources. The Winnefox system purchases extra titles so the wait on popular materials decreases. Markesan contributed extra funds to help meet the extra online demands to this Winnefox account. Markesan is also highlighting the free databases and existing databases that have access to through our website, Facebook page, and local newspaper. We’ve also added an online Facebook Live storytime and we instituted a “Hornet Strong” activity for the community to rally around, coloring hornets (our school mascot) and hanging them in windows to show support, unity, compassion, and thanks in these trying times.

The goal of creating a “virtual library” is to have a well thought out and organized plan to increase online services regarding community engagement, education, entertainment, and collection. We are looking into other databases such as Hoopla and Recorded Books Video (Gale Universities) to broaden our current collection offerings online. We are brainstorming ideas on how best to engage the public with online activities/events and will set up a schedule of events. The idea is to be able to switch seamlessly from physical library to our virtual library if closure continues or must be implemented again and to continue those virtual library resources that patrons have found the most valuable after we reopen.

The library is also working diligently to be able to reopen with a bang. Staff is working on “1,000 books before Kindergarten” by creating displays (from home), record sheets, and other necessary activities. Staff is also working on play areas plans for our children’s department. We are also working on our Summer Reading plans, continuing to plan as if we will open before summer but also coming up with an online option incase closure happens, or programs/events must be canceled.

We are also working with our community partners in this time of crisis, donating gently used withdrawn children’s books to our school system as they are offering free books to families starting April 1. And we are sharing and communicating with our city and police to try to help them get the word out about their initiatives like the Good Neighbor program and their news releases on COVID-19.

**Princeton:** I have just recovered from a nasty illness, which may have been the dreaded Coronavirus or “just” influenza, but either way was absolutely the worst two weeks of my life. The hospital simply told me to stay home unless my breathing got worse, as they have limited tests and facilities. Fortunately my staff, board, and neighbors have been incredibly supportive as I’ve self-quarantined.

I am currently catching up on my UW online class and organizing online resources to present to our patrons. Princeton has spent an additional \$500 towards Overdrive materials, and I may consider pledging more depending upon how long quarantine continues.

Our library board “met” via teleconference on Monday and voted to continue paying staff as normal through quarantine. In the meantime I will be sending projects home for staff to work on while I plan for the worst and hope for the best.



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Tuesday, March 31, 2020

RE: Memo to Ag/UW Extension & Fair Committee

March 17, 2020 was my first day as the Green Lake County Fair Coordinator. While I have only been in my new role for a couple weeks I feel like I am settling in nicely and am thankful for the guidance and support I am receiving from the UW Extension staff, especially Kathy Ninneman. Since starting in this role I have executed the following fair related projects & tasks:

- Established a theme for the 2020 Fair.
  - Wild West – “How the West Was Fun”
- Completed the Friends of the Fair solicitation and mailing.
  - 182 letters were mailed on 3/30/2020
  - 2019 Friends of the Fair Donations totaled approximately \$3,500.00
- Completed applications for local grocery store “Round Up” programs.
  - Piggly Wiggly Markesan – July 8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - Piggly Wiggly Princeton – TBD
  - Crossroads Market – 2020 full, we will receive a 2021 date.
- Submitted the Compeer Financial Fair Facility Upgrade Grant
  - Due 3/31/2020
  - \$3,000.00 of award money available
  - Funds will be used for the electrical work needed in the Swine Building
- Award Sponsorship Mailing, will go out in the mail the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Ongoing updates & posts to the Green Lake County Fair Facebook page
- Fair Maintenance Bid
  - Tentatively will have the bid request to the local newspapers by mid-April.
  - Bids due to Fair Office by Friday, May 1, 2020.
  - The committee will review the bids at the May Committee Meeting.
- Ongoing work in regards to the 2020 Fair Event Schedule & Vendor Contracts

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*RE: Memo to Ag/UW Extension & Fair Committee (continued)*

As requested at the March Committee Meeting I researched if there was a resolution in regards to the fair dates. With the help of Liz Otto, County Clerk we were unable to find a resolution or ordinance stating the fair must take place the first weekend in August.

On March 25 I began working remotely due to COVID19. Although I am optimistic that the fair will go on, as planned, I am working on a contingency plan in the event we must cancel the August 6-9, 2020 Green Lake County Fair due to the Coronavirus.

