

## GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

## August 8, 2022

The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee (In Person and Zoom) Meeting that is Tuesday, August 16, 2022:

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Amended Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the July 12, 2022 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Extension Reports for: Katie Gellings (Human Development & Relationships Educator), Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Educator) and Natasha Paris (Regional Crops Educator).



## GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 Time: 9:00 a.m. Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI

#### \*AMENDED AGENDA

#### Committee Members

Ken Bates, Chair Nita Krenz, Vice Chair Don Lenz District I District 8 Curt Talma, alternate

Kathy Ninneman, Secretary

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Roll Call
- 5. Minutes: 7/12/22
- 6. Public Comments
- 7. \*Correspondence: Letter from Kurt Piernot
- 8. County Library Services Report submitted monthly report
- 9. 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
  - Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator
- 10. Regional Agriculture Staffing Update possible Discussion/Approval
- 11. 2023 Extension Green Lake County Budget Request Discussion
- 12. Approval of Educator Out of County Days Discussion/Approval
- 13. Fair Coordinator Report submitted report
- 14. Fair: Recap 2022 Fair
- 15. Fair: 2023 Budget Request
- 16. ARPA Funding Update
- 17. Fair: Highway Ground / Fairground Improvements
- 18. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: September 13, 2022
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
- 19. 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/83986357901?pwd=T1dqSzJSZ0ljQmNzdU5ZUWowaTc5QT09

Meeting ID: 839 8635 7901

Passcode: 186546

**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.

## AGRIGULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE July 12, 2022

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Vice Chair, Nita Krenz, on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 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. Requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call taken.

Present: Ken Bates (Zoom)

Nancy Hiestand Nancy Hoffmann

Nita Krenz Don Lenz

Staff Present: Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director

Katie Gellings Morgan Martinez Kathy Ninneman Natasha Paris

Also Present: Chris Kalupa, Berlin Public Library Director; Christina Lyon, Caestecker Public Library

Director; Sara Wilson, Mill Pond Public Library Director; Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Public Library Director; Laura Skalitsky, Princeton Public Library Director; Crystal Marshall, Winnefox Library System, Technical Support; Clairellyn Sommersmith,

Assistant Director, Winnefox Library System; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Heidi Johnson, Director of Division of Extension Agriculture Institute; Sheriff Padoll; Chief Deputy VandeKolk; Zach Knoke, Fair Maintenance; Tammy Goettl, Livestock Council Treasurer; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Tony Daley, reporter, Berlin Journal

Newspapers (Zoom).

#### **MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Lenz/Hoffmann)* to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

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

#### 2023 COUNTY LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST

Sommersmith explained the funding request. Several library directors spoke of the effects it has on their libraries. Administrator Schmit also gave an explanation from the county side. It will be forwarded on to Administrator Schmit.

#### PAT WAGNER, AREA 14 EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT

Wagner gave a report of Area 14 happenings and the various hiring.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NATASHA PARIS, REGIONAL CROPS EDUCATOR

Wagner introduced Paris as the Regional Crops Educator for Green Lake, Adams, Marquette and Waushara Counties who began her position on July 1. Paris further expounded on her educational career.

# PRESENTATION ON UW-MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION'S AGRICULTURE STAFFING PLAN

Heidi Johnson, Agriculture Institute Director, gave an overview of Extension's Agriculture Staff Plan.

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

- Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educator Gellings provided updates and information from her submitted report.
- Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator Martinez provided updates and information from her submitted report.

#### APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS – discussion/approval

*Motion/second (Hoffmann/Lenz)* to approve all out of county requests. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Item #15 was moved before Item #14 per County Administrator Cathy Schmit's request to Vice Chair Krenz, as she had to leave for an appointment.

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

Supervisor Bates explained the outcome from the Finance Committee meeting on 6-22-22. The Finance Committee is going to advise the Highway Committee to request the \$34,000 in the 2023 budget instead. It will now go to County Board in August.

#### FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

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

#### **FAIR SECURITY PLAN**

Sheriff Mark Podoll and Chief Deputy Matt VandeKolk gave a presentation on the security plan during the fair. After the fair they will discuss the outcome and make the necessary changes for the future.

