



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

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

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**April 8, 2021**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee (In Person and Zoom) Meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Fair Coordinator Report
- 6) UW-Extension Reports for: Adam Hady, Area 14 Extension Director, Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator), Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator), and Laura McCulley (Food Wise Coordinator).
- 7) FoodWise Agreement Letter – Fiscal Year 2022



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

*Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021      Time: 9:00 a.m.*  
*Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room or via Zoom*  
*571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI*

### AGENDA

#### **Committee Members**

*Patti Garro,  
Chair  
Katie Mehn,  
Vice Chair  
Ken Bates  
Bob Dolgner  
Keith Hess  
Brian  
Floeter,  
alternate*

*Kathy  
Ninneman,  
Secretary*

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Minutes: 3/9/21
6. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
7. Fair Coordinator Report – submitted report
8. Fair: Maintenance – Discussion
9. Fair: Discussion of Beer Sales on the fairgrounds
10. Fair: Discussion and possible action on 2022 Fair Budget
  - Fairground Improvements
11. Fair: Track Events
12. Fair: Contracts – Discussion/Approval
13. UW-Extension Staff Reports – submitted monthly report
  - Adam Hady, Area Extension Director
  - Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Educator
  - Ben Jenkins, Agriculture Educator
  - Laura McCulley, Food Wise Coordinator
14. Food Wise FY22 County Agreement Letter – Review/Sign
15. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
16. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: May 11, 2021
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
17. Adjourn

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted and available through in person attendance (6 ft. social distancing and face masks required) or audio/visual communication. Remote access can be obtained through the following link:

#### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/94126007606?pwd=M01JN2NZK1c2R0dvL256QWUyaUEvUT09>

Meeting ID: 941 2600 7606

Passcode: 771238

**To join by phone:** 1-312-626-6799

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 Chairperson Garro, on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 9:01 am in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call taken by Garro.

Present: Patti Garro  
Keith Hess  
Katie Mehn  
Ken Bates (Zoom)

Absent: Bob Dolgner

Staff Present: Adam Hady (Zoom)  
Katie Gellings (Zoom)  
Ben Jenkins (Zoom)  
Laura McCulley (Zoom)  
Kathy Ninneman

Absent: Morgan Martinez

Also Present: Christina Lyons, Caestecker Public Library Director (Zoom), Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (Zoom), Harley Reabe, County Board Chair and Rich Swanke, Pullers Inc.

**MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Hess/Bates)*** to accept the minutes from 12-8-20 as written and also accept the 2-9-21 minutes with the correction of Katie Gellings as being absent. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Lyons gave a verbal report.

**FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT**

The submitted monthly report is in the committee packet. Ninneman gave a verbal report as well.

**2020 ANNUAL FAIR REPORT**

The Committee accepted the report.

**FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**FAIR MAINTENANCE ACCEPTED BIDS**

Garro reported there were two bids received. Nicole Geschke reported on the process. Geschke and Ninneman will meet with the applicants and will update the committee.

**FAIR TRACK EVENTS**

Swanke volunteered to make some contacts for Thursday and Friday night events. He will also put together a health and safety plan for those events and will present it at the April committee meeting.

**FAIR CONTRACTS**

No contracts for this month.

### **UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS**

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet for Adam Hady (Area Extension Director), Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Educator), Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator), and Laura McCulley (Food Wise Coordinator). Verbal reports were given by those present.

### **2020 UW-EXTENSION ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee accepted the report.

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

None.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

None.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Garro or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: April 13, 2021 in the County Board Room/Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairperson Garro at 9:40 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*

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## April 2021 Green Lake County Library Reports

**Berlin** – The Berlin Library hosted a few successful events in March simultaneously. The Friends of the Library had a very successful book sale bringing in over \$1000. They are going to be sponsoring several of our 2021 Summer Library programs, among other projects that are coming up. The 6th Annual Quilt Show ran for two weeks, with a theme of Cheerful Threads. It was a spectacular show of talent! If you missed the show, we have posted the pictures on our Facebook page. This was our first big event since the beginning of the pandemic. It felt so good to have excitement in the library!

