



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

May 6, 2022

The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee (In Person and Zoom) Meeting that is Tuesday, May 10, 2022:

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the April 12, 2022 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Extension Reports for: Katie Gellings (Human Development & Relationships Educator), and Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Educator)
- 6) Agreement Letter – Green Lake County Extension Office FoodWise Federal Fiscal Year 2023
- 7) Fair Coordinator Report



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 Time: 9:00 a.m.
Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room
571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI

AGENDA

Committee Members

*Ken Bates
Nita Krenz
Don Lenz
District 1
District 8
Curt Talma,
alternate*

*Kathy
Ninneman,
Secretary*

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Election of Chair
5. Election of Vice Chair
6. Roll Call
7. Minutes: 4/12/22
8. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
9. Supervisor Orientation to Extension, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Green Lake County
10. Extension Green Lake County Staff Reports – submitted monthly report
 - Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director
 - Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educator
 - Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator
11. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
12. 2022-23 FoodWise Agreement Review and accept
13. Agriculture Staffing Discussion
14. Fair Coordinator Report – submitted report
15. Fair: Resolution: Relating to Use of General Fund reserve Funds for Highway Property Improvements Related to County Jr. Free Fair – Discussion/Approval
16. Fair: Fermented Malt Beverage Concession Agreement – Discussion/Approval
17. Fair: Highway Ground / Fairground Improvements
18. Fair: Contracts
19. Fair: Public Comments
20. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: June 14, 2022
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
21. Adjourn

This meeting will be conducted 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/82439782352?pwd=cFNEY3ZtUjVXWG44RmJYNlVnbldldz09>

Meeting ID: 824 3978 2352

Passcode: 274235

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.

AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

April 12, 2022

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair Garro, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 9:03 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. 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: Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director (Zoom)
Katie Gellings (Zoom at JCEP)
Ben Jenkins
Morgan Martinez (Zoom at JCEP)
Kathy Ninneman

Also Present: Laura Skalitzky, Princeton Public Library Director; Zach Knoke, Earthworks Land Services; Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (Zoom); Tony Daley, reporter, Berlin Journal Newspapers (Zoom) and Scott Mundro, editor, Berlin Journal Newspapers, (Zoom).

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hess/Mehn) to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting with no corrections or updates. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Chair Garro moved agenda item #14 after item #5 since Corporation Counsel, Dawn Klockow needed to leave to attend another meeting.

FAIR: FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE CONCESSION AGREEMENT

Corporation Counsel Klockow reported she drafted this agreement with the assistance of Milwaukee County. She suggested to the Committee to give her direction especially for Exhibit A, B or C. Much discussion was held. Fair Coordinator, Kathy Ninneman, will contact surrounding county fair boards for insight on their malt beverage operations and will meet with Klockow regarding the highlighted areas of the drafted agreement.

Motion/second (Bates/Mehn) to bring the Concession Agreement for Malt Beverages to the next Committee meeting in May. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Laura Skalitzky was present and gave a verbal report.

UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS

- **Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director** – Wagner has been busy with several different hiring processes, along with budget processes, County Committees and the GL County UWEX staff will begin their Civil Rights tasks.
- **Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educator** – Gellings provided updates and more information from her submitted report.

- **Ben Jenkins, Agriculture Educator** – Jenkins provided updates along with mention of him resigning as of April 30. He also provided his submitted report. Supervisor Bates expressed his concern of having the most active watershed in the state during the vacancy of this position after Jenkins departs.
- **Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator** – Martinez provided updates and more information from her submitted report.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS – discussion/approval

Motion/second (Hess/Mehn) to approve all out of county requests. Motion carried with no negative vote.

FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

Kathy Ninneman, Fair Coordinator, provided updates along with her submitted written report.

REQUEST FOR LINE ITEM TRANSFER – discussion/approval

Kathy Ninneman, Fair Coordinator, reported there are not funds budgeted specifically to attend the IAFE Zone 4 Meeting, since it isn't held in Wisconsin each year. She requested a line transfer within the budget for approval.

Motion/second (Hess/Mehn) to approve the line transfer within the budget. Motion carried with no negative vote.

FAIR COORDINATOR SPRING DISTRICT 4 MEETING ATTENDANCE– discussion/approval

Motion/second (Bates/Mehn) to approve Kathy Ninneman's attendance at the Spring District 4 Meeting which was held at the State Fair Park in Milwaukee, April 5. Motion carried with no negative vote.

RESOLUTION: RELATING TO USE OF GENERAL FUND RESERVE FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO COUNTY JR. FREE FAIR – discussion/approval

Discussion was had regarding the wording of this resolution. Supervisor Bates would like to receive a final copy of this resolution and bring to the Committee meeting in May.

FAIR MAINTENANCE BID APPROVAL

Fair Coordinator, Kathy Ninneman, reported that one bid was received in the office. On March 31 at 9 am, Chair Garro and Supervisor Bates, along with Ninneman opened the bid. It was from Earthworks Land Services for a cap of \$35,000.

Motion/second (Mehn/Hess) to approve the bid. Motion carried with no negative vote.

HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Discussion was regarding the track area for parking especially when there is rain. Will continue to work on improving this area.

FAIR CONTRACTS

- Face Painting & DJ by Dala: \$1,550.00
- Clyde & The Geezer: \$275.00
- Fox of the River Voyageur Canoe Exhibit: \$200.00
- Best Practice Band (For 2023 Fair): \$2,150.00

Motion/second (Hess/Mehn) to approve the above contracts. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

None.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Date: May 10, 2022
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion: If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Kathy Ninneman.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Garro adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

*Submitted by,
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*

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May 2022 Green Lake County Library Reports

Berlin – This month is filled with lots of activities that will keep our staff and patrons very busy. Last week we held our first Speed Puzzle Tournament and had 4 very enthusiastic teams sign up. The winning team of four completed their 1000-piece puzzle in 2 hours, which was 30 minutes before the tournament time cutoff. Two of the teams even had t-shirts made. We will definitely host this fun event again in the future!

Our Youth Librarian, Sam, has connected with middle and high school students to start up our Teen Library Club. Although the group is small right now, they have been eager to participate in programs. They will be developing an Escape Room and running a Pokémon card trading and game event on May 14. Being that teens are our most difficult group to connect with, we are very excited to get this group going again.

A Dungeons and Dragons event will be returning this Saturday and the registration is already full. We are planning to have this be a reoccurring event due to the popularity. This is another event that we are excited to be reaching out to a new group of individuals who have not used the library much in the past.

Throughout the month, we will be welcoming quite a few school classes for a visit to the library. The 4th grade will be coming to participate in a mini-Escape Room and scavenger hunt. Some of the Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders will also be visiting, getting a tour, and checking out books to use in their last few weeks of school. This will be the first time having the public school classes in the library since before COVID. Also on the schedule is a visit from the 8th graders for a school project.

This week we are hosting our 4th annual plant swap, where we invite anyone to bring a plant and take a plant. We usually end with more coming in than going out, as everyone is very generous with their extras. In addition, we are also hosting other programs such as an adult game night, a teen laser tag, watercolor painting class, adult craft night, movie afternoon, book clubs, and storytimes. And in between all of that, we are putting together our Summer Reading Program with some very exciting things planned. Sam will also be visiting all the schools to promote the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

Tonight, I will be attending the Berlin Lions Club meeting to thank the group for the donation of a Video Magnifier. This is an excellent addition to help visually impaired patrons. The magnifier has the capability to read text, enlarge, change font and color schemes to help visually impaired patrons. If you are at the Berlin Library, ask for a demonstration.

Happy Reading,
Chris Kalupa – Berlin Public Library Director

Green Lake Caestecker – Green Lake is celebrating its 175th Anniversary and the Dartford Historical Society held two programs at the library in April to celebrate. We had treats from the Heidel House cookbook to enjoy, local artifacts, celebratory 175th t-shirts and glassware to purchase, and informative presentations on Green Lake history. We had over 80 people in attendance eager to learn more about how the Green Lake we know today started out. In May we will have a display in the library of previous anniversary festivities, with pictures and news articles from the time.

In celebration of Earth Day (4/22), we recently gave out 60 Red Oak saplings to interested library patrons. Hopefully each one has been planted in its new home and they will grow and beautify our community for generations to come. Thank you to our tree adopters!