During the month of April I plan to attend the 4-H Leaders Association Meeting (virtually held), will secure the Fair Judges, hope to become more familiar with the DATCP database, and will continue to work on the schedule of events by contracting vendors and entertainment.

Lastly, I'd like to express my gratitude for allowing me the opportunity to serve Green Lake County as the Fair Coordinator.

Stay well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lindsey'.

Lindsey L. Machkovich

Fair Coordinator, Green Lake County

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For 03/01/20 - 03/31/20

Expenditure Summary Report

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Periods 03 - 03

Fair Month End Expenses

MEE100-13-FAIR

<u>Account No/Description</u>	<u>Adjusted Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Encumb</u>	<u>Period Expended</u>	<u>Y-T-D Expended</u>	<u>Available Balance</u>	<u>Percent Used</u>
<b>13 University Extension</b>						
<b>55460 County Fair</b>						
20-100-13-55460-110-000 Salaries	38,203.00	.00	.00	12,212.79	25,990.21	31.97
20-100-13-55460-115-000 Compensation	2,175.00	.00	.00	.00	2,175.00	.00
20-100-13-55460-120-000 Judges	3,000.00	.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	.00
20-100-13-55460-151-000 Social Security	2,924.00	.00	.00	1,114.88	1,809.12	38.13
20-100-13-55460-153-000 Ret. Employer Share	2,579.00	.00	.00	194.00	2,385.00	7.52
20-100-13-55460-154-000 Health Insurance	7,504.00	.00	.00	.00	7,504.00	.00
20-100-13-55460-155-000 Life Insurance	220.00	.00	.00	.00	220.00	.00
20-100-13-55460-220-000 Utilities	1,500.00	.00	.00	71.38	1,428.62	4.76
20-100-13-55460-242-000 Print Management	400.00	.00	.00	.00	400.00	.00
20-100-13-55460-293-000 Fair Premiums	7,500.00	.00	.00	.00	7,500.00	.00
20-100-13-55460-294-000 Special Acts, Features, Cont.	12,200.00	.00	.00	.00	12,200.00	.00
20-100-13-55460-310-000 Office Supplies	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
20-100-13-55460-311-000 Postage	900.00	.00	108.00	123.68	776.32	13.74
20-100-13-55460-323-000 Advertising	2,800.00	.00	.00	.00	2,800.00	.00
20-100-13-55460-324-000 Member Dues	500.00	.00	.00	110.00	390.00	22.00
20-100-13-55460-340-000 Operating Supplies	3,000.00	.00	.00	193.20	2,806.80	6.44
20-100-13-55460-350-000 Repair & Maintenance Supplies/Services	32,548.00	.00	.00	.00	32,548.00	.00
20-100-13-55460-530-000 Rents/Leases	3,500.00	.00	.00	.00	3,500.00	.00
<b>55460 County Fair</b>	<b>121,553.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>108.00</b>	<b>14,019.93</b>	<b>107,533.07</b>	<b>11.53</b>
<b>13 University Extension</b>	<b>121,553.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>108.00</b>	<b>14,019.93</b>	<b>107,533.07</b>	<b>11.53</b>



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

For 03/01/20 - 03/31/20

Revenue Summary Report

FJRES01A

Periods 03 - 03

Fair Month End Revenue

MER100-13-FAIR

<u>Account No/Description</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Period Amount</u>	<u>Y-T-D Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Percent Received</u>
13 University Extension					
20-100-13-43549-000-000 State Aid - County Fair	4,500.00	.00	.00	4,500.00	.00
20-100-13-46740-000-000 County Fair Revenue	20,500.00	.00	25.00	20,475.00	.12
20-100-13-46741-000-000 Donations - Fair	6,000.00	.00	.00	6,000.00	.00
20-100-13-46742-000-000 Fair Grants	2,000.00	.00	.00	2,000.00	.00
20-100-13-46743-000-000 Vendor Revenue	6,000.00	.00	.00	6,000.00	.00
13 University Extension	39,000.00	.00	25.00	38,975.00	.06



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Katie Gellings  
Green Lake County  
Health & Well-Being Extension Educator  
March 2020

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Health & Well-Being Institute in March of 2020. During the reporting period, the educator made 51 direct educational and professional contacts.

