



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

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

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**June 9, 2022**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee (In Person and Zoom) Meeting that is Tuesday, June 14, 2022:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Extension Reports for: Katie Gellings (Human Development & Relationships Educator), and Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Educator)
- 6) Area 14 Regional Agriculture Staffing Plan
- 7) Fair Coordinator Report



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## AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

**Date: Tuesday, June 14, 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, Chair*  
*Nita Krenz, Vice Chair*  
*Nancy Hoffmann*  
*Don Lenz*  
*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: 5/10/22
6. Welcome Summer Fair Staff - Abbey Weishaar
7. Green Lake County Drainage Board Nomination – Todd Morris
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
11. Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director
12. Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educator
13. Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator
14. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
15. Agriculture Staffing Discussion – possible action
16. Fair Coordinator Report – submitted report
17. Fair: Resolution: Relating to Use of General Fund Reserve Funds for Highway Property Improvements Related to County Jr. Free Fair – Discussion/Approval
18. Fair: Fermented Malt Beverage Concession Agreement – Discussion/Approval
19. Fair: Highway Ground / Fairground Improvements
20. Fair: Contracts
21. Fair: Public Comments
22. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: July 12, 2022
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
23. 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/87099246834?pwd=WmlmSmdGNG1pVlplkL0U1RXIKazVGUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 870 9924 6834

**Passcode:** 258418

**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

May 10, 2022

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Secretary, Kathy Ninneman, on Tuesday, May 10, 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 by Ninneman.

Present: Ken Bates  
Nita Krenz  
Don Lenz

Staff Present: Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director  
Katie Gellings  
Morgan Martinez  
Kathy Ninneman

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

### **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Secretary Kathy Ninneman called for nominations for Chair of the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee. Supervisor Lenz nominated Ken Bates. Secretary Ninneman called for nominations 3 times. No other nominations. *Motion/second (Lenz/Krenz)* to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ken Bates. Motion carried with no negative vote. Bates was seated as Chair.

### **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Chair Bates called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee. Supervisor Lenz nominated Nita Krenz. Chair Bates called for nominations 3 times. No other nominations. *Motion/second (Lenz/Bates)* to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Nita Krenz. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN**

### **MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Lenz/Krenz)* to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **FAIR: FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE CONCESSION AGREEMENT**

Fair Coordinator, Kathy Ninneman, reported that she had met with Corporation Counsel, Dawn Klockow, and they went over the agreement and made updates. Klockow explained to the Committee they will need to give direction especially for Exhibit A and C. Discussion followed.

*Motion/second (Lenz/Krenz)* to approve the agreement with Exhibit A being throughout the fairgrounds and Exhibit C as determined by the Fair Coordinator. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

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

## **SUPERVISOR ORIENTATION TO EXTENSION, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, GREEN LAKE COUNTY**

A PowerPoint explanation was handed out. Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director, gave an explanation of Extension, Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educator, and Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator, gave an overview of each of their institutes in Extension.

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

- **Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director** – Wagner provided updates and information regarding Area 14.
- **Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educator** – Gellings provided updates and more information from her submitted report.
- **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 (Krenz/Lenz)* to approve all out of county requests. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **2022-23 FOODWISE AGREEMENT – review/accept**

*Motion/second (Lenz/Krenz)* to accept the 2022-23 FoodWise Agreement. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **AGRICULTURE STAFFING DISCUSSION**

Area 14 Extension Director, Pat Wagner, gave the Committee members a handout of the UW-Madison, Division of Extension – Regional Agriculture Staffing Plan. She gave a broad description of each of the highlighted areas. Pat will invite the Agriculture Institute Director, Heidi Johnson, to the June 14 meeting.

### **FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT**

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

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

Chair Ken Bates gave a history report to the new committee members regarding this resolution. County Administrator Cathy Schmit reported this would need to be discussed with Corporation Counsel, Dawn Klockow, regarding the language revisions. Bates will contact Klockow.

### **HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

Maintenance contractor, Zach Knoke, suggested layers of fresh gravel for the track and various other areas since this is in a floodplain. The privacy screening and structure holding it up around the track is another area of concern. County Administrator Cathy Schmit suggested to get quotes and bring them back to the Committee.

### **FAIR CONTRACTS**

None.

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

None.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Date: June 14, 2022
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion: If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Chair Ken Bates or Kathy Ninneman.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bates adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

*Submitted by,  
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*

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## June 2022 Green Lake County Library Reports

**Berlin** – We are heading into an exciting time at the library with our upcoming Summer Reading Program set to begin on June 13, going through July 31. With opportunities to win several exciting prizes, patrons of all ages will be encouraged to read throughout the summer. We inspire reading in many ways, such as reading physical books and listening to favorite audio books while doing various summer activities. Incentive prizes this year are being donated by several local businesses and our Friends of the Library group.

Also happening will be several programs geared around our theme, Oceans of Possibilities. Families are welcome to attend programs such as our kick-off Pirate and Mermaid Party, fishing programs by Great Lakes Fish and the Wisconsin DNR on wildlife preservation. And back by popular demand is a program presented by MToxins of Oshkosh with live unique animals on hand.