The library Knitting Group meets every Monday from 10 am -noon, and all skill levels are welcome. If you want to get into the hobby or practice a new pattern, then come visit with your neighbors and enjoy time learning and doing together. If you've read or listened to a new book over the past few weeks, then we would love to have you join us for Roasts & Reads at 10 am on May 3, by the fireplace. We can sip on some coffee, talk over recent reads, learn about what's coming out, give recommendations to others around the circle, and place holds to keep you reading all month long. For the kids and caregivers, Storytime is every Wednesday starting at 10 am and we have some new fun additions in the kids' room to increase creative and collective play. We are busy planning summer reading activities, programs, craft packs, and engagement opportunities for kids and adults alike. If you haven't visited the library recently, stop by soon to visit with us and see all that we have to share with you.

Other upcoming Events and holiday hours at the Caestecker Library are below. More info and details can be found at greenlakelibrary.org or on our Facebook page.

- Beth Lind will be displaying some of her artwork in the Hickory room during the month of May.
- Friends Book Sales: Wednesday, May 4th 1pm-4pm, Saturday, April 21st, 9am-1pm

- Adult Crafternoons have been moved to Tuesdays: May 10 at 1 pm- Spring Swags, May 24 at 1 pm, - Beeswax Storage Wraps
- Constant Reader Book Club: Wednesday, May 11th at 3 pm to discuss Maria Semple's "Where'd You Go, Bernadette."
- Thursday Movie Matinees starting at 2pm to catch up on Oscar winners and new releases: 4/5 Spiderman: No Way Home, 4/12 Marry Me, 4/19 Sing 2, 5/26 King Richard
- The library will be closed May 29 & 30 for staff and volunteers to celebrate the Memorial Day holiday.

Our new website is now live. We will continue rolling out new features in the coming months and adapting to community feedback. A big thanks to Jay at Winnefox for all of his hard work over the past few months bringing this dream to life.

Christina Lyon – Caestecker Public Library Director

Kingston Mill Pond – Does life have you feeling stressed? Do these gray, rainy days have you feeling down? If so, come to our Wellness Program on Acupressure, held on Wednesday May 11th at 9:30 am. What might you learn? Sue Johnson, a Reiki master teacher, also certified in clinical acupressure, will be talking on a number of topics. You'll get an introduction to Chinese medicine and your body's energy. Learn what acupressure is. AND... learn how to "push your own buttons" using acupressure to practice stress release. That's right, you can learn a technique that could be used at home, or at the office, or wherever you might need it, to relax and relieve stress. So mark your calendar for next Wednesday, and head to the library in Kingston for a presentation that will help you feel brighter and lighter in no time at all!

There was hot and heavy bidding the last minutes of the Spring Thing silent auction, which concluded this past Saturday at 11 am. Several items were of high interest, including the wooden rocking chair, a Fleet Farm gift certificate, the Ronald McDonald glasses, and the mosaic brick lights to name a few. There were 69 different items to bid on, and the library greatly appreciates the support that we receive from our customers, both the donors and the bidders!

The Area Apron display was taken down the 1st of May and the lovely aprons will go out the door and back to their owners. Thank you all for lending them to us. We are thinking of calling our next display "Get Lit at the Library". Bet you can't guess what we'll be putting in there! We'll be working on the display this week, so watch the paper or our Facebook page, to see if you guessed correct!!

Sara Wilson – Mill Pond Public Library Director

Markesan – New to us and new to you, the Markesan Public Library has some very exciting additions from Wi-Fi Hotspots to Wonderbooks to Children's furniture to fresh programming and a Silent Garden Art Auction.

Thanks to a generous grant from the American Rescue Plan Act, the Markesan Public Library now has two new wi-fi hotspots for patrons 18 and over to checkout. These wi-fi hotspots operate through cellular data provided by US Cellular. Wherever US cellular coverage is available there too will our wi-fi hotspots work to provide our patrons with free wi-fi service. Checkouts are good for two-weeks at a time.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Oshkosh Area Foundation and the Websters Foundation, the library now has a collection of Wonderbooks. "Every Wonderbook is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Kids will press play to read along with their favorite books and then switch to learning mode for literacy learning and fun." (playaway.com). We have a total of 12 Wonderbooks and hope to expand the collection over time.

Thanks to all our local donors from the 2021 Chair Affair, the children's area now has a new Nugget for kids to enjoy. A Nugget is a play couch that can also convert into a fort or other builds. We purchased the Toy Story themed colored nugget. Thanks to Stacey Hein who donated her time and talent we also now have an updated, colorful book display. We will display all kinds of picture books along rotating themes in this refreshed book bin. Stacey also added a chalk board side and white board side to the unit so kids can engage their imaginations through art. Stacey also finished the colorful mural now gracing the walls (thank you to Ness Electric for use of your very, very tall ladder). Watch for more updates to the children's area in the future. We have big plans!

Programming counts continue to be healthy. We've been having a growing storytime with four families attending and 11 kids. The partnership we have with the Childrens Hospital Play & Learn will continue until the end of May. They visit the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and we incorporate their programming into our weekly storytime. We had a Bunny Pageant. National Library Week offered fine

forgiveness and refreshments. We are starting a Teen Friends of the Library group. Our book club is growing with 6 patrons attending our last meeting. Adult Craft kits continue to be vastly popular, and the school has also been receiving monthly craft kits for their teacher's group. Upcoming we have the UW-Extension 4-H offering fabulous STEM programming for our 3-7 graders. There will be planting a positive thought garden, building a robotic arm, and an herb garden workshop in May. We also will have an in-person Charcuterie Class for the adults led by Kathy McCarthy of Mill Street Haven Cooking School. And Zoozort will be at Markesan Elementary School on May 25 to kick off/promote for our Summer Reading Program "Oceans of Possibilities".

An important fundraiser is taking place now at our library. The Home & Garden Silent Auction. The handcrafted benches, planters, quilt runners, signs, wine glasses, along with original artists prints/sketches, gift baskets, and cute knickknacks must be seen to be appreciated. Library staff is very impressed by the beautiful and varied items up for silent auction this year. Bids start at \$5 and should be added in increments of \$1. Bids can be taken by phone up until 10am on Sat., May 14. The close of bids is at 11am on Sat. May 14th. All proceeds will go towards our children and teen programs. We are so thankful to our donors and our bidders.

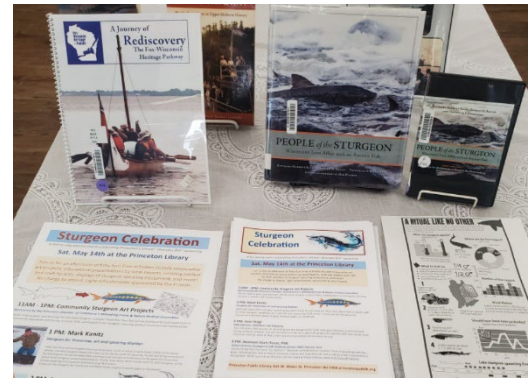
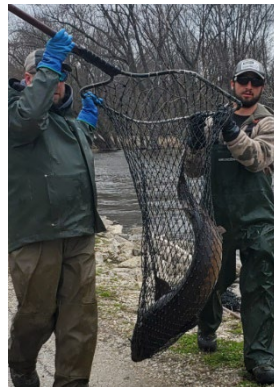
And lastly onto building news, we are moving ahead with a boiler replacement. Our current boiler is approx. 23 years old and we had issues with it over the past few years. Just recently there has been a water leak in the boiler. We are working with city maintenance to complete this project. We may also have a faulty water softener. More than likely our invested donation funds which we use each year to help cover our budget will be utilized. I am also applying for other funding.

Thank you for your continuous support of the Markesan Public Library and our other Green Lake libraires!

Nicole Overbeck – Markesan Public Library

Princeton – April was a fairly busy month, with plenty of activities, several sick days, and lots of planning for the upcoming Summer Reading Program. We are very excited to have firmed up the last of our programs, so now we're working on all of the

associated handouts and PR – reading logs, posters, flyers, Facebook events, website calendars, etc. The sturgeon spawned in Princeton, and we passed out educational flyers from the DNR and posters for our Sturgeon Celebration event on the riverbank. Many people were there to see the WI DNR, Georgia Fish & Wildlife, and Tennessee Aquarium catch sturgeon for various science projects. We invited everyone to the library to check out books on these amazing, giant "dinosaur fish."



Technology

We dealt with a computer issue, backed up files on the staff computers, and worked through a lot of difficulties with our digitization project.

Programs

Our ongoing Easter egg hunt was once again a huge success. Families absolutely love being able to come to the library to hunt eggs no matter what the weather is outside, and they don't mind that not every egg has a prize. Michelle Golz and others donated some candy for this event. Over 30 kids participated.

National Library Week went very well. About two dozen people enjoyed the recycled paper flower crafts, many people got seeds from the Seed Library, and the I Spy display was enjoyed by all. Only a small handful of people took advantage of the Food for Fines drive. Many people simply donated items without asking for any fines to be waived. We sent an SUV full of food and hygiene items for the Green Lake Food Pantry!

Brian Podoll from the Ancestry genealogy and DNA company gave a fascinating talk on the 18th, and the story was reported in the Princeton Times-Republic.

The red oak tree adoption program was a little rough, but every one of the 40 trees found a grateful home.

The knitting club is having so much fun, they want to continue to meet twice per month for the rest of the year, even though winter is over. We've had several donations of yarn and knitting needles.

Staff

We dealt with lots of illness this month- everyone on the team including our cleaning lady and intern, was taken down at one point or another by colds, flu, and Covid-19. Fortunately, everyone is always great about being flexible and covering for each other.

We have been working hard on weeding reports, removing books that have not been checked out in two or more years and have had less than eight checkouts in their lifetime. These will be put on the book sale to make room for new materials.

All staff continue to do the Infosec security training provided by Winnefox.

At the monthly LAC meeting in Markesan, we all agreed to hold another "Penny War" fundraising drive in July. All money collected will belong to the library that collected it. Berlin currently holds the trophy for most money collected.

Friends of the Library

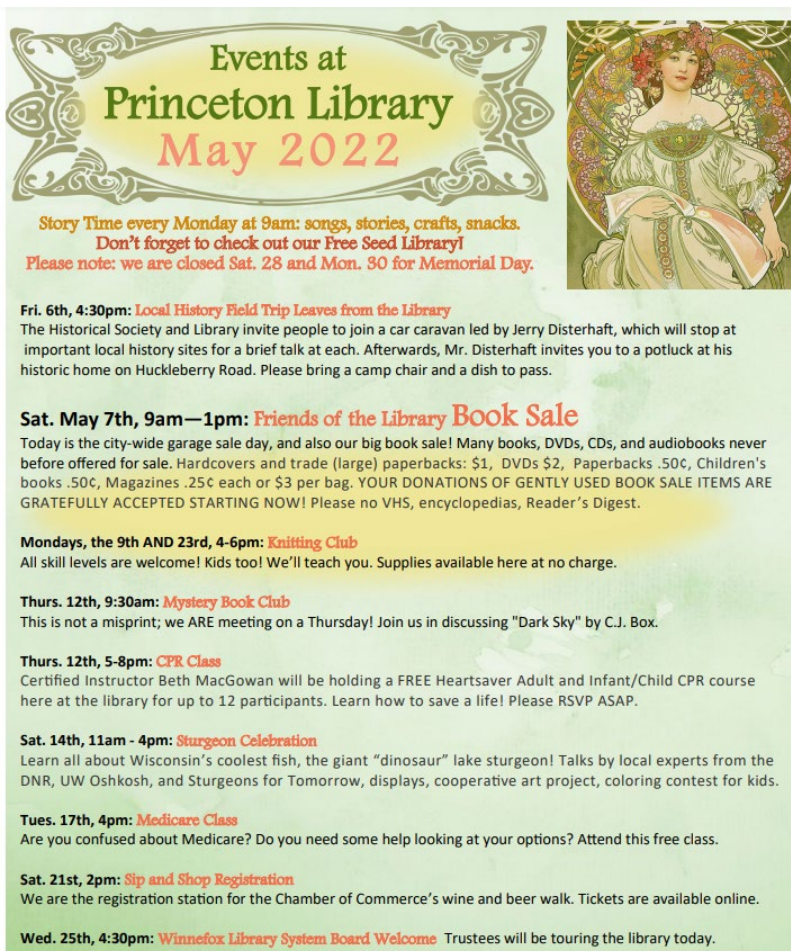
The Friends of the Library met on the 13th. They will be having their annual book sale on Saturday, May 7th (city-wide garage sale weekend). Many donations of like-new items have already come in, and even after switching out our old copies for new ones, there is a lot of great stuff that will be for sale! This includes a lot of DVDs, Blu-rays, large print books, and a TON of cookbooks and quilting books. We are having to use the small conference room as storage for book sale items, and even that is getting full.

The Friends is looking to invest more than half of their current savings with the Oshkosh Community Foundation under their own account and asked me to get that process started. The idea is that it will earn more interest that way.

I talked to the Friends about some tentative plans for getting our backyard in shape and requested \$2,000 towards fencing. They gave it to us - thank you! The Friends will also be providing refreshments for our Sturgeon Celebration on May 14th and the Winnefox Library Board tour on May 25th.

Garden / Back Yard Project

On April 13th, I met with a small group to discuss the issues we're having in the back yard, and possible donations we'd need to get it in shape. Currently, we have erosion/drainage issues, poor soil, and few plants. Fortunately, we have several wonderful volunteers and donors lined up to make some magic happen! In addition to the Friends donation, Barb Morrison of Blooms and Scapes is willing to donate plants, labor hours with her landscaping crew, and a new arbor/bench in honor of her parents, the Weirs. The Princeton Women's Club is doing some fundraising and hopes to match the Friend's donation. It is truly amazing how generous our community is, and we wouldn't be here without their kindness!



Events at Princeton Library May 2022

Story Time every Monday at 9am: songs, stories, crafts, snacks.
Don't forget to check out our Free Seed Library!
Please note: we are closed Sat. 28 and Mon. 30 for Memorial Day.

Fri. 6th, 4:30pm: Local History Field Trip Leaves from the Library
The Historical Society and Library invite people to join a car caravan led by Jerry Disterhaft, which will stop at important local history sites for a brief talk at each. Afterwards, Mr. Disterhaft invites you to a potluck at his historic home on Huckleberry Road. Please bring a camp chair and a dish to pass.

Sat. May 7th, 9am—1pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale
Today is the city-wide garage sale day, and also our big book sale! Many books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks never before offered for sale. Hardcover and trade (large) paperbacks: \$1, DVDs \$2, Paperbacks .50c, Children's books .50c, Magazines .25c each or \$3 per bag. YOUR DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED BOOK SALE ITEMS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED STARTING NOW! Please no VHS, encyclopedias, Reader's Digest.

Mondays, the 9th AND 23rd, 4-6pm: Knitting Club
All skill levels are welcome! Kids too! We'll teach you. Supplies available here at no charge.

Thurs. 12th, 9:30am: Mystery Book Club
This is not a misprint; we ARE meeting on a Thursday! Join us in discussing "Dark Sky" by C.J. Box.

Thurs. 12th, 5-8pm: CPR Class
Certified Instructor Beth MacGowan will be holding a FREE Heartsaver Adult and Infant/Child CPR course here at the library for up to 12 participants. Learn how to save a life! Please RSVP ASAP.

Sat. 14th, 11am - 4pm: Sturgeon Celebration
Learn all about Wisconsin's coolest fish, the giant "dinosaur" lake sturgeon! Talks by local experts from the DNR, UW Oshkosh, and Sturgeons for Tomorrow, displays, cooperative art project, coloring contest for kids.

Tues. 17th, 4pm: Medicare Class
Are you confused about Medicare? Do you need some help looking at your options? Attend this free class.

Sat. 21st, 2pm: Sip and Shop Registration
We are the registration station for the Chamber of Commerce's wine and beer walk. Tickets are available online.

Wed. 25th, 4:30pm: Winnefox Library System Board Welcome Trustees will be touring the library today.



This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Human Development & Relationships Institute, as well as the Health & Well-Being Institute in April of 2022. During the reporting period, the educator made 98 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Be aMAYzing BINGO, Green Lake County & Marquette County

Since January, I have been serving on a sub-committee of the Community Health Action Team (CHAT) from ThedaCare – Berlin, which been working on a self-care challenge. With the recent pandemic, both Green Lake and Marquette Counties have seen a shift in the need for mental, physical and social health. Recent studies have provided evidence from the earlier stages of the COVID-19 lockdown, showing that the higher perception of stress, the less self-care activities are adopted, and in turn the lower the beneficial effects on well-being. The Berlin Community Health Action Team (CHAT) decided to form a team to format and implement a Self-Care Challenge for the community. This challenge will support healthy habits to impact continued health and well-being in the community. The challenge will run for 4 weeks beginning in May and is called the Be aMAYzing Challenge. Community members in Green Lake and Marquette Counties will have the opportunity to participate in various activities that promote self-care through medical access, mental health, healthy activities, and generosity. Wellness-specific prizes will be awarded to participants. The Self-Care Challenge project team, which derived from CHAT in Berlin, consists of representatives from Green Lake Public Health Department, Marquette County Health Department, City of Berlin, Town Square (Green Lake), and Green Lake County Extension.



Financial Wellness Workshops, Green Lake County Correctional Facility

At the end of April, I began teaching at GLCCF again. I have seven male inmates who are currently in the process of completing their financial wellness workshops. I taught two separate groups for 1 hour each for the first workshop, Building Credit and Managing Debt. All participants get a certificate of completion for each workshop. The final two workshops will be held in early May.

The Literacy Link, Green Lake County Correctional Facility

In April, I joined The Literacy Link (LL) team which makes GLCCF the 11th facility in WI to participate in this program. Research has shown that children of incarcerated parents are at risk for delayed cognitive



development, lagging literacy comprehension, and social emotional difficulties. The LL project is an approach that builds reading, communicating, and listening abilities with young children in justice-involved families. The emphasis is on building relationships and spontaneous engagement between children and their parents and caregivers through literacy. These relationships serve as buffers to the elevated stress that justice-involved families experience. The program has worked closely with its county jail partners to remake physical space so environments nurture literacy interactions during jail visits.

LL connects children and parents in justice-involved families:

- to foster healthy family relationships by promoting positive, literacy-focused interactions between children and their justice-involved parents and caregivers

- to promote language and literacy skills in children by creating literacy rich experiences in jail and justice settings that extend into the home.

I will be teaching Making Reading Memories and Read & Connect classes at GLCCF and parents will have the opportunity to record a storybook video for their children if they complete the classes.

Upcoming Scheduled Programs

May 3 – 3:00pm-4:00pm – **Financial Coaching**

May 3 – 12:30pm-2:00pm – **Nutrition/Kids in the Kitchen (Green Lake County Behavioral Health)**

May 4, 11 – 2:00pm-4:00pm – **Financial Wellness Workshop (Green Lake County Correctional Facility)**

May 17 – 2:00pm-3:00pm – **Healthy Eating (Edgewater Apartments, Berlin)**

Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunitites

I made 201 contacts within the UW Madison Division of Extension system during the month of April. I continue to have a number of professional meetings scheduled with colleagues to continue to network and learn from other Extension educators.

Planning AHEAD Training

Planning AHEAD is an end-of-life planning curriculum for all ages developed by UW–Madison Division of Extension faculty and staff. This 7-session research-based program will help participants understand how to prepare for the end of life for themselves or a loved one, and why it's important to have a plan in place. I completed a two-day training to become a facilitator for the Planning AHEAD curriculum in April via Zoom. The Waushara County Health & Well-Being Educator and I plan to teach this program in Berlin this summer.

planning **AHEAD** PROGRAM TOPICS:

 Handling Financial Changes	 Advance Medical and Legal Directives	 Getting Started
 Choices in End-of-Life Care	 Final Wishes	 Estate Planning
		 Understanding Grief

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Conference Planning Committee

I served on the JCEP Conference Planning Committee and was specifically planning the awards/banquet portion of the conference in Rothschild, WI. Our committee met monthly since the middle of 2021 and the conference was successfully held on April 12.

Out of County Days

- 2 Out of county days for April (Joint Council of Extension Professionals/JCEP Conference in Rothschild, 1 day; 2022 Academic Staff Institute Meeting in Madison, 1 day)
- 2 Out of county days planned for May (Personal Finance Seminar for Professionals in West Bend, 1 day; Human Development & Relationships Institute Regional Meeting in Stevens Point, 1 day*)

* Travel expenses are covered by Extension



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Morgan Martinez
Green Lake County
4-H Program Educator
April 2022

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in April 2022. During the reporting period, the program educator made 86 direct educational and professional contacts.

Program Highlights

Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association

Organized at the county level, the 4-H Leaders' Association brings together volunteers to serve as a venue for volunteer leader training and an organizing mechanism in providing volunteer and financial support for county level educational opportunities for 4-H members and 4-H volunteers. I attended their meeting on April 7, 2022. The meeting covered a variety of topics including 4-H educational travel experiences (Discover WI Trip and 4-H Camp), fundraising opportunities to support 4-H youth, and summer community event to promote Green Lake County 4-H.

Livestock Council

I attended the Green Lake County Livestock Council meeting which was held on April 19, 2022 in the GLC Gov. Center Training Room. The Board of Directors discussed educational programming opportunities for members, livestock animal tagging, and youth auction participation requirements.

Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

Hybrid JCEP WI Conference

JCEP Wisconsin is a partnership of professional Extension organizations that focuses on strengthening the efforts of the member organizations and does what each cannot do individually. Two of the sessions attended included learning about the planning, implementation, retention and engagement of a Juntos 4-H club and how empowering local youth increases their social capital while simultaneously informing and improving community decision making.

The WI Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals (WAE4-HYDP) held their awards recognition banquet during this conference. The work the Wisconsin 4-H Movement Team, which I am a member of, was recognized for our work and received the following awards:

2022 Team Social Media Package- Fourward Together with Chris Clover- Chris Clover was introduced via social media to Wisconsin 4-H'ers in the summer of 2021! This was the beginning of an adventure filled social media campaign designed to get Wisconsin 4-H'ers on the move and sharing how they live out The Wisconsin 4-H Movement!

2022 Team Promotional Package- In Wisconsin 4-H we value belonging together, building connections, being yourself, exploring new opportunities, giving back to your community, and discovering new skills. This message was the theme of the summer promotion for the local 4-H program and provided successful in recruiting new members and sending a positive message about 4-H!

Introduction to Gender Identity: A Camp Focus

This professional development series was held on April 22 and April 29, 2022 via Zoom. This series introduced the definitions and terms that are used in relation to gender, sex, and sexual orientation to build upon the foundation of knowledge regarding LGBTQ+ identities, particularly as it pertains to overnight camps and programs. This series built awareness of best practices to support campers, counselors, and staff who represent all genders, sexes, and sexual orientations including utilizing appropriate language in camp documents, consideration of program facilities, and sharing resources. Series facilitator Kayla Oberstadt is the Older Youth Leadership Program Specialist at Ohio 4-H Youth Development and the co-chair of the LGBTQ+ Youth/Community Champion Group within the Access, Equity and Belonging Program Leaders Working Group.

Civil Rights Training

I participated in Area 14 Civil Rights Training on April 28, 2022. This hybrid training opportunity helped me to better understand UW-Madison Division of Extension civil rights responsibilities to ensure that I am complying with federal civil rights laws as well as ensuring that my programs and locations are accessible and welcoming to all.

April Meetings

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

- WI 4-H Program Quality Committee on 4/6, 4/13, 4/20
- Wisconsin 4-H Program Meeting on 4/7, 4/14

Out of County Days

0 Out of county days for April

1 Out of county day planned for May

- Wisconsin 4-H Regional Meeting, La Farge, May 5

* Travel expenses are covered by Extension



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March Report for the May 10, 2022 meeting

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

2022 Fair

- Judges – waiting on two judges
- Food Trucks/Stands contracts from:
 - Received GL County Farm Bureau – 4-25-22
- BestWay Driving Academy, owners Mike & Sheila Pulice, along with Green Lake Service Center owner Greg Woyak, will have a vehicle at the fair and educate fairgoers how to change a tire and discuss any other automobile basics.
- East Central WI Beekeepers Association will be bringing an educational display to the Fair on Friday and Saturday.
- Commercial Space contracts continue to come in.
- Country Clovers 4-H Club will again be having their Pancake Breakfast on Friday morning.
- Maintenance Independent Contractor will be Zach Knoke, owner of Earthworks Landscaping.
- All Fair Superintendents have been contacted. Drew Reyes will be the new Archery superintendent.
- Mailed out Award Sponsor letters – received confirmation from the majority that they will continue to sponsor this year.
- Fair Partnership Sponsor donations – received \$10,991.00 to date from 50 businesses.
- A&P Carnival and Kwik Trip will again sponsor the youth bike giveaway.
- Emailed a request to have “Addie the Cow” come to our fair, but she is not traveling anymore due to short staffing.
- Sent a couple requests to two different dance studios to have youth perform from the area. One is on vacation and the other could not due to ending their classes in April and not starting up until October.
- The Green Lake Federated Church will again hold their Sunday worship service at the fair.
- I contacted the Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association about bringing the Spudmobile to the fair again. Unfortunately, they only have one driver, and with the DOT regulations for CDL drivers, he can only be on duty for so many hours each week. So that’s the main reason it is not able to make a lot of appearances.
- Our Fairest of the Fair, Sadie Goettl, is in the process of organizing a new event at the fair called “Stars of the Show” which is for specifically-challenged students. Under the guidance of their 4-H or FFA mentors, a parent and their caseworker, each will be able to experience exhibiting an animal at our fair in a safe environment.

See you at the Green Lake County Fair August 4-7, 2022



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.