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

**PARENTING . . . BEHIND THE BEHAVIOR**

3/5/2020 - Responding to Scary Events - Anne Clarkson

3/12/2020 - Feelings Really DO Matter: Here's Why - Pattie Carroll

3/19/2020 - Teaching Children About Choices & Spending Money - Katie Gellings

3/26/2020 - Teaching Children Gratitude - Lori Zierl

TO WATCH LIVE SEARCH FACEBOOK FOR @HDRINSTITUTE

#### *Parenting...Behind the Behavior Video*

I recorded a video about children and spending money for Extension's Parenting...Behind the Behavior video series which is posted on the Extension website and Facebook page. I will be sharing it on our Green Lake County Extension Facebook page as an educational resource for community members. I focused on the key concepts regarding spending and shared many activities parents can do with their children to teach them about spending money.

#### *Mindful Moments, Green Lake County*

The County Administrator suggested I develop some mindfulness and healthy tips to send out via email and hold some Zoom meeting times for Green Lake County employees during this telecommuting time. I started this the last week in March and will continue as long as the pandemic continues. The educational tips and resources will be sent on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays via email. I will also hold a few live Zoom sessions to help minimize the risks associated with social isolation. So far the feedback from employees has been very positive!

#### *Green Lake County Economic Impact Group*

As a result of COVID-19, many individuals and businesses will struggle to make it through. Green Lake County has set up an economic impact group that is comprised of Gary Podoll, Emergency Management Director; Liz Otto, County Clerk; Lindsey Kemnitz, Economic Development, City of Berlin; Mary Neubauer, City of Princeton; Jason Jerome, Green Lake County DHHS; and myself. We had one meeting which I connected via conference call and have weekly emails circulation with updates and progress.

#### *Telecommuting Due to COVID-19*

I am following Wisconsin Department of Health Services, UW-Madison, and federal guidelines due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. I am working remotely and am available by email ([katie.gellings@wisc.edu](mailto:katie.gellings@wisc.edu)) or phone (262-346-4414).

Telecommuting work has been a lot of Zoom meetings. I have been working to make sure the resources from UW Madison and Extension are shared within Green Lake County via Facebook and newspaper. I will continue to update community members with relevant health and financial resources as this pandemic takes its course.

Here are some of the Zoom meetings I participated in in March while telecommuting:

- Health and Well-Being (HWB)/Human Development and Relationships Institute (HDRI) Colleague Check-in Zooms (every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
- HWB monthly Zoom
- Area 14 staff Zoom (every Thursday)
- Dean's COVID19 Zoom (every Wednesday)
- Free Throw Fridays (HDRI) Zoom (every Friday)

**MINDFUL BREATHS**  
Wake up your mind and body

**Sit mindfully**  
with your spine straight and body relaxed

**Notice your breathing**  
Take three soft, slow, mindful breaths and feel them in your body.

**Breathe in and feel the air**  
coming into your nose. Does it feel soft in your nostrils?  
Breathe out and count one.

**Breathe in and notice the air**  
filling your lungs. Does your "backpack" get out?  
Breathe out and count two.

**Breathe in and see the air**  
expanding your middle. Does your stomach look more round like a ball?  
Breathe out and count three.

**Repeat for two more rounds**  
of breathing into your nose, lungs, and stomach. Breathe mindfully for a calm moment in your day.

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- COVID-19 Financial Programming Zoom (every other week)
- Food Safety During COVID Zoom meeting
- Digital Taking Care of You platform Zoom meeting (every Wednesday)

**Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities**

I made 203 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of March. 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.

*Health Living and Active Eating (HEAL) Program Manager Site Visit*

In early March, Angie Flickinger, the HEAL Program Manager, visited Green Lake County and met with me regarding programming I do within the county. We also continued to work on updates to my plan of work as well as professional development opportunities.

*Trauma Informed Roadmap Orientation and Training, Menasha*

I attended a trauma informed care professional development meeting in Menasha in mid-March. Trauma informed care is understanding that individuals who have been exposed to trauma and stress are responding in the way that feels safe for them. It is important to utilize trauma informed care in programs as a universal precaution. It provides healthier environments for everyone, promotes inclusiveness, and builds better relationships. This training was especially important for my work with the Community Health Action Team (CHAT) in Berlin.