#### FAIR: FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE CONCESSION AGREEMENT

The wording in #4 was updated per Corporation Counsel.

#### HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGOUND IMPROVEMENTS

Supervisor Bates had some suggestions regarding the use of ARPA funds. Discussion regarding improvements to the existing fairgrounds and to plan for the future of a new fairgrounds.

#### **FAIR CONTRACTS**

Pulvermacher's Temporary Services Agreement.

Motion/second (Bates/Lenz) to approve the contract. Motion carried with no negative vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)**

None.

#### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

• Future Meeting Date: August 16, 2022

• Future Agenda items for action & discussion: If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Chair Ken Bates or Kathy Ninneman.

#### **TOUR GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Supervisors Bates, Hoffmann and Lenz could not attend. Supervisors Krenz and Hiestand, Fair Coordinator Kathy Ninneman and Fair Maintenance Director Zach Knoke toured the fairgrounds.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Krenz adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Submitted by, Kathy Ninneman, Secretary

#### **August 2022 Green Lake County Library Reports**

**Berlin –** Our 2022 Summer Reading Program ended on a high note with a final count of 344 participants who logged a total of 192,210 minutes read by the kids and close to 1000 books read by the adults. Many parents commented that the SRP program really encouraged their kids to keep reading throughout the summer, helping them maintain their reading level. My favorite comment about the SRP program came from a 7-year-old boy. He said he was excited to earn reading cards by reading to his little brother, who also got to turn in cards for listening. He was so enthusiastic! Excitedly, he won a prize in the drawings also. This makes the program worth all the effort of organizing everything.

Representing the GL libraries, the Berlin Library, along with Crystal from the Winnefox WCTS office, provided a storytime and craft at the Green Lake County Fair. This was attended by about 30 kids and parents. They really enjoyed the puppet show, stories, and songs.

August brings new opportunity to connect with our patrons. We are bringing back the popular August Bonus Summer Reading Program to encourage reading up to until school starts. Although participation is a little less, some are taking it as a true challenge and reading like crazy.

Other August programs for all ages are:

- Greybeard, the Ancient Mariner, Family program on August 11
- Adult Game night on August 12
- Dungeons & Dragons program on August 18
- Adult Crafternoon on August 18
- Back-to-school Bash on August 25
- Teen Library Club on August 26

Besides programs and activities, our staff is working on several projects to make our library a better space for our community. We are updating signage, updating the front of the library, and looking at new space needs in our children's department.

We will be meeting with school representatives to discuss collaboration heading into the school year and more classroom visits.

Chris Kalupa – Berlin Public Library Director

**Green Lake Caestecker –** At long last, our microfilm digitization project is complete! Digital editions of the Green Lake County Reporter from 1919-2005, The Green Lake Spectator from 1860-1866, census records from various Wisconsin counties from 1850 and 1860, and a wide variety of miscellaneous papers dating back to before Wisconsin was a state (!) are now available in fully searchable format. Visit - <a href="https://archives.winnefox.org">https://archives.winnefox.org</a> directly, or find it pinned to the top of our website after Monday, August 1st. It is a treasure trove of history.

Now that summer reading is over our programming pace will slow down a bit, but we still have engagement opportunities lined up for the month. On August 2<sup>nd</sup> we have plenty to keep busy with starting at 10am. Roasts & Reads is our casual Book Club for readers of all kinds and Kim Bond and team will bring Fancy the therapy mini horse over to the library side yard. We will listen to Kim read us some stories, hear about Fancy and the process of becoming a therapy horse, and have an opportunity to meet Fancy up close and take pictures. The Green Lake County libraries will be at the Fair on August 4th at 10:30AM for Storytime, crafts, and a fun puppet show. As always, stop by the Friends of the Library booth for Free Book Finds!

We also have a musical interlude f on Friday, August 5 starting at 2 pm as part of the Green Lake Festival of Music free performances in the Thomas E. Caestecker Family Concert Series. The Third Lake Brass Quintet will visit with us in the library side yard for an outdoor performance, weather permitting. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. If we are rained out, the concert will move to the lower level of the library. There will also be a free ice cream social afterwards! All ages are welcome and sure to enjoy this fun and educational performance.

Our movie Matinees will continue through August, shows start at 2pm—August 4th: Downton Abbey: A New Era, August 11th: Minamata, August 18th: Summer of Soul, August 25th: The Duke.

The Friends have three book sales planned for the month: August 13th, 9AM - 1PM, August 14th, 12PM - 3PM, and August 24th, 1PM - 4PM.

The talented Nancy Kirst will brighten the walls of our Hickory meeting room in August. She does wonderful watercolor portraits and paintings. Please visit with us and enjoy her artwork!

We will still have Knitting Club on Mondays, Storytime on Wednesdays, and the I Spy station to enjoy weekly. Storytime with Ms. Margie in July reached heights of participation we have never seen previously. We had 45 attendees at the peak of the season and hovered around 25 the rest of the weeks. The change in our restroom facilities to create a family bathroom, our new play opportunities in the kid's room, and Margie's excellent storytelling have families staying for hours to enjoy the library. Sometimes were seeing family groups multiple times a day, every day of the week, and certainly for extended periods of time. It has been wonderful to build relationships and find the many ways the library can serve every family and community member.

Christina Lyon – Caestecker Public Library Director

Kingston Mill Pond – There was a Penny War going on for the past month, between the five Green Lake County Libraries. Each library worked hard to raise the most money, with new totals being posted each Monday. Monday, Aug. 1st, a cease fire was called, and the last totals were entered. Clairellyn Sommersmith, of Winnefox Library System, was the person the librarians had to report their amounts to, and amounts had to be in by 1pm each Monday. Then we would wait, with bated breath, for the new tallies to come out. Last year our library, the smallest one of the five, lost by \$5.05 to the largest library out of the five. I'm happy to say that this year we have put that bad memory behind us. Kingston library supporters came out in droves for this event, and I honestly think if you were in Kingston the past few weeks and stood outside, you would have heard the news traveling over the phone lines. "We want to win, we want to win, bring your change to the Kingston Library." Customers called friends and families, and talked to their bosses, people came into the library JUST to drop off coins. And thanks to all those great supporters, Kingston DID win this year, raising \$3283.84, just enough to put us in first place. Watch for the date of the ice cream social, where you are all invited to come and enjoy a dish of ice cream in celebration of coming together for our library! We are so thankful to each one that donated in any way. It is heartwarming to see the support for our library!

Sara Wilson - Mill Pond Public Library Director

Markesan – Our hearts are filled with gratitude at the Markesan Public Library for all the wonderful sponsors of our Summer Learning Program and all the families that participated. The statistics this year are staggering. We had 79 children participate and 46 adults. Children read a total of 1,026 hours! Adults read 315 books! We were able to give away 55 plus raffle prizes, weekly wheel prizes, and offer diverse programs that taught us lots about animals, conservation, dinosaurs, myths & legends, healthy eating, spicy foods, crafting, and so much more! We had a fantastic time at the wrap up program during our Splash Bash with 46 people in attendance for crafts, slip n slide and other water games, goldfish game, photo booth, and ice cream from the Sweet n Salty ice cream truck. The best part of summer reading program is that families made memories and had great opportunities for free spirited play, all while learning. But the library was only able to do this because of our kind sponsors. Please help us thank: Adam's Rib (in honor of Dennis & Jean Adam); Ballweg Implement Co., Inc.; Berlin Journal/Markesan Regional Reporter; Citgo of Markesan; Delmonte; Ergo Bank of Markesan; Green Lake Basic Needs Fund within the Green Lake County/Ripon Community Foundation (Grant); Horicon Bank of Markesan; Lions Club of Markesan; Two Sisters Piggly Wiggly of Markesan. We also received a few personal donations too. We cannot thank them enough.

Our community's generosity continued during the Penny Wars. We raised a total of \$502.40 completely from individuals! We are planning to spend those funds on purchasing a pet for the library. We plan to offer a few choices of appropriate pets and have the community vote for the favorite animal.

In other library news the new boiler is being installed as we speak. Our bid from J&H was for \$30,000. We are using funds from our donations account to complete the process and have also received a Winnefox Infrastructure grant of \$5,000. Thank you Winnefox!

Upcoming events include a 4-H sponsored Delicious Desserts workshop, book club, family movie showings, Wild Food Foraging (thanks to Laura from Princeton Public Library for putting this on for us), and later in September a Rhino & Dino party by local picture book author Erin Kant and a return to Storytime. And of course, somewhere in there we will help with the ice cream social at Kingston (our Penny War winner)!

We also hired a new library assistant who just retired from teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade at the Markesan Elementary School. We are very excited to bring her community connections and in-depth knowledge of teaching to our team.

Thank you for all you do and for helping us provide life-long learning in our community.

#### Princeton -

**Technology:** The new Winnefox Library System servers have launched! Local historical materials from Brandon, Oshkosh, North Fond du Lac, and Wild Rose are now online for the public to browse. Princeton's historical newspapers will be available here soonish as well. Go here to check it out: <a href="https://winnefox.org/archives">https://winnefox.org/archives</a>

**Programs**: We held 27 programs in the past 8 weeks! Some of these included Story Time, a Sea Food Challenge, Shark Art, Jelly Joy, and Medicare Class. The majority of our programs were very well attended. We continue to work with other organizations on programs, with wonderful results. On 6/4, we assisted the Green Lake Chamber of Commerce by acting as a rest stop for the Bike 100. On 6/8, Derek Kavanaugh and Todd Morris from the Green Lake County Land Conservation Department did a wonderful (free) program for us on "Water Critter Science," bringing in a variety of fish, turtles, and invertebrates for kids to study in trays of water. On 6/15, Water Librarian Anne Moser from UW Madison did a (free) program for us called "Let's Go Fishing for Great Lakes Fish" with Stella the Sturgeon. On 6/13, I was invited to visit Mrs. Geisthard's summer school class to talk about library services, and the children presented library staff and volunteers with bookmarks, candy, and cards thanking us for our work.

Working with the school's Summer Recreation teacher Leanne Holland, we got between 70 and 85 kids at each of our first three Summer Reading Program events. Our hope is that kids who had never been to the library before will return on their own after seeing all that we offer.

On 7/7 I did a free program for Berlin Library (Geocaching: Adventure for Everyone) and they will do a free program for us in return- this type of trade helps us cut down on costs while allowing us to offer a wider variety of programs.

The success of our programs is wonderful, but it does highlight the need for a community room so that we can do these activities without being crowded and without disturbing regular library patrons who come to work or read. Right now, we are making do with constantly moving furniture and we are grateful it's mostly on wheels!







**County Librarians Meeting**: At the monthly LAC meeting in Berlin on the 14<sup>th</sup>, we discussed the Penny War fundraising competition, upcoming retirements in the Winnefox Library System staff, technology challenges, and preparations for the Green Lake County Fair. Green Lake library agreed to do the Story Time at the Fair, while we (Princeton) agreed to put up a display in the exhibit hall. Both libraries agreed to provide a craft. This is what the fair exhibit looked like:

The theme follows the Summer Reading Program theme, "An Ocean of Possibilities." The scales of our giant fish are made of over 100 recycled CDs/DVDs that no longer play.

The fish is based on "The Rainbow Fish," a children's book that teaches kids it's better to be kind and humble rather than flashy and proud. In the story, the fish gives away his shiny scales and becomes more plain, but finds joy in new friends.

On 7/12, all GLC librarians went to the County Ag & Extension meeting to present our reimbursement requests for the upcoming year. In addition, we asked for extra funding to be allocated to Kingston, quirks in statistics meant that they could be facing a fairly major funding cut.

## We'd like to say "thank you" to many people for their help and donations in the last month!

- All those who donated towards our Penny War fundraiser, especially the Mashuda and Salm families and Renard's European Bakeshop
- Everyone who has donated books and DVDs lately-wow!
- Those who donated Summer Reading Program prizes for kids, especially Whimsy Mountain
- The volunteers who helped out at the food booth to raise funds for the Friends of the Library.



The Friends of the Library, for sponsoring the ice cream at our Summer Reading Program finale party



The volunteers who worked so hard in the heat on our new backyard fence and garden project-- you are AMAZING. Thank you especially to Bill and Rose Wick, John and Terry Beck, and Ron Hatfield.

**Statistics**: This summer has been a huge success for us! We registered 30 new patrons for library cards in two months. We've had an average of 153 visits per day, with people checking out over 3,000 physical items each month. 128 kids signed up for our June/July Summer Reading Program, and as of this writing (7/19), 52 kids read at least ten books in that time, including 20 kids who

read 30-80s books. In June alone, we had 1178 visits to our website.

**Other**: We are helping the Princeton Historical Society sell tickets to their fundraiser dinner with author Chad Lewis. He will be presenting "WI's Most Haunted Locations" on August 26th, 5-8pm at Knickerbocker Landing. Hear true spooky stories while you enjoy a four-course meal from Who Dat BBQ. Tickets can be purchased at the library for \$35.

We also still have cookbooks from the Princeton Women's Club for sale, in a hardcover binder, for \$20. Great recipes from the locals you love!

Finally, we are always collecting donations of non-perishable food items and hygiene products for the Green Lake Food Pantry. There are donation bins in the lobby.

Laura Skalitsky – Princeton Public Library Director







# **Events at the Princeton Public Library**

# August 2022





# ONGOING PROGRAMS

#### Story Time

Join us every Wednesday at 9am for songs, stories, crafts, and snacks.

#### Mystery Book Club

Monthly!
Next meeting
Wed. Aug. 3rd 9:30am.
This month we
discuss "Castle Shade"
by Laurie King.
Copies are available at
the library.

#### Knitting Club

Monday 8th AND Monday 22nd, 4-6pm. Kids, quilters, crocheters, and learners welcome!

#### CHECK OUT:

Playstation4 + games, DVDs, downloadable eBooks and audio, Wonderbooks, MeReaders, magazines, and more!



#### Thursday 4th-Sat 6th: Green Lake County Fair Story Time & Exhibit

Come on down to the fair! Check out our exhibit and pick up a free craft. On Thursday at 10:30, families can attend a fun, free story time in the Kids Zone tent.

#### Wednesday 10th, 6pm: Discover Scuba Diving

Local divers Don and Dawn Betler who have been diving all over the world, will give a presentation on scuba diving, including:

- real gear you can see and touch
- how to get started in the sport
- underwater photography
- exploring shipwrecks

There is no charge to attend. No need to RSVP.



#### Thursday 11th, 5-8pm: CPR Class

Certified Instructor Beth MacGowan will be holding a Heartsaver Adult and Infant/Child CPR course here at the library for up to 12 participants. Learn how to save a life! Beth will be providing all of the study materials, all you need to do is show up. The course is free, but \$20 if you need official certification.

RSVP: 920-295-6777 or director@princetonpublib.org.

Contact Beth with questions: 920-216-3283 or bethmacg@princeton.k12.wi.us



#### Thurs, 25th, 6pm: Wild Food Foraging Class

The whole world is a garden if you know what to eat.

Learn to recognize and prepare a variety of wild Wisconsin plants, including lamb's quarters, purslane, wild carrot, and more.

This class is free. No need to RSVP.

#### Wednesday 31st, 4-7pm Summer Greeting Cards for Adults

Drop in any time from 4-7 and make a gorgeous summer themed greeting card with summer flowers or tropical fish and a variety of embellishments. Customize it for any occasion! No charge.

#### Princeton Library

424 W. Water St. Princeton, WI 54968 920-295-6777 princetonpublib.org Monday-Thursday 9am-7pm Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 9am-1pm Find us on Facebook or sign up for our email newsletter.



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This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Human Development & Relationships Institute, as well as the Health & Well-Being Institute in July of 2022. During the reporting period, the educator made 43 direct educational and professional contacts.

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

Food Preservation/Canning Raspberry Jam – Berlin Public Library

In mid-July, I taught a food preservation program on freezing and canning raspberry jam at the Berlin Library. There were 11 people who attended. We discussed the process of freezing raspberry jam, canning raspberry jam through water boiling bath canning, and the food safety with each of those processes. I demonstrated the simple process of preserving locally grown food (raspberries) with a demonstration and each participant was able to take home a small jar of jam.

## Kids in the Kitchen – Berlin Summer Recreation Department

I taught the second of three Kids in the Kitchen classes through the Berlin Summer Recreation Department. I had 15 kids participate in the hands-on program which teaches kids 6-12 years old about nutrition and healthy eating, food safety and cooking skills. This program is taught at the Berlin Senior Center kitchen. During the second class, we made fruit salsa.



#### Money As You Grow - Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area, Berlin



I taught 24 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin about saving and spending money through the Money As You Grow Book Club. We read the book "Those Shoes" which talks about a boy who wants his grandma to buy him the same expensive shoes that everyone else is wearing at school. His grandma has enough money to buy him winter boots which he needs. When the boy's old shoes fall apart, he must make choices about what is important to him. The key money concepts the book focuses on are prioritizing values and choices, the difference between sharing and borrowing, and staying true to yourself I few don't have what others have. We discussed these concepts as well as the types of coins the boy's grandma used to pay in the story. The participants then worked on an activity in which they were each given a blank paper shoe to

decorate, and a bag of play money to buy shoes decorations with. Participants learned more about types of coins, and spending money.

#### Read and Connect Workshop – Green Lake County Correctional Facility (GLCCF)

I held my first Read and Connect Workshop for the Literacy Link (LL) program at GLCCF in July. I had three female participants complete the workshop and register to complete a video recording called Making Reading Memories. LL is a program 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.

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.

Since the Read and Connect Workshop took place, I have been working to get approval from the jail administrative staff and as well as the caregivers. I have received approval for all three from the jail and approval from one caregiver. I will be conducting the Making Reading Memories recording(s) in August.

United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) Programs – Berlin Child Care Center

The children who attend the UMOS Child Care Center in Berlin arrived at the end of July. I taught two lessons to 6 students and 9 students in July on the fruit food group and handwashing. We made fruit salsa for the first lesson and the students got to cut up and make their own snack. During the second lesson, we learned about proper handwashing using The Glitter Bug (blacklight and glo-lotion that shows germs). I will be teaching youth at UMOS weekly until they leave the Green Lake County site in August.





#### **Upcoming Scheduled Programs**

August 1 – 2:00pm-3:00pm – **Kids in the Kitchen** – Berlin Summer Rec Dept. (Berlin Senior Center)

August 3 – 10:00am-11:00am – Sharing with Youth Day/Financial Lesson – Berlin Summer Rec Dept.

August 3 – 1:30pm-2:15pm – Money As You Grow – United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS)

August 4 – 2:00pm-2:45pm – Money As You Grow – Green Lake County Fair

August 4 – 3:00pm-3:45pm – Money As You Grow – Green Lake County Fair

August 8 – 9:30am-10:15am – **Nutrition Lesson/Veggies** – United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS)

August 8 – 10:30am-11:15am – Money As You Grow – Boys & Girls Club of Tri-County Area (Berlin)

August 15 – 9:30am-10:15am – Nutrition Lesson/Dairy – United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS)

August 15 – 2:00pm-3:00pm – Wellness Group – Green Lake County Correctional Facility

August 15 – 3:00pm-4:00pm – Making Reading Memories – Green Lake County Correctional Facility

August 30 – 4:00pm-4:30pm – Food Preservation/Salsa – Berlin Farmer's Market

# Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 111 contacts within the UW Madison Division of Extension system during the month of July. I continue to have a number of professional meetings scheduled with colleagues to continue to network and learn from other Extension educators.

Center for Financial Security (CFS) Summer Financial Capability Workshop - Madison

I attended the day long CFS Summer Financial Capability Workshop in Madison in mid-July. This workshop brings together leading researchers and experts with UW-Madison Division of Extension Educators to learn about trends and issues that may impact financial education and outreach in





Wisconsin. We learned about the Babies First Years Study from a speaker from UW Madison School of Social Work, and about retirement and benefits from a speaker from UW Madison School of Human Ecology. We also learned about aging and housing around the state of WI from another UW Madison School of Social Work speaker, and a panel of Extension Educators who shared "WI Ideas at Work". I learned a lot and was able to bring some resources back to use with residents in Green Lake County.

#### Community Health Action Team (CHAT) Retreat - Appleton

I attended and presented at the CHAT Retreat at the end of July in Appleton. I presented the work the home visitation program has accomplished in Green Lake County through the CHAT plunge into early

childhood. The retreat brought together community leaders from across all sectors (education, healthcare, government, public health, faith organizations, business, philanthropy, non-profits) from six regions (Fox Cities, Shawano, Waupaca, New London, Berlin and Wild Rose). The purpose was to:

- Understand and appreciate the role CHAT has played in creating health and wellbeing throughout the region
- Identify the optimal role CHAT can play in context of ThedaCare's new Population Health Strategy
- Identify opportunities for improved alignment and efficiencies across CHAT Teams

This retreat also laid the foundation to restart plunges, bringing the community together to work on systemic health issues together.

#### **Out of County Days**

- Out of county days for July (UW Madison Center for Financial Security Summer Workshop in Madison 1 day\*, Community Health Action Team (CHAT) Retreat in the Fox Cities 1 day)
- 2 ½ Out of county days planned for August (NEAFCS Conference Presentation Workday in West Bend 1 day\*; JCEP Conference Chairs Planning Meeting in Appleton ½ day; Racial Equity Community of Practice In-Person Gathering in Stevens Point 1 day)

#### \*\*September Out of State Travel\*\*

I will be attending the National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Science (NEAFCS) National Conference in Raleigh, NC September 11-September 16, 2022. I will be presenting on the Encouraging Financial Conversations (EFC) program I provide for professionals in Green Lake County, and I will be attending the conference to learn information I can bring back to use within Green Lake County.

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension

# Join us and begin planning AHEAD for the end of this life

#### What is Planning AHEAD?

Planning AHEAD is a 7-session course (one hour each) that guides participants through the topics on the right.

This course features a free workbook to help people with the tasks and decisions associated with end-of-life.

#### Who is the program for?

This program is for people who:

- Are interested in planning for the end of life to make things easier for family members
- Have lost a loved one
- Are in the process of losing a loved one and are dealing with the transition

#### When is the program?

Tuesdays, October 4 - November 8, 2022 9:30am-11:00am

Berlin Public Library, 121 W Park Avenue, Berlin

Light breakfast items and refreshments will be served each session.

#### Contact us for more information

To register by 9/27, please contact:

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# planning AHEAD PROGRAM TOPICS



Getting Started



Handling Financial Changes



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Final Wishes



Understanding Grief





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

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in July 2022.

#### **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 July 7, 2022. Agenda items included project updates, fundraising opportunities, and banquet planning.

#### Annual Financial Review Info Session

On July 7, 2022 I held a session for 4-H Club and Group Leaders, Presidents, and Treasurers to share information on 4-H financial policies and best practices and how to complete the 4-H Annual Financial Review. Because 4-H funds are public funds, it is important that the finances for each Club and Group go through an audit each fiscal year. This practice of auditing protects the Club or Group, the treasurer themselves, and the public. This process also allows the 4-H Club or Group to qualify for federal tax-exempt status under the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents General Exemption number for Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups.

#### Fuel Up, Tune Up, Groove Up: Fabulous Fruits Library Program

On July 13, 2022 an interactive lesson learning about the fruit food group was held at

the Markesan Public Library. The lesson theme was based on MyPlate and included healthy living skill-building of mindfulness, physical activity, and nutrition. Participants explored the importance of handwashing, mindful eating, and shook up a fruity pudding treat.



#### STEM Program at UMOS, Berlin

I provided a hands-on learning experience on July 26, 2022 for youth participating in the UMOS (United Migrant Opportunity Services) summer program in Berlin. Youth created a light-up science bug learned about simple circuits and electricity as they practiced lighting up LEDs to create their own science bug! 9 youth participated in this program.



#### Berlin Farmers Market Program

Youth attendees at the July 26, 2022 Berlin Farmers Market had the opportunity to plant their own herb garden greenhouse. During this drop-in program participants learned

what a greenhouse garden is, when to transplant their herbs to a container garden, when their herbs are ready for harvesting and how to cook with the herbs they have grown. Youth were encouraged to further explore what other ways they can incorporate their herbs into recipes. 23 youth participated in this program.



#### Take & Learn Project Kits Planning

In collaboration with Marquette County 4-H Youth Development Educator, Christa Van Treeck, and Adams County 4-H Program Educator, Evan Henthorne, planning has begun for a 4-H learning experience where current and potential 4-H youth and families can experience hands-on project learning and explore the projects 4-H has to offer. This effort is designed to promote the 4-H programs to Adams, Green Lake and Marquette County youth and provide educational opportunities for youth to learn new skills. We will be offering project learning in the following topics: foods and nutrition, aeronautics, art, and geology.

#### July Meetings

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

- WI 4-H Program Quality Committee on 7/5, 7/27
- Southern 4-H Regional 4-H Meeting on 7/5
- 4-H Camp Zooms on 7/15

#### **Out of County Days**

- 0 Out of county days for July
- 0 Out of county day planned for August

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension

## Natasha Paris Regional Crops Educator Adams, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara



### Report July 5-21, 2022

#### **Outreach/Needs Assessment**

Outreach/Needs Assessment		
Fair - West Red discoursing	<ul> <li>Attended Marquette County Fair and distributed handouts about me/my role and collected emails.</li> </ul>	
WATER	Met with Land & Water Department in Green Lake and discussed Town of Princeton Agriculture Enterprise Area. I am supportive of this.	
Wisconsin Farm Bureau®	<ul> <li>Met with Green Lake County Farm Bureau Board on July 5th.</li> <li>Plan to meet with other Farm Bureaus during meetings in July and August.</li> </ul>	
FARMERS OF THE ROCHE-A-CRI	Attended Grow & Tell event held by Farmers of the Roche-a-Cri at Coloma Farms. Introduced myself, collected emails, connected with non-farmer stakeholders.	
Other Outreach	<ul> <li>Article published in Central Extension Ag Newsletter</li> <li>Attended Hancock Research Station Potato Field Day and was introduced to many researchers, producers, and ag professionals in region.</li> </ul>	

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#### **Producer Education**

	Producer Education
Field Crops	Joined a soybean research project which is focused on collecting large amounts of on-farm data both through scouting and from farmers through end-of-season surveys. I secured two fields in varying production systems to scout for the season and am encouraging/helping producers fill out the survey. The end goal of this project is an app to help farmers make real-time decisions.
Forage & Pasture	Helped a farmer assess their soil tests and hay/pasture management for increased productivity and provided information on a fertilizer program to increase yield and profitability.
Commercial Vegetable	Visited multiple Amish farms to discuss disease pressure in cucurbits. Had a follow-up visit with one of these farmers based on his continuing questions.
Other Activities	<ul> <li>Put a farmer in touch with the Farm Management team with their questions about succession plans.</li> </ul>

## **Professional Development/Activities**

Professional Development	<ul> <li>Completed UW-Madison Extension Human Resources Onboarding Meetings</li> <li>Studied statistics and data science</li> <li>Attended Arlington Research Station Soybean, Small Grains, and Cover Crops field day</li> </ul>
Other Activities	<ul> <li>Marquette Co Staff Meetings</li> <li>Extension &amp; Agriculture Institute Meetings</li> <li>Met with mentor &amp; senior staff</li> <li>County Extension Committee Meetings</li> <li>Crops &amp; Soils/Regional Educator Meetings</li> </ul>