



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

September 13, 2021

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

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Amended Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the July 20, 2021 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) 2022-2027 Library Agreement Draft
- 6) 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, September 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

***AMENDED 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: 8/10/21
6. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
7. *2022-2027 Library Agreement Draft - discussion
8. Fair Coordinator Report – submitted report
9. Fair: 2021 Fair Recap
10. Fair: 2021 Fair Maintenance Report
11. Fair: Fairground Improvements
12. Fair: Budget Adjustment from 2020 Budget
13. Fair: Addition of a Sub-Committee: Fair Auction Committee – Discussion/Approval
14. Fair: Public Comments
15. UW-Extension Staff Reports – submitted monthly report
 - Adam Hady, Area Extension Director
 - Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Educator
 - Ben Jenkins, Agriculture Educator
 - Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator
 - Laura McCulley, Food Wise Coordinator
16. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
17. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: October 12, 2021
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
18. 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/89476651276?pwd=OXNBRjFDV3I0WW9NeVZweEZrZm84UT09>

Meeting ID: 894 7665 1276

Passcode: 901554

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, July 20, 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
Keith Hess
Katie Mehn
Ken Bates

Absent: Bob Dolgner

Staff Present: Katie Gellings
Ben Jenkins
Morgan Martinez
Kathy Ninneman

Absent: Adam Hady
Laura McCulley

Also Present: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director, Winnefox Library System; Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Library Director; Christina Lyons, Caestecker Library Director; Laura Skalitsky, Princeton Library Director; Chris Kalupa, Berlin Library Director; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (Zoom); Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Rachel Prellwitz, County Health Officer; Tammy Goettl, Livestock Council Treasurer; and Sadie Goettl, Youth Livestock Rep.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hess/Mehn) to accept the minutes from 6-8-21. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

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

2022 COUNTY LIBRARY PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Sommersmith explained the funding request. Administrator Schmit also gave an explanation from the county side. It will be forwarded on to Administrator Schmit.

FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

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

REVIEW THE 2020 & 2021 FAIR BUDGET

The 2020 Fair Budget funds, as well as all other department remaining funds at the end of the year, when lapsed, go back into the general fund. This in turn is held for a bad fiscal year or emergency fund. Schmit did not know the total of the general fund.

ADDITION OF A SUB-COMMITTEE: FAIR AUCTION COMMITTEE

Tammy Goettl, Livestock Council Treasurer, presented a proposal to the committee for the Livestock Council to become a sub-committee under the Ag/Extension, Education and Fair Committee, titled "Fair Auction Committee." Corporation Counsel Klakow suggested to have a study done and discuss it further after the fair. Chairman Garro said to include this on the August 10th agenda.

FAMILY HEALTH LA CLINICA MOBILE VACCINE UNIT AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Green Lake County Health Officer, Rachel Prellwitz, presented to the committee that the state is recommending the mobile unit for Family Health LaClinica, Wautoma, attend fairs. It would be at the fair on Friday and Saturday distributing the Johnson & Johnson vaccination to individuals ages 18 and over.

No motion was necessary, as this was for informational purposes only.

FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Ninneman will compile a list after the fair.

FAIR TRACK EVENTS

Rich Swanke (Pullers Inc.) will be coordinator for the Truck & Tractor Pull for Thursday and Friday nights. The International Demolition Derby will be coordinating this for Saturday night. The food stand will be run by Green Lake Pull all three nights with the fair receiving 12% gross receipts.

FAIR CONTRACTS

Tom Winkers Entertainment: Friday, August 6 – 7:00-10:00 pm; \$200.00

Geezer Entertainment: Sunday, August 8 – 2:00-5:00 pm: \$300.00

Motion/second Mehn/Bates to approve the above contracts. All ayes. Motion carried.

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), Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Educator) and Laura McCulley (Food Wise Coordinator). Verbal reports were given by those present.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Mehn/Bates). All ayes. Approved.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nothing.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Garro or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: August 10, 2021 in the County Board Room/Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairperson Garro at 10:00 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*

September 2021 Green Lake County Library Reports

Berlin – Our library wrapped up our August bonus reading last week by handing out seven prizes to the lucky drawing winners. They were chosen from the 894 entries, which included children, teens and adults. In total, there were 67 adults and 181 kids who participated in August. ALL of the prizes were donated, including five prizes from our Friends of the Library. Our staff heard many positive comments saying they were excited to see their kids reading throughout the summer.

Berlin Library is beginning our fall programming with adult crafts, drop-in kids crafts and storytime, and much more. We have a new Youth Library who is eager to get to know the families and youth of our community. He has already connected with several teachers and hosted initial library visits, making sure students have updated library cards so they can check out throughout the school year. Sam's first storytime begins next week Wednesday and we can already feel the excitement.

Last month, Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Educator with GLC Extension came to do a program on healthy living. This month Katie is returning to do a program titled, Sugar and Your Health. Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 6pm.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! If you don't have a library card, this is a great time to go to your local library and get one!! Gov. Evers issued a proclamation recognizing the importance of libraries, and we couldn't agree more. A link to the proclamation can be found on our Facebook page. Libraries have something for everyone and offer so much more than "books". We are proud to provide essential services to the Berlin and surrounding communities.

Mark your calendar to join us for the 2021 Green Lake County Reads, which will be held on Saturday, October 2 at 1pm, at the Caestecker Library. Our theme this year is Shipwrecks and Sea Shanties of the Great Lakes. Programs will include stories and maritime music with Tom Kastle, along with a talk on historical shipwrecks & dives with Chris Spoo of Double Action Dive Charters. This event is sure to be entertaining and fun.

Chris Kalupa – Berlin Public Library Director

Green Lake – Our Return to the Oscars film screenings continue through at least the end of October on Thursdays at 2 pm. We're working our way up to the most nominated and awarded films of 2021. Up this week is *Emma* and next week is *Mulan*, then *Soul*, followed by *News of the World*. Please check the library website at greenlakelibrary.org or the library Facebook page for the full lineup.

We are pleased to share an opportunity to learn more about the NEW Green Lake Dog Park! Julie Olson, Project Manager, will be at the library September 22 at 10:30 am to chat about the plans and provide opportunities for you to be involved in this exciting new attraction in Green Lake. A poster with the plans is currently on display near the fireplace at the library.

As students are heading back to school and Covid safety precautions are being released, we are developing new ways to partner with the schools this year. There may be some virtual story times, class field trips to the library, specific weekly activity packs for our local students, and possibly a rotating collection of books selected for each classroom based on what they are currently learning.

September brings Harvest Fest to Green Lake and the library will have extended hours and Book Sales during the weekend. We also have a harvest of our own to share from our elevated tea garden during the weekend. Beth will be manning a table with some fun giveaways, a couple varieties of tea, and blankets spread out for wandering folks to take a break in the shade.

My last bit of exciting news is that the bathroom renovation and Family Bathroom plans have been finalized and the project has gone out to bid. Much effort and many hands have helped to get us to this point, and I am looking forward to knowing the hands that will take the project from here to completion. The October library board meeting will give the board a chance to hear all the details of the bid opening, and hopefully vote on what company will be doing the construction along with what timeframe we can expect. The combined financial support of the Library Board, Caestecker Library Foundation, and Friends of the Library are ensuring the success of this project and helping the Caestecker Public library go above and beyond our regular operating budget to improve services and accommodations for our community. I am truly grateful for the united partnership and generosity.

Christina Lyon – Caestecker Public Library Director

Kingston – (August) We have had an abundance of gently used books donated in the past 2 months and our book sale room is overflowing. For the month of August you can buy a brown grocery bag full of books for \$3.00. There are lots of children's books, mysteries, romance, and science fiction, and some nonfiction as well. Stop in today to find some great books to add to your home collections.

We had such great support for the Penny War held in July! The Berlin library collected the top amount of \$1127.40 and will host the trophy for a year with the other 4 Green Lake County librarians hosting an ice cream social at the Berlin library on a date that works for everyone. Kingston was only \$5.05 behind Berlin with a total of \$1122.35. So even though we didn't win the actual Penny War, we still feel like it was a win for our library being the smallest library in the County and coming that close to the biggest library. It was great fun and we are already hoping that next year we can snag first place. And because we came so close, my library board has decided to also do an ice cream social at our library as a thank you to the community for their support. So if you like ice cream, watch the newspaper articles and library websites for upcoming ice cream social dates.

Story hour for the young children continues on Wednesdays at 9:30am and Thursdays at 4:30pm until the end of August. Then we will go back to holding it just once a week on Thursdays. The Loosely Bound Book Club continues to meet the last Tuesday of each month at 2pm. This month they are reading *The Daughters of Yalta*, a book about the Roosevelts, Churchills, and Harrimans. And we are working on the plans for our next basket fundraiser which will be held in Oct. Watch for future updates.

Sara Wilson – Kingston Public Library Director

Markesan – We had a very successful Summer Learning program this year with excellent participation! We had 85 kids participating, 7 teens, and 35 adults! Adults read 258 books and kids and teens turned in a total of 477 cards which equals 954 hours read or 57,240 minutes read. We had 11 for the raising rabbits' program or 14 if you count the presenters. We had 14 for the Rock Dog movie. We had 25 for water balloons and then an extra 8 who just wanted ice cream since we passed out ice cream that day too. In adult craft news Ladybug pavers had 11. And we had 15 of the Hello Pumpkins. We came in 3rd for the Penny Wars. We consider all of the libraries winners as we all got to keep the money we raised, and we all got to make people happy with ice cream. We also had the Hobby Farm animals at Augustfest with great turnout.

Planned activities for September are as listed. There will be two more adult crafts in September. Storytime will be starting up on Wednesdays at 10am, and we plan to do a pajama storytime on Sept. 30th at 6pm. We have the UW-Extension coming to do a Cooking with Science program with the 3-5th graders. Students will make rock candy, get DNA from strawberries, and make bouncy balls! We will also be having a program on raising Giant Pumpkins with the Oft family on Sept. 21 at 5:15. The county reads is going to be a sea faring/shipwreck theme and on Sat. Oct. 2 the Green Lake libraries will co-host have a scuba diver program and Singing Pirate program at the Green Lake library. There are also two family movies scheduled.

In other news, we've been very busy rearranging the library to make more room in the children's section and to make the entire library fresher and more functional. We started this process with library tours and now are in the stage of weeding and moving books. Our children's remodel committee also met a few times, and we have a pretty good direction on how we want to proceed. Our first step is to add color to the space and really delineate the children's space. We wanted to decide if we were going to do a mural or simply paint walls to achieve our first goal. We have a very good start to this with a vision in mind and ready to present to the library board for approval.

The library is also going to get a much-needed carpet cleaning and window cleaning. The boiler issue is still being discussed as well.

Thank you for all you do for our shared mission of serving the people of Green Lake County helping to raise our collective quality of life with learning, entertainment, and information services.

Nicole Overbeck – Markesan Public Library Director

Princeton – In August had we several successful programs, including a local author talk, medicare class, and take home crafts. We hosted Princeton's Women's Club and Garden Club meetings. We were notified that our Hometown History grant application was approved by the Wisconsin Humanities council, and we will be getting \$5,000 towards our digitization project for Princeton newspapers dating back to the 1800s.

On August 2nd, we had our "Tail End of the Summer Reading Program Party" from 4-7. We offered games, ice cream, face painting, and a canoe ride with the Voyageurs (Glen Gorsuch and Jerry Disterhaft). Jon Van Abel kindly donated his time to act as our library system's mascot, Winnie the Fox.



Marsh Haven Nature Center and the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter received their checks from our Summer Reading Program charity project, and were very appreciative. I sent Thank You letters and pictures to our sponsor, Webster's Marketplace, and they featured our initiative on their Facebook page.



On August 10th, the Green Lake County librarians met to discuss the upcoming Green Lake County Reads program, the county budget, and the results of the Penny War. Total were as follows: Berlin: \$1127.40 Kingston: \$1122.35 Princeton: \$849.39 Markesan: \$226.11 Green Lake: \$199.01.



On August 14th, we hosted The Bug radio station and the Princeton Chamber of Commerce for the city's Sip and Shop event. We had a lot of very happy people in the library, including a bachelorette party.

On August 30th, we had the Penny War Ice Cream Social at Berlin Public Library. All of the Green Lake County Librarians served ice cream for Berlin patrons. On August 31st, we had a virtual "ALL-WALS" meeting (all Winnefox librarians and the Winnefox system staff). We were told about upcoming tech updates, future changes to the PIN system, and other miscellaneous changes. We were also told:

Upcoming Events in September

Wednesday 1st, 9:30am: Mystery Book Club Join us in discussing "The Long Call" by Anne Cleaves.

Wednesday 8th, 6pm: Family Movie Night To celebrate Princeton's Whooping Crane and Nature Festival this weekend, we will show "Fly Away Home." All ages are welcome! Free popcorn and crafts.

Thursday 9th, 6pm: Canning & Food Preservation Class Learn how to keep your garden produce fresh all year— free! Taught by a food safety expert from the Green Lake County UW Madison Extension office. We must have at least 3 registrations to hold the class. Please RSVP by calling 920-295-6777.

Monday the 13th, 5-7pm: Knitting Club Join us! All levels of experience welcome— kids too.

Tues. 14th, 4-5pm: Medicare Class Are you confused about Medicare? Attend this free class taught by an expert.

Monday the 27th, 5-7pm : Knitting Club Join us! All levels of experience welcome— kids too.

Wednesday 29th, 9:30am: Mystery Book Club Join us for a double dose of mystery this month! We will be discussing "He Started It" by Samantha Dowling today. Mystery Book Club will not meet in October.

Friday 20th, 6pm: Documentary Movie Night "Eastland: The Shipwreck That Shook America" A PBS Production Come to the library to watch a fantastic PBS documentary movie about a little-known Chicago shipwreck that took more lives than the Titanic. The movie will be shown indoors on our big screen. Before you leave, check out our books and display on shipwrecks and shipwreck diving! This event is a precursor to the Green Lake County Reads shipwreck program taking place on Saturday, October 2nd from 1-4pm at the Caestecker (Green Lake) Library.

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between **Green Lake County**, a State of Wisconsin Municipal Corporation, hereinafter called "COUNTY," and the Winnefox Library System, a public library system organized in accordance with Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereinafter called "WINNEFOX."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Section 43.15(4)(b), the County may participate in a federated public library system if it does all of the following:

1. Adopts and maintains the plan of library service submitted and approved under Section 43.11(3) and 43.13(1).
2. Provides the financial support for library services required under sub. (2). [43.15(2)]
3. Enters into a written agreement with the public library system board to participate in the system and its activities and to furnish library services to residents of those municipalities in the county not maintaining a public library, and

WHEREAS, the plan of library service for a county... (43.11 [3] [c]) shall provide for library services to residents of those municipalities in the county not maintaining a public library under Chapter 43. The services shall include full access to public libraries in the county participating in the public library system. The plan shall specify the method and level of funding to be provided by the county to implement the services described in the plan and shall describe the services to be provided by the public library system and the allocation of state and county aid to fund those services, and

WHEREAS, Winnefox has been organized and operates as a federated public library system within the meaning of Section 43.19 Wisconsin Statutes, and

WHEREAS, Winnefox must, in order to qualify for and maintain its eligibility for state aid, provide all services outlined in Section 43.24(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Green Lake County to contract with Winnefox to provide for the extension and development of library services described in the Long-Range Plan of Library Service, hereinafter called the Plan, a copy of which is attached.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Winnefox Library System to negotiate and execute such Agreements as are necessary to implement the Plan attached hereto for the calendar year 2022 and each subsequent year for the plan's life.

2. The County agrees to participate in the Winnefox Library System and its activities.

3. The County agrees that all of the public libraries in Green Lake County should be compensated for serving Green Lake County residents living outside municipalities that maintain libraries. Accordingly, the Green Lake County Library Advisory Committee, composed of the Directors of the Libraries in Green Lake County, shall present an annual funding request based on this formula. It is understood that due to budget constraints the county may not be able to fund the full request in some years.

- a) Using the latest Annual Reports filed with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the public libraries in Green Lake County shall determine what percentage of the previous year's total circulation is to residents of Green Lake County residing outside of the municipalities which maintain libraries (county rural residents).

- b) The percentage of circulation to county rural residents shall be multiplied by the total operational expenditures of the libraries for the prior year. This figure shall constitute the libraries' request for reimbursement for services to Green Lake County rural residents.

$$\text{Total expenditures} \times \text{percentage of circulation to} = \text{Green Lake County support}$$

(a)
(b)
(c)

- c) If the figure calculated in 3b is less than the amount requested from the County in the previous, the libraries shall submit a request for reimbursement that matches the previous year's figure.

- d) The allocation of funds shall be as follows:
 - a) Each library shall receive funding equal to the previous year's funding as a base amount if possible.
 - b) Additional funding, if available, will be distributed evenly among those libraries whose cost per-circulation to rural Green Lake County residents is higher than their base amount.
 1. The cost per-circulation will be calculated using figures reported on their most recent annual reports. Each library shall determine their cost per-circulation by dividing their total operational expenditures by their total circulation for the service year.
 2. The cost per-circulation at each individual library shall be multiplied by the library's total rural circulation from Green Lake County.

4. Funds appropriated by Green Lake County shall also provide support for Winnefox Cooperative Technical Services (WCTS) which provides libraries with

- cooperative ordering, cataloging, material processing, and other services. The WCTS Executive Council with the assistance of the Green Lake Librarians Advisory Committee (LAC) shall determine the WCTS service program and shall submit a budget request to fund the county's share of the service program.
- 5 Green Lake County shall pay funds requested by libraries in adjacent counties under Section 43.12(1) of Wisconsin Statutes.
 - 6 Nothing in the funding formula shall preclude the libraries from requesting grant funds or special project funds from the County for a specific purpose. Approval of such a request shall be at the County's discretion.
 - 7 The County shall be entitled to membership on the library boards of the participating libraries as provided in sec. 43.60(3), Wis. Stats. The Green Lake County Board Chairman, subject to confirmation by the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors, shall appoint County members to the library boards.
 - 8 The County designates the Agriculture, Extension, Education & Fair Committee and the Green Lake County Librarians Advisory Committee as the Green Lake County Library Planning Committee.
 - 9 The borrower registration records of participating libraries may be audited by an official of Green Lake County appointed by the Chairman or County Board to ascertain that registration procedures for borrowers are applied equally to both city and county residents and that borrower percentage figures described in the Plan are accurate. This audit may not violate provisions of sec. 43.30, Wis. Stats. regarding confidentiality of library records.
 - 10 The parties agree to cooperate to further improve public library service to County residents.
 - 11 Winnefox agrees to provide such financial or operational reports of its activities as the County requests.
 - 12 Winnefox will present a request for a County library appropriation in accordance with the County's budgeting procedures and will distribute these funds to the participating libraries based on Member Library Agreements and the Plan.
 - 13 This Agreement shall go into effect January 1, 2022 and remain in effect through December 31, 2027, the life of the attached long-range plan. This Agreement may be amended at anytime by mutual agreement of both parties. The parties may abrogate it only by following procedures outlined in Wisconsin Statute 43.18.

APPENDIX A: Long-Range Plan of Library Service - Green Lake County 2022 - 2027

ATTACHMENT:

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

GREEN LAKE COUNTY, a State of
Wisconsin Municipal Corporation,
("COUNTY)

By: Harley Reabe, Chairman

Catherine Schmit, County Administrator

Dated: _____

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

WINNEFOX LIBRARY SYSTEM
(WINNEFOX)

By: Katherine Freund, WLS Board President

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Director

Dated _____

Green Lake County
Long Range Plan of Library Service 2022-2027

Statement of Principles:

1. Every resident of Green Lake County, regardless of address, should have equal, free, and convenient access to all 5 Green Lake County Libraries and all Winnefox Library System resources.
2. The Libraries of Green Lake County will continue to provide cost-effective services, materials, and opportunities to all residents.
3. The Libraries of Green Lake County will provide opportunities to combat illiteracy in the County.
4. Green Lake County will reimbursement libraries in adjacent counties for use of their rural residents in accordance with the level of reimbursement specified in Wis. Stat. 43.12.

Library Service Priorities 2022 through 2027:

Residents of Green Lake County enjoy the opportunity of receiving service from five unique libraries located within the county. The priorities and activities listed below are examples of priorities found in individual plans and policies and will be undertaken by one or more libraries.

Priority I: All libraries in Green Lake County recognize the value of establishing reading skills as a basis for lifelong learning and will continue to consider services to children and families to be a primary importance.

Activities:

- a. Establish/strengthen liaisons with other community organizations serving children and families such as Headstart, preschools, WIC, etc.
- b. Increase and diversify programming for children and families, including summer learning programs for all ages.
- c. Offer literacy activities providing opportunities for children and families to engage both in the library buildings and at home.

Priority II: The libraries in Green Lake County be central to community life for Green Lake County residents.

Activities:

- a. Provide a safe atmosphere for community interactions and events by providing resources such as meeting space, publicity, or co-sponsoring activities with other county organizations.
- b. Provide services that may not be readily available elsewhere such as community information, warming shelter, tax forms, a copy machine, fax machine, public access computers, etc.

Priority III: Green Lake County libraries will be leaders in providing access to information technology to all citizens of the county, promoting information literacy, and keeping up-to-date with all continuing technology as practical.

Activities:

- a. Provide access to the Internet, computers with word processing programs, online resources, and other technology needs, along with training for those that need it.
- b. Keep library technology devices up to date, so public service is not limited by equipment obsolescence.

Priority IV: Green Lake County libraries will work closely with local schools and homeschoolers as partners in the educational process.

Activities:

- a. Consult with teachers (public and homeschool) to obtain information on curriculum in order to provide better resources for students' homework needs.
- b. Provide book talks and offer library tours to encourage students to visit the library.
- c. Bring the library to the students with digital materials.

Priority V: Green Lake County libraries will prioritize providing inclusive services to all residents.

Activities:

- a. Form partnerships with service providers to both assess the needs of disabled individuals in the county and reach those in need of library services.
- b. Ensure that all facilities, technology, and resources are accessible to all.
- c. Provide home delivery of material as needed.

Priority VI: Green Lake County Libraries will facilitate lifelong learning for all county residents.

Activities:

- a. Consider adult learning needs to be a central collection development priority.
- b. Provide quiet areas for study as well as distance learning technology.
- c. Provide programming for adults.

Priority VII: Green Lake County libraries will be proactive in meeting changing needs within the county.

Activities:

- a. Library directors will continue to attend Library Advisory Committee meetings and meetings of other community organizations to discuss mutual concerns.
- b. Continually evaluate library usage patterns, discontinuing services that are no longer relevant and implementing new services to meet emerging needs.
- c. Revisit and update the long-range plan on a regular basis.
- d. Stay in touch with governmental officials soliciting their opinions regarding community needs.



This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Health & Well-Being Institute in August of 2021. During the reporting period, the educator made 86 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Green Lake County Fair

Money As You Grow program

I held a Money As You Grow program at the Green Lake County Fair on Friday afternoon that had over 40 participants. My original plan was to read the story “Lemonade in Winter” and discuss ways to save money before allowing the youth participants to decorate piggy banks. However, youth came and went as if it were a drop-in program so instead of reading the story, we discussed saving money and decorated piggy banks.



Beef Weigh-in

I also helped with the beef weigh-in at the fair as the Beef Superintendent needed another person to assist in writing down the weights.



Salt/Spice Program, Berlin Library

I held an evening program at Berlin Library in early August on healthy cooking: salt and spices. Americans eat too much salt. In fact, many Americans consume twice the amount of sodium that’s recommended as the upper limit for a healthy diet, and almost all that sodium comes from salt. Most of the food you eat – more than 75% - comes from packaged, processed, store-bought, and restaurant foods. That means the sodium is in your food before you even buy it, and generally, the more processed the food, the more likely it is to be made with lots of salt. There were 8 participants who learned ways to reduce salt intake, and flavor food with spices instead. All participants also made a spice blend to take home. The program was very successful, and I will be offering a similar program on sugar this fall.

Aging Mastery Program (AMP) for Caregivers, Green Lake County (regional)

August 4th marked the end of the 6-week AMP series I was teaching and facilitating for caregivers in Green Lake and surrounding counties. There were 7 participants who completed the program. Lessons were held for 3-hour sessions each Wednesday morning for 6-weeks this summer. I am collecting evaluation data and will share as I receive that information. Each class we collected at least one thing everyone was grateful for and made a wordle (pictured right) for the AMP graduation following our final class.



Aging Mastery Program

Gratefulness

Kids in the Kitchen, Berlin Summer Recreation Department

I taught 4 sessions of Kids in the Kitchen this summer through the Berlin Summer Recreation Department. I had a total of 19 youth participate in making fruit salsa and homemade cinnamon sugar tortilla chips. Youth learned how to

follow recipes, cut fruits, measure ingredients, and about fruits and vegetables.



Area 14 Health & Well-Being (HWB)/Human Development & Relationships (HDR) Newsletter

I am working with Area 14 HWB and HDR educators to develop an area newsletter for community partners and participants that will serve as an educational resource and programming calendar. We had a planning meeting in Montello in August. As educators, we each will submit articles on mental health, health & well-being, financial management, and parenting. We will include a place for recent program highlights and upcoming program opportunities, as well as a community partner spotlight. I am looking forward to seeing this come together and providing this tool for Green Lake County residents to learn about resources, and programs.

Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 64 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of August. 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.

Area 14 AED Search & Screen Committee

I was asked to serve on the search and screen committee for the Area 14 AED position. Next month we will be screening candidates and holding preliminary interviews for selected candidates.

Out of County Days

- 1 ½ Out of county days for August (Encouraging Financial Conversations statewide training, Stevens Point – 1; Area 14 Health & Well-Being/Human Development and Relationships Newsletter Planning Meeting, Montello – ½ day)
- 1 Out of county days planned for September (FoodWise/Health & Well-Being Educator Meeting, Montello – ½, Home & Community Education/HCE State Conference – presenting, Stevens Point – ½)

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GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Ben Jenkins
Green Lake County
Agricultural Educator
August 2021

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in August of 2021. During the reporting period, the educator made 202 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

Soil Health

On August 5th I gave a talk on soil health at the Green Lake County Fair. Then on August 21 I helped host the Land and Lake Families Field Day at Avalon Creek Farm. Subsequently I also hosted two cover crop walks later in the month. The first one being at Avalon Creek Farm showcasing the cover crop test plots and the second being at the Russ Hoffman Organic farm. All of these events were to educate growers on a different aspect of soil health.

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 have also been uploading the latest podcasts from UW-Madison Division of Extension that pertain to the agricultural needs of Green Lake County. I also wrote a Focus Article for the Berlin News covering the topic of cover crops. Concerns coming in in August included ideas for new enterprises, emerald ash borer, Japanese Beetle, drought stress, floriculture, weed id, and Pesticide Application.

Alternative Enterprises

I organized an informative meeting at HD Vineyards for anyone interested in starting a vineyard. Nan and Wayne Hanson graciously opened up their orchard for viewing and talked about how to get started in growing grapes and what it takes to maintain a productive vineyard.





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

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in August 2021. During the reporting period, the program educator made 124 direct educational and professional contacts.

Program Highlights

Green Lake County Fair 4-H Programs

4-H Science Bugs Program

On August 5th fairgoers stopped by the 4-H table to create a light-up science bug! Through this activity participants learned about simple circuits and electricity as they practiced lighting up LEDs to create their own science bug! 31 youth participated in this two-hour drop-in program.



Livestock Auction- Green Lake Co. Fair

The 4-H chartered group Livestock Council organized the Livestock Auction on August 6th. Morgan collaborated with 4-H volunteers and Ergo Bank (who provided the auction clerking services) for a successful livestock auction for young people to participate in and showcase their youth livestock project(s). On August 4th Morgan provided educational support during the animal weigh for beef, sheep, and swine exhibitors.

4-H Graduation

2021 4-H graduates were recognized during the Fair Awards Ceremony on August 8th. Recognition included sharing graduates 4-H story which included items such as advice to younger members and favorite 4-H memory.



4-H Record Book Work Night

August 16th 4-H Record Book work night was hosted in collaboration with the 4-H Leaders' Association at the Green Lake American Legion. 4-H leaders introduced the new 4-H Record Book pages, answered questions from members and leaders, and provided help on completing 4-H Record Books. Four members, four leaders, and one parent attended.

**Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities
Program Partnership Planning- Markesan Public Library**

Morgan met with Nicole Overbeck, Director, to partner on fall 4-H programs at the library. Morgan developed a two-part STEM program to be held at Markesan Public Library in September and October. Cooking up Science with 4-H will feature opportunities to explore basic science concepts through hands-on interactive activities such as extracting DNA from strawberries and creating rock candy.

August Meetings

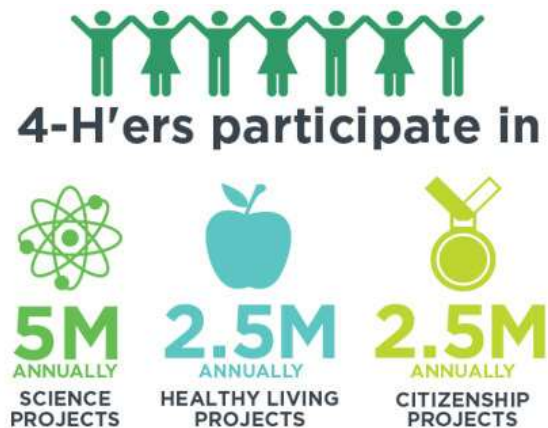
I continue to connect, learn and share with Extension colleagues via Zoom. Some of the meetings I participated in during the month of August:

- Positive Youth Development Institute and 4-H Program Meetings on 8/10
- WI 4-H Program Quality Committee on 8/3, 8/25

Out of County Days

- 0 Out of county days for August
- 1 Out of county days planned for September
- WI 4-H Regional Meeting, Fond du Lac, September 24

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Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

Workgroups

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 August 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, and started the planning process for a soil health series to be presented locally this winter.

Badger Crop Connect

I was invited and have accepted the invite to join the 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.

Out of County Days

0 Out of county days for August

0 Out of county days planned for September

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