**Newspaper Articles**

“Managing Finances in Tough Times” Berlin Journal Newspapers. March 13, 2020. By Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Educator

**Out of County Days**

- ½ Out of county days for March (Trauma Informed Roadmap Orientation and Training, Menasha – ½ day)
- 0 Out of county days planned for April

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension



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**Ben Jenkins**  
**Green Lake County**  
**Agricultural Educator**  
**March 2020**

*This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in March of 2020. During the reporting period, the educator made 136 direct educational and professional contacts.*

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

### *Grain Marketing Group*

This is the group that routinely meets every first Tuesday (Mar. 3rd) of the month at Sandy's Diner in Markesan. After this meeting the group was put on suspension due to the Safer At Home Order by Governor Evers. We will hopefully resume when the order is lifted.

### *Hemp Peer Group*

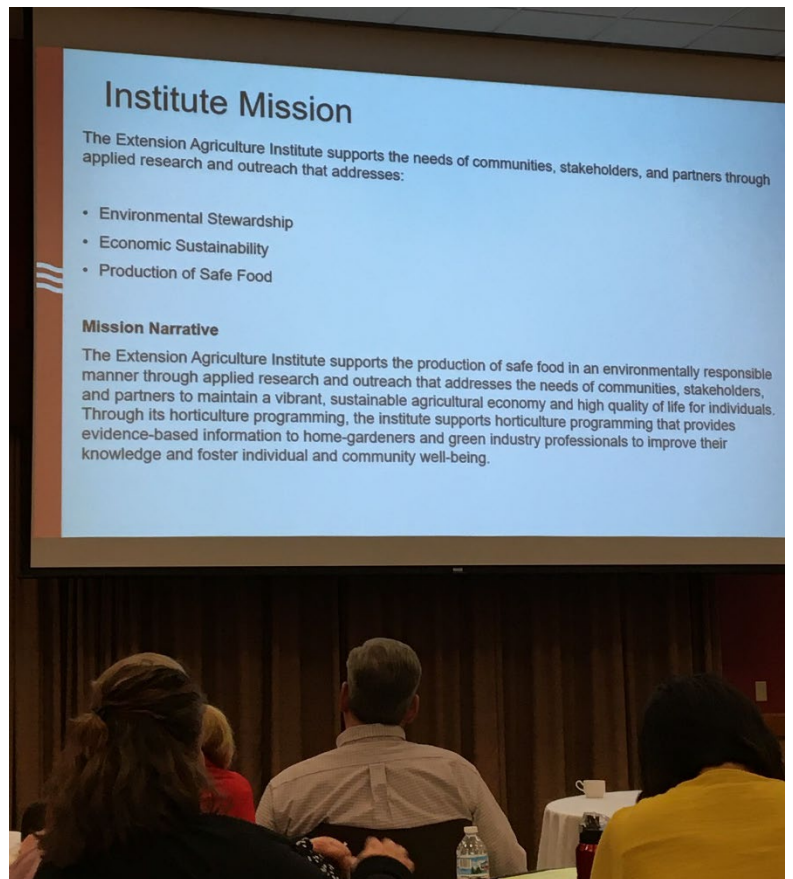
The March meeting was cancelled. This group's in person meetings have also been put on hold for the time being.

### *Farm Visits*

At the start of the month I was able to get out to a few farms to consult in person but by the end of the month that activity was also suspended until the Safer At Home Order is lifted.

### *Well Water Testing*

I did have the opportunity to help collect water samples in Manchester on the 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a great way to get some face time with many of the residence in the southern part of Green Lake County. This is an effort to survey the ground water quality in Green Lake County and the collaborative effort is being put forth by DHHS, Land and Water, and UW Extension. Kathy Munsey has been influential in coordinating this effort.



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

### *Agriculture Institute Strategy Meeting*

On the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> I attended a strategy meeting in the Wisconsin Dells where I met with Agriculture Colleagues to discuss plans of action in regard to the current academic years plan of work. As a collective we tried to prioritize our time, finances and energy into the most current and pressing issues facing Wisconsin Agriculture.

### *Farm Diversification*

Through out the month I have been working with the Farm Management OPM as well as my farm diversification team to put content up on the new Farm Hub in the UW-Madison Extension webpages. I am currently working on several articles of content for the pages. I am also leading an effort to update many of the crop budgeting tools that fall under the umbrella of Farm diversification. I am also getting closer to releasing a new online tool to help farmers streamline the decision-making process in looking for new opportunities.

