



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

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

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**March 2, 2020**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the  
Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the February 11, 2020 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educator Reports for: Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator), Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator), and Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Coordinator).



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

## AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

*Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020      Time: 9:00 a.m.*

*Green Lake County Government Center, **County Board 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: 2/11/20
5. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
6. County Library Services Report (submitted monthly report) –
7. **FAIR**
8. Introduction of the new Fair Coordinator
9. 2020 Fair Contracts
10. 2020 Fair Updates
11. Truck/Tractor Pull – Rich Swanke
12. **UW-EXTENSION**
13. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
14. Annual Report for 2019
15. Area Extension Director Report
16. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
17. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: April 14, 2020
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
18. 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 Vice Chair Katie Mehn, at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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: Keith Hess  
Katie Mehn, Vice Chair  
Kathy Morris  
Peter Wallace

Absent: Patti Garro, Chair (on vacation)

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

Also Present: Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Rich Swanke, Pullers Inc.; Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Public Library Director.

**MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Hess/Morris)*** to approve the January 14, 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. Overbeck gave a short report on each of the libraries. Reabe said Kim Zills has accepted a position on the Kingston Library Board. Morris gave a report on the Winnefox Board.

**2020 FAIR**

Ninneman reported for Cathy Schmit, they are in the process of recruiting to fill the Fair Coordinator vacancy. Reabe also reported the electricity needs to be checked into for the livestock buildings.

**CONTRACTS**

Ninneman reported there is one contract:

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

Discussion regarding the items the Purchaser will provide.

***Motion/second (Hess/Wall)*** to table this until next month. All ayes. Approved.

**APPROVE SIGNATORIES ON THE FAIR BANK ACCOUNT**

The current signatures for the Fair Bank account are Amanda Toney, Kim Zills, Patti Garro and Katie Mehn. Kim Zills' name will be removed, as she is retired.

***Motion/second (Morris/Hess)*** to approve the bank signatories. All ayes. Approved.

**TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL**

Swanke asked if the Committee still wants him to proceed with the Truck/Tractor Pull on Thursday and Friday of the Fair. The Committee would like Swanke to draw up a contract with terms and specifications and submit it to Cathy Schmit, County Administrator.

**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.

**AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Hady reported the new Health & Well-Being educator started yesterday in Adams County. The FoodWise Coordinator position is now posted. Hady has also been attending meetings in Madison. He is also going to attend and learn about the Cohort meetings that are for new colleagues to help them in their roles.

**APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS**

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

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

None.

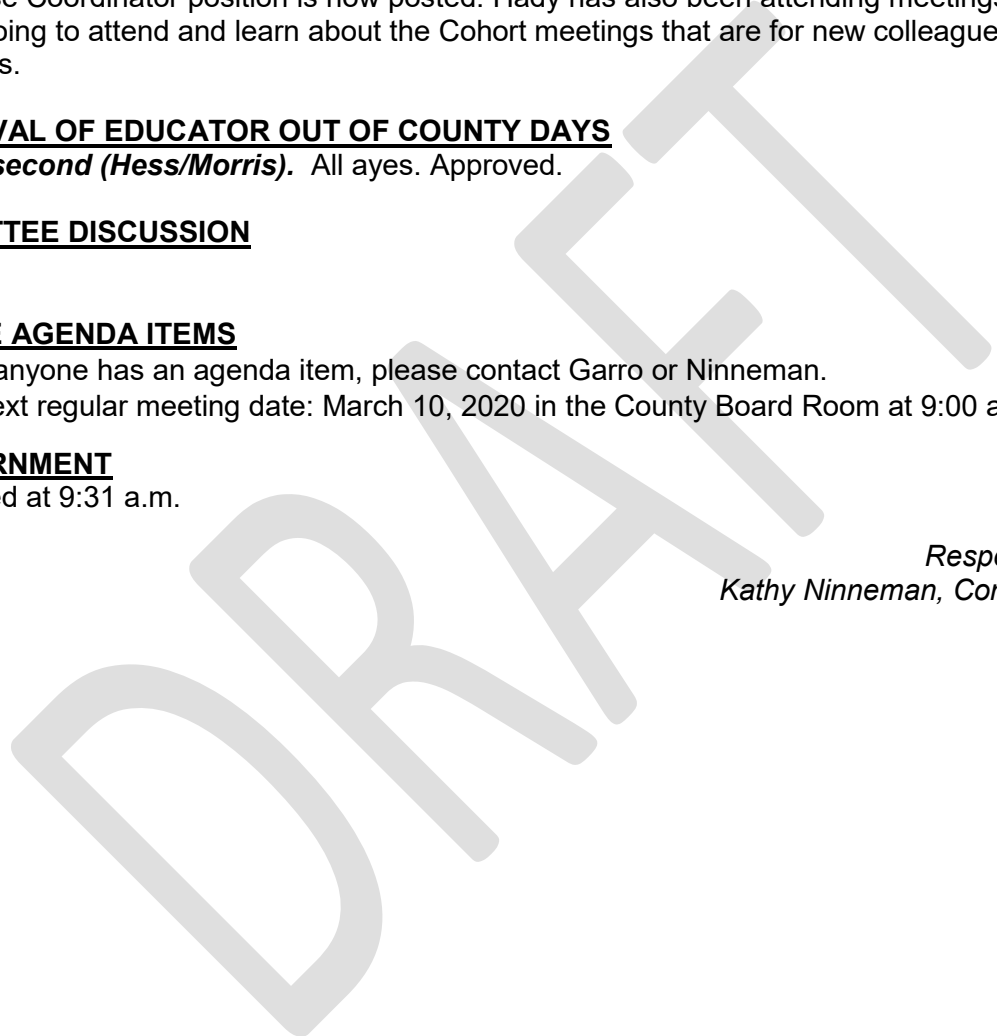
**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Garro or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: March 10, 2020 in the County Board Room at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Ninneman, Committee Secretary*



# Green Lake County Libraries Activity Report for March 2020

## Berlin:

**Green Lake:** Our Road to the Oscars film screenings wrap up this month. Join us Tuesdays at 6 pm and Thursdays at 1 pm to see some of the movies that had the most nominations for this year's Academy Awards such as:

- March 3 & 5: "Joker" (11 nominations, 2 wins)
- March 10 & 12: "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" (10 Nominations, 2 wins)
- March 17 & 19: "JoJo Rabbit" (6 Nominations, 1 win)
- March 24 & 26: "Bombshell" (3 Nominations, 1 win)

We also finally have a new date for our Bloody Mary event with author Brian Bartels. Brian literally wrote the book on Bloody Marys will visit the library on Thursday, March 12 at 6 pm to share about the book and sign and sell copies. A virgin Bloody Mary demo and tasting will also take place.

Then, on March 14 from 9 am-1 pm the Friends are having a book sale. As always, you can find a wide range of treasures in many formats, from books and audio books in every genre for any age, DVDs, VHS, music, puzzles, games, and more!

**Kingston:** Do you look at the pictures you've taken on your phone and wish they had turned out better? If so, join photographer Harlan Barkley on Wed., March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, for a program on Smartphone Photography at the library here in Kingston. Whether you're totally new to photography, or a seasoned pro, there's a lot to be gained from this program. Harlan will show you ways to take a great shot on your phone, talk about editing apps to use, and how to share and print your images and keep them safe. Don't miss that perfect picture from the next event in your life. Sign up today.

Our gently used books will be on sale the month of March, with a bagful only \$3.00. Stock up now on some titles to take to the beach this summer, or on your next vacation. We will also have a new display up this week, with books on garden art. And you can mark your calendars for our next fundraiser which is "For the Birds", a silent auction that will be held April 20<sup>th</sup> thru May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I'm also happy to report that on our end of the year statistics our circulation is up over last years' numbers. Circulation rises and falls due to many factors, weather, road construction, etc. but we are always happy to see it grow!

**Markesan:** March looks to be a busy month for the Markesan Library. To cure people of cabin fever the library will host activities and programs for all ages. For outdoor enthusiasts, a TURKEY TALK will be presented on Monday, March 9th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. The presenters will be John Motoviloff and Matt Weegman from the National Wild Turkey Federation. And the talk isn't just about turkeys! This informational evening will include discussion on the following topics:

- \*What the National Wild Turkey Federation does for wildlife habitat.
- \*Habitat restoration/enhancement on public land, such as Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area
- \*National Forestry Initiative
- \*Work with private landowners
- \*Learn how hunting pays for conservation and why we need new hunters
- \*Mentor trainings and liability insurance
- \*Adult and family hunting and angling programs

There will also be wild game chili and cornbread to enjoy.