In April, we are slowly moving back to in person events with an adult craft and our Stitching Together group. This group was involved in making and donating over 200 hats for chemo patients over the long winter months. There is a lot of enthusiasm to meet once again.

Plans have begun for Summer Library programs. We are being hopeful that everything can move forward to offer some exciting kids events.

We are celebrating National Poetry Month throughout April. Stop in to pick up a Poetry packet if you are interested.

Lastly, as we celebrate National Library Week, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the Green Lake libraries! Our staff and Library Trustees are able to provide a better library for our patrons and community thanks to all of you!

Chris Kalupa – Berlin Public Library Director

**Green Lake** – Through the month of March we have swapped seeds, sprouted some root vegetables in the library to see how they grow, tended to two mushroom kits and enjoyed the harvest, and shared books and tips on gardening. Spring is a wonderful time to learn something new and enjoy the process of growing.

March was a busy month for updates and changes at the library. We have a new window display, have purchased and built shelves to increase storage space and allow for some flexibility with displays upstairs and at the Friends Book Sale, and have made a solid start on weeding our collection. Board committees have been meeting to update our policy handbook and work on some details for welcoming additions to the front of the building. We also will hopefully finalize a new logo this month and start using our new look for outreach and branding.

The Friends have also been busy sorting their collections, putting out new material, and building new shelves to display their items. They have two book sales planned in April: Wednesday, April 5 from 1-4 pm and Saturday, April 17 from 9 am – 1 pm. The puzzle table is full, and the new displays look fabulous!

Pending board approval, I'm hoping we will start being open on Sundays in April. We have shifted staff schedules to allow for the extra hours and give opportunity to give our volunteers time to do some training and get back in the swing of things. Most of the volunteers can shift back into their old time slots and are excited to get back to it. We even have a couple of new volunteers that should be a great addition to the mix.

Staff and I are busy planning Summer Reading activities and are excited to see what this summer will bring us. More familiar faces have been in to visit lately and it's always nice to catch up.

Happy National Library Week!

Christina Lyon – Caestecker Public Library Director

**Kingston** – Painted entries are starting to come in for our "Let's Make Painting Contagious" fundraiser. All entries will be auctioned off in a silent auction starting Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The auction will run for 2 weeks, with final bids needing to be in by Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Pictures of all items will be on our website and also on our Facebook page. Check back often to see the latest pieces.

We have a new display in the entrance of the library. "April Showers, Read For Hours". A collection of new books and popular authors will be available for customers to check out when they come in.

Spring has arrived and the Bridge Club will begin playing cards once again, in the reading room, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1pm. Did you know Bridge has been called the most popular card game in the world? Would you like to learn how to play? We are always looking for new players.

Our story hour on Thursdays at 4:30pm has become very popular. Purdy, our R.E.A.D. dog, will be back starting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Reading Education Assistance Dogs® program improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a dog. But not just any dog. R.E.A.D. dogs are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their handler as a team, going to schools, libraries, and many other settings as reading companions for children. Why dogs? Learning to read is often less about intellectual limitation than about overcoming fears. Animals are ideal reading companions because they: Help increase relaxation and lower blood pressure, listen attentively, do not judge, laugh, or criticize, allow children to proceed at their own pace, and are less intimidating than peers. Stop by and read a book to Purdy, and her handler Michelle MacHugo, any Thursday starting the end of this month.