**Out of County Days**

4 Out of county days for March (3/3 Winter Grazing Meeting, 3/4 Processed Vegetable Crops Meeting, 3/11-12 Institute Meeting\*)

0 Out of county days planned for April

\*Denotes that it was paid for by UWEX





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Morgan Martinez  
Green Lake County  
4-H Program Coordinator  
March 2020

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in March 2020. During the reporting period, the program coordinator made 84 direct educational and professional contacts.

### **Program Highlights**

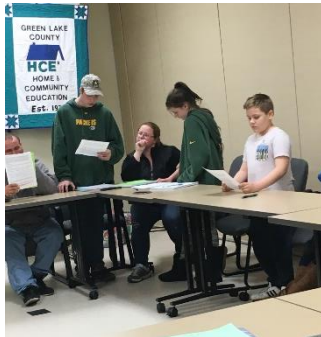
#### ***Cloverbud Workshop***

On March 5, 2020 Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors hosted a Cloverbud Workshop open to youth grades kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Green Lake County Government center. 10 youth participated in this project-based learning opportunity focusing on natural resources and STEM. Learning sessions were led by the youth leaders.



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

Organized at the county level, the 4-H Leaders' Association works closely with the 4-H Program Coordinator. 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 meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2020. The meeting covered a variety of topics including updates from the Fundraising Committee regarding Friends of 4-H program, Educational Opportunities and Awards Committee regarding updated the current Green Lake County



Record Book, and Seneca 4-H Club shared with the Association happenings in their club from the past year.

#### ***4-H Afterschool***

On Monday, March 9, 2020 I facilitated 4-H Afterschool at the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area in Berlin. 10 youth participated in this program where we explored foods and nutrition. Youth explored the MyPlate through an interactive activity and ended the session creating yogurt parfaits as a snack.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF THE TRI-COUNTY AREA

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

I attended the Green Lake County 4-H Horse Council meeting which was held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Green Lake County Government Center. At this meeting

4-H horse project members learned about equine veterinary health from Dr. Mark Williams, Maple Knoll Vet Service. Youth were very engaged in this opportunity and asked many questions regarding equine chiropractic care and common equine illnesses.

### ***Green Lake County 4-H Dog Project***

I met with the Green Lake County 4-H Dog Project Board of Directors on March 10, 2020 to finalize their dog project handbook and dog training schedule.

### ***Green Lake County Livestock Council***

I met with the Green Lake County Livestock Council Board of Directors on March 12, 2020 and on March 23, 2020 (via Zoom) to discuss tagging, YQCA requirements, and planning for 2020 Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction. During these conversations I provided programming policy support and guidance on best practices for effective 4-H programming.

### ***4-H Friday Clover Connection***

With all face-to-face 4-H programming suspended until at least May 3, 2020 I have begun creating a weekly one-page newsletter to distribute to Green Lake County 4-H members, families, and volunteers. 4-H volunteers shared with me the feeling of being overwhelmed by the number of 4-H program update e-mails which were being distributed by Wisconsin 4-H providing important updates regarding the impact COVID-19 has on the Wisconsin 4-H program. I am taking key points from Wisconsin 4-H updates as well as local programming updates which I want to ensure 4-H members, families, and volunteers are aware of. I also provide 4-H project activity ideas members can do at home to continue their growth in their 4-H project areas. The first 4-H Friday Clover Connection was distributed on March 27, 2020 and will continue weekly until face-to-face programming resumes.

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

In following Wisconsin Department of Health Services, UW-Madison, and federal guidelines due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, I began working remotely on March 17, 2020. Since working remotely, I have had the opportunity to engage in numerous networking opportunities within Extension via Zoom video conferencing. One of the networking opportunities include participating in the weekly Southwestern Region 4-H Connect facilitated by a 4-H Assistant Program Manager where 4-H colleagues share and collaborate on providing 4-H programming digitally. Area Extension Director Adam Hady also facilitates a weekly meeting for Area 14 colleagues to connect and discuss programming, areas where support is needed, and points of success to share.

### **Out of County Days**

- 0 Out of county day for March
- 0 Out of county day planned for April

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension