



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

December 10, 2021

The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee (In Person and Zoom) Meeting that is Tuesday, December 14, 2021:

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Amended Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the November 9, 2021 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) UW-Extension Reports for: Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator), Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator), and Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Educator).



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 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: 11/9/21
6. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
7. Fair Coordinator Report – submitted report
8. Fair: Budgetary Adjustment for Fair Maintenance – discussion/approval
9. Fair: Highway Ground / Fairground Improvements
10. Fair: Contracts
11. Fair: Addition of a Sub-Committee: Fair Auction Committee – Discussion/Approval
12. Fair: Public Comments
13. UW-Extension Staff Reports – submitted monthly report
 - Adam Hady, Area 14 Interim Extension Director
 - Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Educator
 - Ben Jenkins, Agriculture Educator
 - Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator
14. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
15. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: January 11, 2022
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
16. Adjourn

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted and available through in person attendance or audio/visual communication. Remote access can be obtained through the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81417780344?pwd=Ky83V0JXcGluclo2ei9LVE1SYU1Kdz09>

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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, November 9, 2021 at 9:00 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, Chair
Katie Mehn, Vice Chair
Keith Hess
Ken Bates

Absent: Bob Dolgner

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

Also Present: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director, Winnefox Library System; Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Library Director; Christina Lyons, Caestecker Library Director; Laura Skalitsky, Princeton Library Director; Kris Kalupa, Berlin Library Director; Zach Knoke, Fair Maintenance; Barry Mashuda, Highway Commissioner; Chad MacGowan, 4-H volunteer; Rich Swanke, Green Lake Pullers Inc.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hess/Bates) to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Library Director, gave a verbal report.

2022-2027 LIBRARY AGREEMENT

Winnefox Library System Assistant Director, Clairellyn Sommersmith, gave a presentation of the 2022-2027 Library Agreement pointing out the minimal changes. ***Motion/second (Mehn/Hess)*** to accept the 2022-2027 Library Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

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

FAIR: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FROM 2020 BUDGET

This was tabled to next month's meeting.

FAIR: RESOLUTION

Resolution Relating to Use of General Fund Reserve Funds for Highway Property Improvements Related to County Jr. Free Fair. Committee decision to table.

2022 FAIR BUDGET

Fair Coordinator Kathy Ninneman asked County Administrator Cathy Schmit for an adjustment of \$400.00 to be moved from Auxiliary Police to Registrations & Conventions. County Board will vote on the 2022 County Budget at the meeting tonight.

ARPA FUND REQUEST

Fair Coordinator Kathy Ninneman presented a request to the Finance Committee on October 27 to be considered for ARPA funds for the Fair. The Finance Committee will prioritize their allocation of these funds in the county and the County Board will approve them and then submit those to the federal government. Ninneman submitted a request through email to County Administrator Cathy Schmit and Chairman Harley Reabe for \$500,000.

WI ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS CONVENTION

The WAF Convention is January 9-12, 2022 at the Chula Vista in WI Dells. Committee members may attend as well. ***Motion/second (Bates/Hess)*** for Ninneman to attend the convention. All ayes. Motion carried.

FAIR: ADDITION OF A SUB-COMMITTEE: FAIR AUCTION COMMITTEE

The Committee members in attendance were all in favor of this. ***Motion/second (Hess/Mehn)*** for the addition of the Livestock Council to be a sub-committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

FAIR: CONTRACTS

- Dizzy D Balloon Twister: 3 days/4.5 hours per day: \$1,485.00
- Earth Works Land Services-Zach Knoke, Maintenance (November 1, 2021-December 31, 2022): \$35,000.00

There was discussion regarding the Maintenance contract. ***Motion/second (Mehn/Bates)*** to approve the above contracts. Ayes-3, Nays-0, Abstain-1 (Hess). Motion carried.

HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Several items needing improvements were discussed, giving priority to: 1) Bathrooms 2) Handicap access to the track area 3) Electrical 4) Fix asphalt potholes. The Highway Department will continue to work closely with the Committee on these projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

Rich Swanke, Princeton, suggested to improve the track area with donations and have 4-H kids help pick up garbage to help with cost savings on maintenance.

UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Adam Hady (interim Area 14 Extension Director), Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Educator), Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator), and Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Educator), gave verbal reports.

UW-EXTENSION 2022 CONTRACT

Contract between Green Lake County and Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System for Educator positions for Gellings, Jenkins, and Martinez. ***Motion/second (Bates/Hess)*** to approve the contract as presented.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second Hess/Mehn to approve out of county days

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nothing.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Chairperson Garro or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: December 14, 2021 in the County Board Room/Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairperson Garro at 10:17 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*

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December 2021 Green Lake County Library Reports

Berlin – Last month we held several special events that were well received. Visits from Cami, the Therapy Dog have been popular. We were since approached by a 2nd Therapy Dog handler to start offering sessions with Ruth (a special furry friend). Because we will have more time slots available, we will be reaching out to the schools to encourage more students to take advantage of the program. We are excited to add this to our programs for kids.

Another popular program last month was our STEM Saturday. Families were invited to join activities that were Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics based. A good time was enjoyed by all, and we are planning on adding more STEM programming in the future.

Local author, Karen Gibson gave a wonderful program on her experience and road to publishing two books. She has offered to do some writing workshops next year, which attendees were excited to hear.

Our staff set up our Giving Tree on which we placed GL County Angels and Angels from our local assisted living facility, Patriot Place. Patrons have been very generous in helping less fortunate community members.

The 2022 Berlin Library Quilt Show will take place March 14-19. To give quilters a chance to get a head start on their entries, we announced this year's theme will be On the Farm. Other quilt themes will be welcomed as well. If you know anyone who quilts, pass on this wonderful opportunity to enter our 7th Annual Quilt Show.

Lastly, on Saturday, December 4, we honored Cindy Wallace, who will be retiring at the end of December after 41 years from the WCTS office. Cindy has provided service beyond excellent to the libraries of Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara. We wish Cindy the best and look forward to seeing her as a loyal library patron.

May the holidays bring good cheer and health to all of you.

Chris Kalupa – Berlin Public Library Director

Green Lake Caestecker – Earlier in the year the diseased Ash tree outside the library was removed by the City of Green Lake and a new Linden tree now stands in its place. We are very grateful to have such care taken on behalf of the library and look forward to watching our new tree grow for years to come.

Our circulation took a small dip in September as families took the last chance to vacation and there were so many fun things happening in the local area. We were back in the positive again in October and have had a lot of students joining us after school. The Boys & Girls Club has continued to visit with us, and we have plans to make it a regular occurrence.

December is panning out to be a big for our projects and goals lists. Our new Badgernet internet should be switched on, website finalized, microfilm digitization project should be complete, and the bathroom renovation and family bathroom project will begin! My last class was due to wrap up in the middle of December as well, but I was able to work ahead and complete my coursework. I have now finished all the courses needed to be a fully certified Library Director. More education will come, but I am very happy to have the classes done in half the time allotted to me.

Along with all the special extras happening this month, we have the usual book discussion, knitting group, Roasts & Reads, Curiosity Kits, the I Spy Case, and storytime. We are also participating in the Angel Tree program for Green Lake County again this year and will host the sorting and pick-up activities associated with this most worthy cause. There's still time to pick an angel off the tree in the lobby and make some young person's holidays a little bit brighter.

Other dates of interest:

Friends Book Sales, December 4 & 18 from 9 am – 1 pm.

Holiday closures: December 24-26 for Christmas celebrations for staff and volunteers.

Thanks to all of you for serving and supporting the library this past year. It sure has flown by. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2022!

Christina Lyon – Caestecker Public Library Director

Kingston Mill Pond – We are busy getting ready for our 23rd annual Cookie Walk which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11th with the doors opening at 9am. Never been to the cookie walk? Coming thru the door you'll find tables covered in cookies and other sweets. It smells like the old bakeries you went to as a kid, and there is that same excitement of trying to find your favorite treat. Get your carry-out container and gloves and you are on your way to having a wonderful variety of goodies for your next get-together, or just to take home and munch on. Santa will also be here to listen to the children's wants and wishes from 9am until 11am. We also have 3 large boxes of gifts, one for woman, one for men, and one for children that you can buy tickets to win. And something new this year, we are adding gift cards to the mix. Some will be added to the gift boxes and some will be in a silent auction. So far we have had donations of cards from (in alphabetical order) Brandon Meats, Chris' Floral, Culver's, Dalton Lumber, Jimmy Johns, Jung's Garden Center, Kwik Trip, Superheat and Cooling, Tony's Pizza, Two Sisters, Piggly Wiggly, Wayside Restaurant, and Webster's. Watch our Facebook page and website for more information. Hope to see you there!!



Our Loosely Bound Book Club will be meeting for the last time this year on Tuesday, Dec. 7th. They will be discussing books they have read by WI authors and picking the books for next year's reading list. They will also be having a small luncheon to celebrate the season.

Story hour continues on Thursday afternoons at 4:30 pm. This month we are making ornaments each week that the children can then take home and hang on their trees.

We will sadly be celebrating the retirement of Cindy Wallace from WCTS on Saturday, Dec. 4th at the Berlin Library from 5pm to 7pm. Cindy has been a fixture at WCTS for over 40 years and will leave big shoes to fill in the future. I was one of a committee of 5 to do the interviews for her replacement, and hopefully there will be an announcement in the very near future on who will be hired for the position.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Sara Wilson – Mill Pond Public Library Director

Markesan – The Markesan Library is in the full swing of the fall and winter holidays. Right before Thanksgiving we attended the Homespun Holidays and partnered with the Markesan Area Chamber of Commerce to host the Kidzone at the elementary school. There were crafts, a bouncy house, Santa, games, cookies, and Christmas cards. We had a great turnout of children and families! We also did a two week long Food for Fines drive in November. Adult craft its continue to be very popular. Upcoming we have a Santa storytime with Santa himself as the guest of honor, a free Holiday Appetizer Class with Mill Street Cooking, a yule tide recipe swap, adult book club and Play and Learns.

Our children's remodel is really taking off! Right now all of the blue background has been painted. Some of the stripes of color are completed and some of the lettering as well. It's been such a delight to see this area of our library change, spectacularly. Follow us on Facebook to see the changes as they happen! Likewise, we continue to move the collection around and in general improve our space.

Another very special addition we have this holiday is Sharron Severson's Santa collection on display. There are 80+ Santa's gracing our library. We have Santa's in traditional apparel and some very fun ones dressed up for beach weather, cooking, hunting, dancing with Mrs. Claus, and so many more! It really brings joy to the heart to see this display.

On another note, I will be taking a leave of absence in January and February to do some traveling. In my absence, two very capable staff members will be filling in, Jessica French and Nancy Stellmacher. I know they will do an excellent job as will the entire staff and library board of keeping Markesan's library services roaring along. Thank you again for all of your support this year. We can't thank you enough for helping us improve the opportunities and quality of life of all our Green Lake County residents



Nicole Overbeck – Markesan Public Library Director

Princeton – The Green Lake County budget has passed, and all libraries got the full funding request for 2022. We are grateful!

We have seen a substantial uptick in the number of people using our community/study rooms. Users include business people on attending virtual meetings, the Girl Scouts, social workers, a quilting club, people working remotely, and Big Brothers / Big Sisters. We have also seen very busy Monday mornings, and I am adding a staff member on for a couple of hours each Monday to compensate. We have also seen an increase in the number of people asking for help on the computer recently. People are looking for help applying for jobs online, printing forms, using email, scanning and sending documents, etc. Volunteer Richard May's computer classes may have encouraged more people to seek help. His classes were great, and we hope to have more in 2022.

At our last library board meeting, we agreed on a PC replacement schedule, and two new computers will be ordered for us through the Winnefox Library System. This is less expensive than going to a store and is just one more reason we love our library system!

The Friends of the Library and two staff members volunteered their time met on November 21. We decorated our windows, put up Christmas lights outside, set up the Christmas Sale fundraiser, set up the children's book giveaway, and made plans for the upcoming Cookie Walk. The Friends have agreed to buy the library a Silhouette Cameo cutting machine of our own, as we have been consistently borrowing one from the library system. The Friends also recently bought us about a dozen children's books and half the cost of an ad.

Our Local Native American History presentation with Julie Fleming was very well-attended. Christmas in Princeton events went very well too, with a large attendance of about 450+ people at the library over a 10 hour period.

On November 30, all of the librarians met virtually to discuss tech issues including patron-side ILS changes and upgrades, a problem with Libby, problems with staff accidentally over-writing items in the catalog, and a new way of cataloging story time kits.

We have some minor maintenance issues that I am dealing with, including lack of heat in the men's bathroom, a very slow drip in the janitor's closet, and drop ceiling tiles that were dislodged in the lobby.

The snowy season is here, and I am hoping that the DPW is in a better position to maintain our sidewalks this year. In the past we have had issues with unplowed and unsalted sidewalks, and this is a safety/liability issue, especially since we have so many senior citizen patrons.

I am considering holding a staff in-service day on Monday, January 17 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day). While we are normally open on this day, many people expect us not to be open. We would use this in-service day for training, cleaning projects, and tech issues. I would also like to see all staff learn CPR.

Upcoming Events in December

Story Time is every Monday at 9am!

December 1-11: Friends of the Library Christmas Sale: Shop for new and gently used homemade crafts, Christmas decor, and gifts at the library during normal library hours. This is a great chance to buy something unique for someone special without straining your budget. Donations of clean, gently used Christmas items are very welcome.

Wednesday, December 1: 9:30am: Mystery Book Club: This month we are discussing "Owl Be Home for Christmas" by Donna Andrews. January's book will be "Blue Monday" by Nikki French. Pick up a copy at the library and join us! This group led by Vicki Duhr and meets on the first Wednesday of every month.

Saturday, December 11: 9am –1pm: Friends of the Library Cookie Walk Fundraiser: Why bake? Buy your holiday cookies, bars, candy, and more here! \$5 for a dozen treats of your own choosing. The Walk goes until 1pm (or whenever we sell out). Get here early for the best choices! Donations of baked goods are gratefully accepted up to three days before the sale. Thank you! All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library, which purchase things for the library that it could not otherwise afford.

Monday, December 13 & 27: 4-6pm: Knitting Club: Join us every month (twice per month in fall & winter) for yarns and a chat. All experience levels are welcome-- we'll teach you. Kids too! Please note the change in hours from 5-7pm to the new time, 4-6pm.

Tuesday, December 14: 5-7pm: Holiday Card Crafting: Make gorgeous greeting cards. Free! All supplies provided.

Wednesday, December 15: 6-8pm: Fine Arts Night at School: We will have a short, fun art class at school this evening, along with many other teachers and community members. We hope you and your family can join us! No charge. Bring an apron- we'll be splashing paint around!

Holiday Hours: The library will be closed all day on: Friday, December 24, Saturday, December 25, Friday, December 31 and Saturday, January 1.

Laura Skalitsky – Princeton Public Library Director



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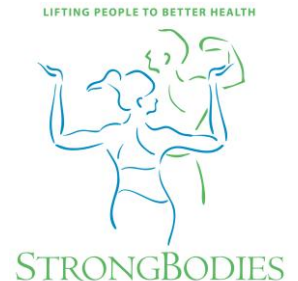
Katie Gellings Green Lake County
Health & Well-Being Extension Educator
November 2021

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Health & Well-Being Institute in November of 2021. During the reporting period, the educator made 68 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Strong Bodies Aging Mastery Book Club Program, Virtual

In November, a team of colleagues in Area 14 began co-teaching the Aging Mastery Program Book Club to 37 participants following their Strong Bodies class. The Aging Mastery Program is a program for those 55+ to learn skills and tools to live a long, healthy, thriving life. The Book Club version is a shortened lesson with emphasis on the participant reading the playbook prior to each class. The 37 participants are located throughout the state of Wisconsin and there are 3 Green Lake County participants.



Encouraging Financial Conversations, Central Region via Zoom

I am currently teaching six hour-long sessions of Encouraging Financial Conversations to 6 individuals via Zoom. I recently taught this with the Eastern Region group of colleagues as well. This group of participants brings more of a rural base which allows for different discussion and learnings. Encouraging Financial Conversations is a program designed for case managers, social workers, and other frontline staff to help empower clients to achieve their financial goals and manage their money. Participants learn techniques and strategies to help their clients create a financial goals action plan, build and maintain good credit, pay off debts, develop a spending and savings plan, and protect themselves from fraud and identity theft. Participants also learn coaching strategies that capitalize on a client's strengths and resources in coming up with solutions.

Safe & Healthy Food Preservation, Farmer's Wives Club, Dalton

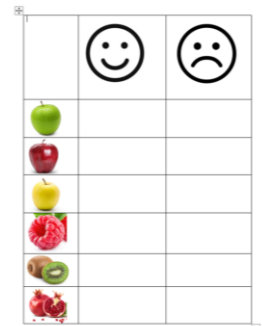
In November I taught a lesson on safe and healthy food preservation to five women who are part of the Farmer's Wives Club in Dalton. The lesson focused on water boiling bath canning and pressure canner testing. In recent years, food preservation made a return to family life and is still important for many families today. Preserving home-grown or farmer's market purchased produce in season provides a cost-effective way for families to eat healthier.

Financial Coaching, Green Lake and Marquette Counties

In the month of November, I completed financial coaching with four participants – 3 from Green Lake County and 1 from Marquette County. Marquette County's Human Development and Relationships Educator is currently accepting individuals from Green Lake County with mandates to complete co-parenting into her classes. In return I am providing financial coaching to Marquette County residents who are mandated to take the course. I meet the individuals at the Princeton Library or via Zoom.

Fruits Lesson, Young Stars Daycare, Markesan

I taught youth (ages 2-3) at Young Stars Daycare in Markesan about fruits. We talked about fruits they like and fruits they don't like to eat, as well as, how fruits are good for our bodies. We did a taste test with red apple, green apple, yellow apple, kiwi, raspberry, and pomegranate. Each participant had to put a sticker on their chart under the happy face if they liked the fruit or a sticker under the sad face if they did not like the fruit. Everyone liked the red apples, yellow apples, kiwi, and pomegranate. A few did not like the kiwi or the raspberries.



Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 113 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of November. I continue to have a number of professional meetings scheduled with colleagues and mentors to continue to network and learn from my fellow Extension educators.

National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) National Conference via Zoom

I attended the NEAFCS National Conference since it was moved to virtual. I attended the following sessions which all proved to be very informative and educational: Virtual Financial Education during Covid-19 Pandemic: Building State Partnership for Significant Statewide Outcomes, Helping Families Stay Active



**National Extension Association
of Family & Consumer Sciences**

during a Pandemic Utilizing Facebook Groups, Kids in the Kitchen Virtual Cooking Club, Understanding the Needs of Low-Income Audiences, and Financial Management Education in a Covid World. I also attended NEAFCS Awards & Recognition Committee Affiliate Meetings as I co-chair the awards committee for Wisconsin.

Out of County Days

- 1 Out of county days for November (Area 14 AED Final Interviews – Search & Screen Committee, Adams County – 1)
- 0 Out of county days planned for December

* Travel expenses are covered by Extension



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Ben Jenkins
Green Lake County
Agricultural Educator
November 2021

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in November of 2021. During the reporting period, the educator made 83 direct educational and professional contacts plus other unknown contacts through relevant social media postings and articles.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

General County Outreach

I have been posting to the county Facebook page any and all upcoming programs coming from UW Extension and its partners. I wrote a Focus Article for the Berlin News covering the questions that landowners need to be asking their farmer tenants. Concerns coming in in November included ideas for new enterprises, soil management, deer plots, land rent, cover crops, and fertilizer prices.

On Farm Research

I continued working with Carry Lebowski to conduct an on-farm research trial studying the effect of N rates on Rye cover crops. Todd Morris and I laid out the plots on and took soil samples from Jim Hebbe's Farm.

Winter Programming

Worked with colleagues in area 14 to plan for upcoming winter programming. We have started to line up speakers and topics for grazing and soil health days. These will be in person events within the county starting in January.



Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

Workgroups

During the month of November, 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. This month I did planning work with colleagues from area 14 on local programming, the grazing workgroup, the farm succession workgroup, the entrepreneur work group. I have also opted to be a part of a work group that is trying to determine and quantify the value of soil health.

Badger Crop Connect

Badger Crop Connect is a monthly webinar that offers CCA continuing education credits and equips producers with the tools they need to tackle crop management issues. We met as a group in November to discuss whether or not we wanted to hold an emergency webinar on the increase in crop production expenses going into the 2022 growing season.

Out of County Days

0 Out of county days for November

0 Out of county days planned for December

*Denotes that it was paid for by UWEX





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Morgan Martinez
Green Lake County
4-H Program Educator
November 2021

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in November 2021. During the reporting period, the program educator made 103 direct educational and professional contacts.

Program Highlights

Green Lake County 4-H Horse Club

The Green Lake County 4-H Horse Club is a single project club focused on providing horse education to the membership. I attended their meeting on November 1, 2021 providing guidance and leadership on establishing club bylaws, constitution, club policies and guiding the club as it transitions from a 4-H Group to a 4-H Club.

Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Banquet

I worked with the Leaders' Association Executive Board to coordinate the 2021 4-H Leaders' Banquet on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the Green Lake American Legion Hall. Awards included:

- **4-H General Leader Recognition:** General Leaders are the backbone of the 4-H organization. They contribute countless hours behind the scenes in the "organization" of the club program.
- **4-H Leaders' Association Board of Directors:** The Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association is an organization that supports the Green Lake County 4-H Program.
- **Salute to Excellence Volunteer of the Year Award:** This recognition is awarded by WI 4-H and recognizes the outstanding work of a volunteer.



4-H Youth Awards Program

The 4-H Youth Awards Program was held on November 7, 2021 at the Town of Brooklyn Hall. Several awards were presented including:

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



Fall Forum

On November 6 I presented during WI 4-H Virtual Fall Forum. Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff which is planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council. The purpose of Fall Forum is to provide an educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers, develop youth and adult partnerships, and create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions.

During the educational session my team of colleagues presented on the Wisconsin 4-H Movement and how 4-H'ers from across the state can live out this movement! During the session working in breakout groups we brainstormed ways leaders and members can encourage 4-H'ers in their county to promote the values and mission of 4-H.

Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

NAE4-HYDP National Conference (Virtual)

The National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals (NAE4-HYDP) is the professional's organization for those dedicated to promoting, strengthening, enhancing and advocating for the 4-H youth development profession. I attended the National Virtual Conference November 16-18, 2021. The conference was also held in-person in Memphis, TN. I have been able to attend numerous virtual sessions around the topics of membership retention, volunteerism, equity, opportunity, and 4-H programming and curriculum.

The 4-H Movement Sub-Committee which I am a member of was selected to present during the poster session virtually and in-person. The poster session is a graphic display that encourages informal discussions on important 4-H Youth Development work topics. Our display focus was sharing our work regarding the WI 4-H Movement. If you would like to learn more on the WI 4-H Movement, check out our poster at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IbXHnj3IUjiNeAkJVbqIMV13HWGwBzPU/view?usp=sharing> This committee received recognition for this work and was awarded the North Central Regional Communicator Award: Promotional Package-Team Award during the conference.



November Meetings

I continue to connect, learn and share with Extension colleagues via Zoom. Some of the meetings I participated in during the month of November

- Positive Youth Development Institute and 4-H Program Meetings on 11/4, 11/11
- Area 14 4-H Colleague Connection on 11/11
- WI 4-H Program Quality Committee on 11/2, 11/3, 11/11
- 4-H Charter Application Review on 11/8
- All Colleague Extension Exchange on 11/10

Out of County Days

- 0 Out of county days for November
- 0 Out of county days planned for December

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