Sara Wilson – Kingston Public Library Director

**Markesan** – Some ongoing projects are seeing completion at the Markesan Public Library. Late this March we installed the outside wireless access point to improve our outside wireless strength and reach. We were able to do this project through a grant from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation's Basic Needs of Green Lake County Grant of \$1,700. We also recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Webster's Foundation of Ripon to put towards either new meeting room tables or for craft kits. Another fundraising opportunity is taking place at Ted's Piggly Wiggly as I write. From March 31 to April 10<sup>th</sup>, shoppers will be asked if they would like to round-up their grocery bill to help support the Markesan Public Library. Funds from this campaign will be added to the funds we will raise at the 2021 Chair Affair to help us pay for a remodel of the Children's Area. I am pleased to report that we already have 53 chairs out for decorating/painting. The response of the community has been amazing so far in regard to this fundraiser. I'm very excited to see what our artists create!

Other library activities includes a Bunny Pageant Contest, a Fairy Garden Class, Poetry posts, and a "Libraries Step Up" postcard campaign with Fine Forgiveness for National Library Week.

The most beautiful and talented Bunnies around are arriving at the Markesan Library to take part in our first ever "Bunny Pageant!" We are asking patrons to stop in to vote for their favorite bunny March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>.

A Fairy Garden Class will be held on Wednesday April 21 at 6pm. Space is limited as we will provide the pot, the soil, a miniature figurine or two, and one plant. This class will give hands on know-how on creating your own magical, tiny garden, fit for any fairytale or tabletop display.

April is National Poetry month. The library will have displays of poetry books and is also inviting patrons to share their poetry online with us. Patrons can post their poems in the comments section of the Facebook message we will share starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.

A state-wide "Libraries Step Up" campaign was initiated early this year in preparation for Library Legislative Day. As a result, a free publicity toolkit was provided to public libraries for us to modify. Postcards were printed for us free of charge to give to our patrons. Now, we are asking our patrons to share their positive library experiences with you and other state and local officials. I hope at least a few of you get a couple of heartwarming stories as a result.

To celebrate National Library Week, the library will be offering fine forgiveness on overdue materials for two weeks, April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup>. We will also issue free library card replacements. We hope to get more people checking items out and to get more long overdue items returned through this program.

Thank you so much for your support of libraries and our mission of enrichment and life-long learning.

Nicole Overbeck – Markesan Public Library Director

**Princeton** – In November 2020, I had applied to Webster's (of Ripon) for a grant to be used towards a special kind of Summer Reading Program. This month we were presented with a check from Webster's for \$1,000. I am so grateful! This funding will provide a special incentive to kids who participate in our "Tales and Tails" Summer Reading Program. Instead of earning plastic toys, kids will be earning money for charity. Every book they read will equal \$1 that they can choose to donate to either March Haven Nature Center or the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter. I am seeking other businesses to help sponsor this incentive program in the hopes that kids read more than 1,000 books this summer.

I am continuing to work on other aspects of the Summer Reading Program as well. Jerry Disterhaft and Glen Gorsuch will be doing some free summer programs for us. Jerry and Glen are lifelong educators,

and have worked a ton with 4-H kids, libraries, historical societies, and civic groups. Together, they are [Fox of the River Voyageur Canoe LLC](#).

Jerry and Glen will do a historical presentation for adults on Princeton and Fox River history, Father Marquette, local Native American history including mounds, early photographs, maps, and rare artifacts. I'm calling this adult-focused lecture program "Tales of the Fox River" and it will take place on Wednesday, July 21st 6-8pm.

Jerry and Glen will also do hands-on history presentation where they dress up as Voyageurs and let kids put on costumes, touch furs and replica tools, try some basic pioneer skills, and learn some early Princeton history as well as facts about Wisconsin mammals. I'm calling the kid-focused hands-on program "Tails of the Fox River" and it will take place on Tuesday, July 20th from 6-8pm.



In addition, Jerry and Glen have offered to give short canoe rides to any kid who participates in the Summer Reading Program. The canoe is a replica of what French fur traders used in the 1700-1800s. It has a sail for wind power when necessary, and it can fit up to 16 adult passengers (or more children). Jerry is able to provide life jackets for everyone. This will be part of our Tail End of the Summer Reading Program Party on Monday, August 2nd from 4-7pm at Heistand park and boat launch in Princeton. I'll be providing food and activities for families while they're waiting for their turn on the canoe. Jerry and Glen may also bring their full-sized replica tepee.

Patrons have been very appreciative of having the conference rooms available.

Our ongoing Easter egg hunt has been a huge hit!

The Friends of the Library met and agreed to purchase many things for the library, including:

- Shelving for the storage room -Sturdy portable exhibit boards for presentations, art shows, and displays
- A new vacuum
- A Zoozort exotic animal show performance for the summer reading program
- National Library Week prizes (donated by Mary Lind)
- A gift certificate for Mary Neubauer as a thank-you for securing the USDA grant.

I am very grateful!

On 3/2, our security cameras were successfully installed. They work extremely well, and we are pleased with Quick Technologies.

Our Dr. Seuss on 3/6 party was a hit, with about 25 people attending in total over the afternoon.

On 3/9 I met with the other Green Lake County librarians to discuss library policies and the upcoming Green Lake County Reads program. Last year's "Reads" was cancelled due to the pandemic, but we decided to go ahead this year. The theme is "ship wrecks." I have arranged for Double Action Diver Charters to give a presentation on scuba diving shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, and Christina Lyons is arranging the performance of a singer. The county-wide read will probably be "Capsized! The Forgotten Story of the SS Eastland Disaster" by Patricia Sutton.

Our ongoing book clubs, paper crafting club, knitting club, and take-home kids' crafts continue to be popular, except for lunch book club, which continues to be difficult to hold due to the pandemic.

On 3/22, one of our staff members reported that she had been summoned to jury duty. If she is selected for the jury and the case goes to trial, she may be gone for at least the week of April 5th, and possibly longer.

On 3/23, another one of our staff members was not able to come into work. She had had an emergency health issue at home and was taken by ambulance to the hospital. She will be off work for at least a little while.

On 3/30 we had All-WALS, the online meeting of the entire Winnefox Library System. There will be some technical changes to library card registration procedures and access to statistical reports. Microsoft Teams is now used by Winnefox as a form of communication about as frequently as emails or phone calls, and we all received training on the system.

## Upcoming Events

**Closed Saturday April 3rd for Easter**

**Monday, March 29 — Friday, April 2: Ongoing Easter Egg Hunt** Eggs will be hidden throughout the library! Only a few have treats-- the fun is in the finding! Write your name on our leaderboard, see who found the most. The top three kids will get their pictures in the

**National Library Week April 5-10**

- Spin the **Wheel of Prizes!** You could win a treat, or have your fines waived.
- Try our mini **Escape Room** with your friends! Find hidden objects, solve physical puzzles, decode clues, and use teamwork to beat the clock. Scheduling 1 hour sessions twice per day with up to 6 people. Call to reserve your spot!
- Kids can pick up a fun **craft kit!**
- Take a free postcard and sent it to local officials to show your support of libraries.

**Monday, April 5: Free Seed Library Unveiled!** Plant a garden this year— we'll help you! Come get your seeds.

**Tuesday, April 6, 5-7pm: Papercrafting** fun projects with upcycled books. No charge.

**Thursday, April 8, 6pm: Reception** and tour for local officials, thank-you presentation to Mary Neubauer.

**Friday, April 9, 6:30pm: Books at Bedtime**— a special evening Story Time with guest reader.

**Wednesday, April 7, 9:30am: Mystery Book Club** This month we discuss "Old Bones" by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child. Next month: "Fearless Jones" by Walter Mosley. Led by Vicki Duhr. Copies are available at the library. Currently, this group is meeting at the Thrasher Opera House in Green Lake.

**Monday, April 12 & 26, 5-7pm: Winter Knitters** Join us for coffee, snacks, and yarns on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month through spring. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome. Bring your own supplies, or purchase a kit with needles and yarn for \$10. Thanks to Janet and Lorraine, we're knitting into spring!

**Thursday, April 22, 6pm: Healthy Soil Class** Happy Earth Day! If you're interested in gardening, farming, or reducing carbon in our atmosphere, you'll want to attend this free class. We'll be in person at the library AND on Zoom. A link will be posted here closed to the date. This program is taught by Ben Jenkins from the UW Extension program-- thank you! Interested in growing your own food? You'll also want to attend our free canning class on Aug. 11th at 6pm.

**Wednesday, April 28, 5:30pm: Snack Book Club** Join us every month for a new book! This month we're discussing "Kidnapped" by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Laura Skalitsky – Princeton Public Library Director





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Thursday, April 1, 2021

TO: Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension, Education & Fair Committee

### Fair and other related tasks:

- The Wisconsin Association of Fairs continues its weekly zoom meetings on Tuesdays from noon-1:00 pm. There is one left for April, plus our District meetings. Below are the topics that were covered, along with upcoming meeting dates.
  - **Session 7: March 16 – IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Workshop presentation “Activists - They're Not Who You Think They Are”**
  - **Session 8: March 23 – What have we missed or what do we need to circle back on?**
  - **Session 9: April 6 – Follow up with UW-Extension (MOVED TO April 20)**
  - **Session 10: April 13 – District Meetings**
- To date the Fair has received 15 Friends of the Fair Donations totaling \$4,300.00.
  - In comparison to 2019, the total Friends of Fair Donations received was \$8,156.00
- I have received judge agreements (contracts) from all but two judges.
- I was the guest speaker at the Green Lake Rotary meeting on Wednesday, March 31.
- I am working with Allison McCormick from the Health Department regarding food vendors and what their expectations will be at this year's fair.
- I have been researching entertainment.
- Some of the fair superintendents have been in contact with me regarding their shows and antigen was ordered for the poultry superintendent to test birds.

### In Office Hours

I have been back in the office full time hours since March 15.

*The mission of the Green Lake County Fair is to provide positive youth development and leadership skills, along with promoting family and community involvement through education and tradition.*

# Adam Hady

Area Extension Director

*Serving the counties of Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette and Waushara*

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March 2021

## Area Extension Director Update

In April the in-person guidance will be expanding. The major components of these changes include increasing total event participants to 50 indoors (or 30% of room capacity) and 150 outdoors; increasing lengths of events to 4 hours; and removing pre-approvals for events that are under two hours and under 20 participants. Other guidance remains in place, such as requiring facial coverings and distancing; submitting checklists; and volunteer training.

I have continued to hold check-in meetings every other week with the county educators, office conference zooms and an area wide zoom meeting. I have completed Program Management and Development Plans with educators. Through these we discussed performance and set goals for 2021. I have continued serving on the Volunteer Management Systems Advisory Committee, and the Area Extension Director Workgroup for the Agriculture Staffing Plan.

Human Development and Relationships Educator in Marquette County was posted and I have starting working on the screening process, and will be conducting interviews in April.

Sincerely,



Adam A. Hady



**Extension**

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Katie Gellings  
Green Lake County  
Health & Well-Being Extension Educator  
March 2021

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Health & Well-Being Institute in March of 2021. During the reporting period, the educator made 49 direct educational and professional contacts.

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

*(Upcoming Programming)*

*Virtual Money Smart Week – April 10-17, 2021*

*Green Lake County Financial Literacy Month – April 2021*

Virtual Money Smart Week 2021 will be held Saturday, April 10 – Saturday, April 17. This week-long free virtual public awareness campaign aims to help people better manage their personal finances with a focus on those hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Events are free and open to the public.



This year’s line-up includes:

- Saturday, April 10 @ 10:00 a.m. CST | Talking Cents (The University of Chicago Financial Education Initiative)
- Sunday, April 11 @ 10:00 a.m. CST | Saving (FINRA Investor Education Foundation)
- Monday, April 12 @ 12:00 p.m. CST | Basic Banking (The Economic Awareness Council)
- Tuesday, April 13 @ 12:30 p.m. CST | Student Loans (U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid)
- Wednesday, April 14 @ 1:00 p.m. CST | Fraud Protection (Internal Revenue Service)
- Thursday, April 15 @ 1:00 p.m. CST | Personal Finance (Global Financial Literacy Excellence Center)
- Friday, April 16 @ 12:00 p.m. CST | Housing Protections + Resources (Consumer Financial Protection Bureau)
- Saturday, April 17 @ 10:30 a.m. CST | Budgeting (University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension)

I will be offering 3 virtual financial literacy classes for Money Smart Month in April. These will be open to Green Lake County and area residents and will have no cost to participate. I am teaching the following classes:

- Wednesday, April 13 @ 12:00 p.m. | Basic Budgeting
- Monday, April 19 @ 11:00 a.m. | How to Save a Dollar When you Don’t Have a Dime to Spare
- Wednesday, April 28 @ 11:30 a.m. | Credit & Debt Management



*Strong Bodies – Coffee Chat Lesson on Healthy Eating and Hydration*

In March, I taught a lesson following the Strong Bodies class via Zoom. I taught a lesson on healthy eating and hydration to 198 participants following their Strong Bodies virtual class. The class is open to all WI residents and the lesson topic was selected by majority vote. I will be teaching to this large group during their Coffee Chat in spring as well. The participants learned about six ways to eat well as you age, hydration basics, and signs of malnutrition and dehydration.

*Forward Services Corporation – FSET Meeting*

Forward Services is located in Berlin and they help residents with career building skills, education and job training resources, transportation, financial help and family support. I have taught several educational programs to clients through Forward Services in the past especially for their FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) participants. FSET participants are those who are job-seeking and need to complete various educational and training tasks, and have a required number of hours logged. I help fulfill the educational requirements by offering budgeting, credit and debt management, and cooking on a budget classes. Forward Services has recently hired a new FSET Program Manager and I had a Zoom meeting with her to discuss future programming opportunities. We will be meeting again

in April to discuss a specific summer program outline for clients. This will more than likely be held via Zoom with very few in-person programs as Forward Services health and safety plan currently doesn't allow for gatherings/meetings.

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

I made 46 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.

#### *Preplanning for the Loss of a Loved One – Professional Development Training*

I attended an initial two-day training via Zoom for a new curriculum for a program called Preplanning for the Loss of a Loved One. This program will be offered in Green Lake County for older adults or anyone who has a spouse, partner, or other family member with a terminal illness. There are six modules which focus on:

- Choices in end of life care
- End-of-life decisions (i.e. burial, cremation)
- Dealing with grief
- Personal finance basics for those with little experience managing money
- End-of-life financial planning (i.e. wills, trusts, and steps to take upon the passing of a loved one)
- Advance directives (health care, finance, power of attorney)

There are two more training dates this spring that I will be attending before I am able to offer this program to residents in Green Lake County. I am looking forward to sharing the materials and educational information with those who need it.

### **Newspaper Articles**

“Virtual Money Smart Week: April 10-17, 2021” Berlin Journal Newspapers. March 29, 2021. By Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Educator

### **Out of County Days**

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

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension



**Extension**

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY

**Ben Jenkins**  
**Green Lake County**  
**Agricultural Educator**  
**March 2021**

*This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in March of 2021. During the reporting period, the educator made 87 direct educational and professional contacts plus other*

*unknown contacts through relevant social media postings.*

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

### *Marketing with Confidence!*

Starting in September my colleagues and I worked on building a webinar series titled Marketing with Confidence! The objective of the series is to give producers of Agricultural commodities the tools they need to be successful in the marketplace. The series started on January 5<sup>th</sup> and will finish with the last session on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Grain is every other Tuesday at 7:30 AM and Livestock is every other Thursday at 1PM. This month's topics included value added grain, hedging, small ruminants, and boutique pork.

### *General County Outreach*

In March I wrote a focus article on Regenerative Agriculture. The focus of the article was to explain the foundational principal of regenerating soil. I have been posting to the county Facebook page any and all upcoming programs coming from UW Extension and its partners. As this is the winter programming season there are many topics that anyone with access to a computer can take part in. I'm still fielding calls on the latest DATCP policy for Pesticide Applicator License Renewal. Applicators up for license renewal in 2020 will be extended through 2021 although applicators who get a brand-new license this year will have to renew again next year. Other concerns coming in in March included new landowners, land leases, ideas for new enterprises, tree pruning, tree planting, direct marketing, produce safety, and government programs.

### *Winter Programming*

I have been working to promote upcoming webinars offered by UW-Madison Division of Extension with our county stakeholders. This being the time when most of the educational programming gets presented. The COVID-19 pandemic has given us a unique opportunity to collaborate in ways that were not possible prior. It has also given us the ability to reach a wider audience than ever before. By going to a ZOOM format, I am now able to work with colleagues around the state and both help them build programming but also promote programs to our stakeholders that will be of value to them but aren't necessarily in my area of expertise. Webinars from March included: Corn Rootworm Management, Profitable Meat Marketing, Wisconsin Cover Crops and Conservation Conversations, Your Farm Startup: Where to begin and who can help, Improving Farm Efficiency Through Genetics, Building Your Brand For the Future, Shoreline Gardening For Healthy Lakes, Central Wisconsin Processing Crops, Safety Considerations for Ag Implements on the Highway, Building a Positive Farm Business Culture.



## Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

### *Food Finance Institute Farm Financials Boot Camp*

On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of the month I participated in the second half of the Farm Financials Bootcamp offered by the Food Finance Institute a division of the Small Business Development Center of UW-Madison. The course was for farms looking to add a value-added enterprise to their current operations. Participants learned basic principles of marketing to the public as well as how to set up a budget, do basic accounting, and market research. Much of the course was review for me but I will be recommending this course to anyone who in the future wants to branch out.

### *UW-Madison Division of Extension ZOOM Meetings*

I tune in to the Monthly update brought to all of Extension by Dean Karl Martin. Dean Martin keeps us up to date on the decisions being made in Madison and how it will look on a practical county level once implemented. I also tune in once a month to the Ag Institutes updates so stay abreast of policy and news related specifically to the Ag Institute. I also participate in the monthly area 14 ZOOM to stay current with our surrounding counties. I have been keeping up to date with the other program areas by attending the Friday morning ZOOM meetings. This allows me opportunity to see what the program areas that are not in my designation are working on. Without this I won't be aware of any collaborative opportunities that may be coming up.



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FARM READY RESEARCH

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**PROFITABLE  
MEAT  
MARKETING:**

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You are raising and selling local meat, but are you making a profit? Learn to use the Cornell Meat Pricing Tool to develop prices that deliver a profit in every channel.

Matt LeRoux  
Cornell Cooperative Extension  
March 23, 2021, 7:00 PM

REGISTER AT:  
[GO.WISC.EDU/FARMREADYRESEARCH](https://go.wisc.edu/farmreadyresearch)

### *Crops and Soils*

In trying to align my work with UW-Madison's objectives I have been continuously working to update my plan of work. During the month of March I participated in the programming plan of work meetings for Farm Management and Crops and Soils to see in what ways I can work with colleagues on program topics that are of value to Green Lake County.

### *Farm Startups*

I have been working with a group of colleagues from the small business institute as well as the Agriculture Educator in Racine/Kenosha and the Farm Management Outreach Program Manager and a Farm Business Specialist to produce a program on farm business startups. The focus of which being around alternative agriculture and the lean startup method. We livestreamed on March 19 and had 54 people in attendance.

### **Out of County Days**

0 Out of county days for February

0 Out of county days planned for March

\*Denotes that it was paid for by UWEX



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## Marquette/Waushara/Green Lake County FoodWise Coordinator Laura McCulley Report

March 2020

### Programming

*No in-person programming due to COVID-19*

- StrongBodies Virtual Classes; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 8:30-9:30am with lessons after class
  - **Currently recruiting for April:** [go.wisc.edu/6ndxq6](http://go.wisc.edu/6ndxq6)
  - Current enrollment by county: Adams (17), Green Lake (6), Juneau (2), Marquette (13), Waushara (13)
- Cooking Matters Virtual Lessons with Head Start families
  - Two 30-minute evening lessons with parents via Zoom
  - Grocery incentive offered to all families who complete the lessons
- Indirect Ed:
  - Providing healthy recipes to local pantries.
  - Maintaining Facebook group for StrongBodies participants to share healthy tips and encouragement.

### Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change (PSE) Efforts

- FoodWise Harvest of the Month Committee
- Healthy Schools PSE Work Team
- Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt
  - Collected 450 LBS of food for the Marquette County Food Bank
- Working within Healthy Communities Grant Team
- Health, Well-Being and Food Security coalitions
  - *Reach Waushara*
  - *Chronic Disease Action Team Waushara*
  - *HEAL Team Marquette*

### Training and Professional Development:

- FoodWise Online Training (ongoing)
- New Cohort Onboarding (ongoing)
- Webinars

### Out of the Office:

- 3/15-3/19 (Vacation), 4/2 (Furlough), 4/5 (Holiday)

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## Agreement Letter - Green Lake County Extension Office FoodWise Federal Fiscal Year 2022

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension FoodWise program has been offering nutrition education programming to the SNAP/FoodShare-eligible residents of Green Lake County since 1997. During the period of October 2017 to September 2018, 1224 educational contacts were made in Green Lake County reaching 204 persons at Clay Lamberton Elementary School, there have been no program activities reported in the last two years due to a position vacancy. Programming is planned in the current fiscal year to reach Head Start Participants in Marquesan and Berlin with the ADVOCAP Head Start Agency as the partner. Strong Bodies programming also reaches Senior Residents in Green Lake County, and FoodWise has a partnership with the ADRC to help advertise these classes. Participants learn to make healthy food choices, to manage their food dollars, and handle their food safely. We also work with community partners to make the healthy choice, the easy choice where our participants live, learn, work, shop and play.

Much of the cost to provide FoodWise educational programming is paid with the \$142,898 in federal funds that FoodWise is bringing into Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara Counties during this current year. FoodWise federal dollars pay the salaries, fringe benefits and direct teaching expenses for FoodWise colleagues in the county office.

FoodWise relies upon our County partners to provide office space and related overhead costs, as well as basic operating costs and resources such as internet service, IT support and basic software, office telephones, shared supplies and equipment in the Extension Office. These contributions from the County are essential to FoodWise's work and presence in the County Extension Offices.

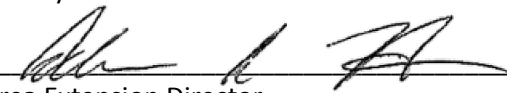
We ask that a representative of Green Lake County confirm continued support of the work of FoodWise by signing below.

### AGREEMENT STATEMENT:

During the period from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, Green Lake County agrees to support the delivery of University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension FoodWise grant funded efforts within the County Extension Department by contributing the following:

- *Physical Space:* Offices and shared work spaces in the County Extension Office used by FoodWise colleagues and other Cooperative Extension colleagues when they are working on FoodWise efforts.
- *Shared Direct & Indirect Costs & Resources:* Resources such as overhead, supplies, equipment, information systems support and county administrative costs (categories and amounts vary by county) to be used by FoodWise colleagues in support of FoodWise work. These resources are supplied to FoodWise colleagues as they are to other Extension colleagues in the office.

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County Official

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Extension Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

4/6/2021

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Date

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Thank you for your continued support of the FoodWise program!

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