For children the library will host a month-long Lego Club on Tuesdays at 4:15 pm starting March 10 and ending April 7. Children will be invited to take part in challenges and free play, using their creativity to build and learn. Storytime will also continue Wednesdays at 10:30.

The library also plans to set up an informational table at Kindergarten registration and will also be launching a 1,000 books before Kindergarten program thanks to funds from the Webster Foundation.

We will wrap up the month with a little Spring-cleaning program hosted by Kathy from Untangled. This presentation will be about getting organized with tips and tricks from an expert.

**Princeton:** We are excited to announce a new bird-themed art show for adults and high school students. The deadline to submit art is May 29th. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners in each category. The prizes will include gift cards to local art supply stores, and will be awarded on stage at the Princeton High School during Princeton's Whooping Crane Fest on Saturday September 12th. Each winner will also receive a special meet-and-greet with live birds of prey at Marsh Haven Nature Center in Waupun. More information is available on our website, [princetonpublib.org](http://princetonpublib.org).

We continue to put the finishing touches on our new building and its furnishings. We have moved some computers around, ordering new shelving, and installing signage. We are looking forward to purchasing landscaping and outdoor furniture in spring, with the last of the donation money. Recently, we got a \$500 grant from Webster's to help us upgrade our computers to match the new building-- we are very grateful. The Friends of the Library donated a new Keurig-type coffee maker, children's train table, and microwave. They will also be purchasing a vacuum and large clock for the library.

Very soon, we will get high-speed internet from Badgerlink thanks to our library system and the State of Wisconsin.

Recent programs here included Paper Crafting Club, Pokémon Go Club, book clubs, Paint Night, Alcohol Inks Class, Movie & Crafts for Kids.

Upcoming programs include the annual Dr. Seuss event, a Family Caregiver class, another Paint Night, and S.T.E.A.M. Spring Break Activities, including live owls at the library from Marsh Haven, Take-It-Apart Night, recycled magazine art, and math mosaics.



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

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Health & Well-Being Institute in February of 2020. During the reporting period, the educator made 102 direct educational and professional contacts.

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

#### *Healthy Eating & Crock-Pot Cooking, Markesan Library*

I taught a healthy eating and Crock-Pot cooking at the Markesan Library in early February. There were 11 attendees who learned about nutrition and healthy eating using MyPlate, and food safety and food resource management using a Crock-Pot to cook healthy meals. The program was well-received by all. A participant asked me to teach a program on healthy eating for the Markesan TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) group after attending this program at the Markesan Library.

#### *Green Lake County Correctional Facility Financial Literacy Workshops, Green Lake*

I began another four-week series of financial literacy workshops at the Green Lake County Correctional Facility this month. The workshops are 60-minute, weekly workshops for male inmates at the facility. The topics are focused on basic budgeting, credit and debt, Rent Smart, and banking & loans, which is a workshop I partner with Horicon Bank to teach. I look forward to reporting evaluation data following the completion of all four workshops in March.

#### *Cooking for 1 or 2, Senior Spotlight Lessons, Kingston Library*

A few months ago I was asked to teach a 30-minute lesson in February for a new program at the Kingston Library that focuses on programming for the senior population. I taught Cooking for 1 or 2 and had 19 participants attend. Cooking for 1 or 2 is an Extension program that teaches the proper way to cook meals in small portions with nutrition and food safety in mind. I am looking forward to reaching the senior population through Kingston Library continually in the future.

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

I made 92 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.

#### *Wisconsin Initiative to Reduce Rural Cancer (WIRRC) Committee Interview*

The Wisconsin Initiative to Reduce Rural Cancer (WIRRC) aims to develop a thoughtful, community-driven program of research. My role is to provide insight on the cancer-related health capabilities, needs and challenges of rural communities in Wisconsin. I completed the interview process for the next round of funding for reducing cancer rates in rural areas, like Green Lake County.



**Carbone Cancer Center**  
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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

#### *Health Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Program Planning Meeting, Madison*

In mid-February I attended a program planning meeting in Madison for the Health & Well-Being Institute. Attendees were those who have a programming in the health eating and active living area. We discussed the plan of work for the HEAL program, and what programs we can bring to the counties from UW Madison and Extension. My HEAL program manager will also be visiting Green Lake County in early March.

#### *Governor's Financial Literacy Award, Madison*

As part of the Dollars During Development team, I was selected to receive a Governor's Financial Literacy Award and attended a ceremony at the Capitol in mid-February. It was an honor to have our work awarded! The Dollars During Development team developed parent guides with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau as part of the Money As You Grow book club curriculum.



## Gov. Evers Honors 14 Recipients of the 2019 Governor's Financial Literacy Award in Capitol Ceremony

MADISON – Gov. Tony Evers today honored 14 individuals, businesses, and organizations as recipients of the 2019 Governor's Financial Literacy Award in a ceremony at the Wisconsin State Capitol.

“Financial literacy training is something we all need throughout our lives from elementary school to the workplace to retirement,” Evers said. “The dedication of these individuals and groups to help the people of Wisconsin become financially secure and achieve their dreams is commendable.”

The recipients were selected by the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy from the nominations submitted for consideration. Criteria weighed during the screening process included innovative implementation, demonstrated measurable results, collaboration with partners, and whether the effort was focused on needs-based groups.

Recipients of the 2019 Governor's Financial Literacy Awards include:

### *Individual Category:*

- Emma Crawford, UW-Madison Office of Student Financial Aid, Madison
- Jason Stephens, School Volunteer, Madison
- Pat Rorabeck, SecureFutures, Milwaukee

### *Organization Category:*

- Ascendium Education Solutions, Madison
- Brown County Library, Green Bay
- Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce, Eau Claire
- Educators Credit Union, Mount Pleasant
- Old National Bank, Madison
- **UW-Extension – Madison Division: Dollars During Development (3D)**



### *Legacy Category:*

- Joselyn Diaz-Valdes, UW-Madison Office of Student Financial Aid, Madison
- Dr. Eldon Hill, Philanthropist, Redmond, Wash.
- Richard Entenmann, Nonprofit Leader, Madison
- Altra Federal Credit Union, Onalaska
- Summit Credit Union, Cottage Grove

Shortly after his inauguration in 2019, Gov. Evers continued the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy, which held its inaugural meeting in April 2011. The mission of the Council is to measurably improve the financial literacy of all Wisconsinites.

In addition, Wisconsin's First Lady Kathy Evers has graciously volunteered to be the ambassador for the Council on Financial Literacy given her interest in spreading information on student aid for collegiate and training programs.

Council members include:

- Chair – Wendy Baumann, President/Chief Visionary Officer, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative, Inc.
- Vice Chair – Kathy Blumenfeld, Secretary of the Department of Financial Institutions
- Executive Director – David Mancl, Director of DFI's Office of Financial Literacy

### **Out of County Days**

- 2 Out of county days for February (Dollars During Development Workgroup meeting, Rosendale – ½ day, Governor's Financial Literacy Award Banquet, Madison – ½ day, Healthy Eating and Active Living Program Planning Meeting\*, Madison – 1)
- 2 ½ Out of county days planned for March (Trauma Informed Roadmap Orientation and Training, Menasha – ½ day, Farm Succession (teaching budgeting workshop), Hancock – 1 day, Community Health Action Team (CHAT) Retreat, Appleton – 1 day)

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension





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

*This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in February of 2020. During the reporting period, the educator made 117 direct educational and professional contacts.*

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

### *Tractor Safety*

I started the month of February by concluding a series on tractor safety in partnership with Dodge County Extension. I spoke on the topic of preventative maintenance. This wrapped up a 24 hour course that met over the course of three Saturdays starting in January.

### *Grain Marketing Group*

This is the group that routinely meets every first Tuesday (Feb. 4th) of the month at Sandy's Diner in Markesan. For the February meeting I invited Jess Bently of Homeland Insurance to discuss options when buying crop insurance.

### *Pesticide Applicator Training*

I put on two pesticide applicator trainings in February. On the 12<sup>th</sup> I helped out Marquette County in the absence of Lyssa Seefeldt who moved to a new position in Eau Claire County. I then held one in Green Lake county the following week.



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

### *Hemp Bootcamp*

As there continues to be interest in growing hemp in Green Lake County, I attended the Hemp Bootcamp at the UW-Stevens Point campus. I got caught up on everything that we have learned about hemp over the 2019 season. There is much still to learn about this new crop. Growers should still proceed with caution

### *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.

### **MOSES**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> I was in Lacrosse for the MOSES Conference. While there I was able to keep up my relationships with people in the alternative agriculture fields as well as those working in soil conservation. The Conference is a great way to learn more about protecting our soils, reducing runoff, and building organic matter through a more natural approach.

### **Out of County Days**

- 4 Out of county days for February (2/5 Hemp Bootcamp for Educators, 2/24 Produce Safety\*, 2/12 PAT, 28 MOSES\* )
  
- 4 Out of county days planned for March (3/4 Processed Veg Crops, 3/11-12 Institute Meeting\*, 3/24 Farm Successin\*)

\*Denotes that it was paid for by UWEX





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

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in February 2020. During the reporting period, the program coordinator made 72 direct educational and professional contacts.

## **Program Highlights**

### ***Edible Science Workshop***

On February 8, 2020 I facilitated an Edible Science Workshop for youth grades 3 and older. 9 youth participated in this workshop held at GLC Government Center. I lead instruction in exploring the food science. Topics covered included: how pineapple enzymes keep Jell-O from setting, how the senses of taste and smell work together when eating food, how temperature of water affects the rate at which sugar dissolves, and the endothermic chemical reaction that takes place when making homemade ice cream.

- **Belonging:** Youth know they are cared about by others and feel a sense of connection to others in a group setting.
  - At the end of the workshop 67% of youth reported they enjoyed working with others in their group (at the start of the workshop 55% of youth indicated they liked working with others in a group).
  - 76% of youth feel they played an important role in their group.
- **Mastery:** Youth feel and believe they are capable, and experience success at solving problems and meeting challenges to develop their self-confidence.
  - 44% of youth reported they feel confident in taking the skills learned and sharing it with others such as at a 4-H club meeting/event or at home with family or friends.
  - 46% of youth reported they feel confident in taking the skills learned and sharing it at home with family or friends.
  - 67% of youth reported they want to explore the subject of food science to learn more.



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

I met with the Green Lake County 4-H Dog Project Board of Directors on February 11, 2020 to help them get organized for the upcoming year. The group updated their handbook and established a tentative dog obedience training schedule.

### **4-H Afterschool**

On Monday, February 3, 2020 I facilitated 4-H Afterschool at the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area in Berlin. 14 youth participated in this program where we explored engineering. Youth applied and explained the use of the engineering design process to design a bridge with a given set of materials (plastic straws and tape) and explored how the strength of materials influences the design of the bridge so that it can withstand weight.



### **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, February 6, 2020. The meeting covered a variety of topics including updates from the Fundraising Committee and Educational Opportunities and Awards Committee as well as program updates from county-wide 4-H groups.

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

### **Opportunities**

#### **Area 14 4-H Professionals Program Planning, Montello**

Area 14 4-H professionals met on February 12, 2020 at Marquette County Extension in Montello to plan camp programming. Planning topics at this meeting included: 4-H camp schedule and sessions, 4-H camp counselor training, and 4-H camp adult advisor (chaperone) training.

#### **Achieving the Extension Mission Through Volunteers, Online**

On January 27, 2020 I started a six-week professional development course *Achieving the Extension Mission Through Volunteers* which is an online cohort designed to build staff and organizational capacity around volunteer management and development. This course is lead by the North Central Region Volunteer Specialists. The course targets Extension professionals across all subject matter areas who work with volunteers to enhance and deliver Extension programs through engagement in pre-recorded sessions, readings, activities, and live webinars. The course ends on March 16, 2020.

### **Out of County Days**

- 1 Out of county day for February  
- Area 14 4-H Program Planning, Montello, February 12
- 0 Out of county day planned for March

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