Continuing with our Summer Reading theme, a Wisconsin Lighthouse program will take place on Tuesday, June 28 at 6pm. The presentation featuring pictures, storytelling, and music is sure to be a worthwhile event.

Our staff is excited to be installing an aquarium under our front desk! Kids can stop in and color a fish to add to the "aquarium". Ok, we admit, our aquarium may not have water, but it will have many sea creatures to admire. We also added a lighthouse to help guide the way to fun. As you can see, there is lots of excitement in our library this summer.

Happy Summer Reading,  
Chris Kalupa – Berlin Public Library Director

### Green Lake Caestecker – Caestecker Public Library Director's Report for June 2022

In May, the family of Barbara Jane Clark generously donated a Merlin Ultra Vision Enhancer to our library. The Merlin Ultra magnifies text and images allowing individuals with low vision to read write, view photos, and more --in color, black-and white, or enhanced high-contrast modes. That may sound like a lot of options, but the functions are easy to use, and library staff are happy to give a walk-through of the features. The Merlin is now located over by the newspapers and ready for use and enjoyment. We are excited to share this new resource with the community!

School may be ending, but summer programs are just getting started here at the Caestecker Public Library. There are concerts and movies and story times and craft days to look forward to as we go through the summer. We hope you will join us for some (or all!) of them. Visit [greenlakelibrary.org](http://greenlakelibrary.org) to get all the details, but here's a brief overview:

- Special open hours 11 am-4 pm on Sunday, June 5 at the library for Green Lake's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- Thursday Movie Matinee lineup: June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dog with Channing Tatum, June 9<sup>th</sup>: Death on the Nile, June 16<sup>th</sup>: The Outfit, June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Uncharted, June 30<sup>th</sup>: After Yang
- Roasts & Reads: Join us for a show-and-tell style book club on Tuesday, June 7 at 10 am.
- Adult Crafternoons: June 7 at 1 pm- Alcohol Ink Coasters, June 21 at 1 pm, - Macrame Leaf Wall Hanging
- Reserve your space for a 6-week Tai Chi class led by Amanda Kutcher of ADRC by calling 920-787-6666. Classes will be twice a week on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30-11 am, starting June 28.
- Friend's book sales: Wednesday, June 1st 1pm-4pm and Saturday, June 25th 9am-1pm

### Read Beyond the Beaten Path Summer Reading from June 13-July 31.

Monday Madness: new activity packs are released, and large group programs start at 10AM.

- 6/20- Accordion w/Micah Sommersmith
- 6/27- Mtoxins Animal Program
- 7/4- Join us for the parade!
- 7/11- David HB Drake's Wiscon-Sing
- 7/18- Chad Lewis: WI Lumberjack Legends & Lore
- 7/25- Dino Dimensions with Curt Strutz

Tuesday Talks & Tiny Tinkers: we will be holding small chats with local patrons about something that they are passionate about. We will also have a small craft out for kids to participate in starting at 10AM. Special visits from Fancy the Therapy Pony and Kim Bond on 6/20, 7/5 & 8/2, don't miss out on your chance visit with a pony.

Wednesday Storytimes: It's never a dull moment during Storytime with Ms. Margie! Join in on the adventure at 10am. Be sure to stick around to read to Tia the R.E.A.D. Therapy Dog at 10:30AM.

Throwback Thursdays: We are going old school with our Thursday activities starting at 10am.

- 6/16- Cardboard roadways
- 6/23- Who am I now? Dress up fun.
- 6/30- Bike decorating
- 7/7- Blanket fort time!
- 7/14- Water Olympics in the side yard
- 7/21- Pet rocks
- 7/28- Outdoor art time

Family Friendly Friday Films: Join us for popcorn and a movie at 10AM on Fridays.

- 6/17- The Witches, 6/24- American Underdog, July films TBD

The children's area will also see a summer refresh and the addition of a Gnome Home cardboard play fort.

Now that school is ending for the year, I realize I have been remiss on expressing my gratitude for, and reliance on, Margie and her story time efforts. Margie kept up with the changes Covid brought to our schools by doing Zoom meetings, recorded story time, and being flexible with her schedule to allow for teacher and classroom needs. When Green Lake School reduced restrictions, Margie visited classes at the school and invited classes to visit with us at the library. It has been an exceptional eye opener for students who don't always have the opportunity to visit with us outside of school. In May, class visits accounted for 138 in house visits to the library. She also had an additional 110 interactions with in-school visits. Margie is diligent and intentional about creating a welcoming, fun, interactive, and educational community experience for local kids.

Christina Lyon – Caestecker Public Library Director

**Kingston Mill Pond** – We had a good turn-out for our Medicare 101 program on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Did you know that if you miss your 7-month initial enrollment period you may have to wait to sign up, and pay a monthly late enrollment penalty for as long as you have coverage? That was just one of many items that was discussed, helping those who are getting ready to sign up for Medicare get their questions answered.

Our R.E.A.D. dog Purdy, and owner Michelle MacHugo, retired after almost 10 years of reading with the children each week. R.E.A.D. stands for reading, education assistance dog. (R.E.A.D.) is a reading program that uses therapy dogs **to increase a child's desire and ability to read**. The dog does not judge, laugh, or criticize, but rather allows the children to proceed at their own pace. R.E.A.D. dogs are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their handler as a team, going to schools, libraries, and many other settings as reading companions for children. Participating kids make enormous strides in reading communication skills while, along the way, building self-esteem, confidence, and social skills. Reading to Purdy has been one of the highlights of our weekly story hours for years, and we will be sad to see Purdy go but she turns 14 years old this October and has definitely earned a rest. Her retirement party was held on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30pm and the children brought stuffed animals for Purdy, one of her favorite toys. Cake and ice cream was served as well.

Our Summer Reading Program will start on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. We have a unique line up this year with a race car driver coming, puppies, and Natures Niche the first 3 weeks. Children who do all their reading for the 4 weeks program will be rewarded with a pool party at the Waupun Aquatic Center on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sara Wilson – Mill Pond Public Library Director

**Markesan** – Summer is a busy and exciting time at the Markesan Public Library – June especially so. We are in the full launch of our Summer Reading activities and we have the June Dairy Days Parade to celebrate as well. We just promoted at the Markesan Elementary school by hosting Zoozort (an animal educator) to visit the school and passing out over 340 summer reading bags to students. Our summer reading line up is as follows:

**Wednesday June 15 – 1pm: "Creepy, Crawly & Cool"**

Meet the reptiles from [Marsh Haven Nature Center](#), including a snake, painted turtle, red-footed tortise. Items of interest include turtle shells & artifacts, snake skins, and more! Meet and greet the animals.

**Tuesday June 21 – 2pm: "What's in my Stream?"** Join Miss Vanessa to learn all about the wigglycritters living in the Grand River. Learn how to identify water invertebrates and bugs and why it is important to keep our streams clean.

**Wednesday June 22 – 1 pm: "Delicious Dairy w/4-H"** Come learn about the dairy food group by making a delicious snack, practicing in a fitness mix up, and explore how to describe feelings in a mindfulness activity! Morgan from the UW-Extension 4-H office will be teaching us.

**Wednesday June 29 – 1 pm "Fish & Wetland Wildlife"**: Our WI DNR will be doing an informative and fun presentation on the fish and wildlife common to our community. Snag your swag at this event with DNR fish trading cards!

**Wednesday July 6 – 1 pm: [Dinosaur Dimensions](#)**: Prehistoric Puppets are visiting the library for a very fun, ferocious, informative afternoon. Learn about your favorite dinosaurs and even pet a few! Carefully!

**July 11-16: Shark Week!** Too Mega to fit inside a single day, Shark week is taking a bite out of summer with a slew of amazing and interesting activities. Join us for a daily dose of danger as you make shark themed crafts, science experiments, snacks, and games.

**Wednesday July 13 – 1 pm: "Fabulous Fruits- 4-H Shark Edition."** Come learn about fruits by shaking up a "sharky" fruity pudding treat, explore the importance of handwashing, and practice mindful eating. Morgan from the UW-Extension 4-H office will be leading us.

**Thursday July 14 – 6 pm: Sea Serpents of Wisconsin w/Chad Lewis:** Visit the library if you dare! Learn all about Wisconsin based lake monsters from the deadly monster of Lake Ripley, the Man-eating monsters roaming the Mississippi River, the Livestock snatching beast of Cedar Lake, and the \$50,000 serpent of Lake Pepin. I wonder what lies within the deep waters of Little Green?

**Wednesday July 20 – 1 pm: "The Mr. Brad Worden Show"** Spicy hot foods are on the table. Join one of the world's top champions in the League of Fire take on the most spicy and hot snacks from around the world! Then, try a few samples yourself if you are feeling courageous.

**Wednesday July 27 – 1 pm: Beach Splash Bash!** Dress up like your favorite Pirate, Mermaid, or just wear your Swimsuit and visit the library for water-based games, beach crafts, photobooth, and more. Enjoy a free ice cream treat from Ripon's "Sweet & Saulty" ice cream truck!

**Bonus Events:** Summer Reading may be over but that doesn't mean that the learning and fun have to end. Join us for these bonus August Events!

**Thursday, Aug. 4 (time to be determined): Sizzling Summer Nail Wrap Party:** Sign up to learn all about nail art, have fun with a parent or learn on your own. Make your hands do the talking with some summer themed polish and stick.

**Wednesday, Aug. 10 – 1 pm: Dynamic Desserts w/4-H:** Come make a sweet treat while learning about giving our muscles the care they need through stretching and practicing managing moods through mindfulness. Morgan from the UW-Extension 4-H office will be leading us.

Kids and adults will be able to read to win as well by participating in our incentive program. For every 2 hours read kids and teens earn a completed reading raffle ticket. For every book read adults earn a completed reading raffle ticket. Families visit the library weekly to enter their completed tickets for the raffle of their choice. Families can also spin the Wheel of surprises once a week to get small incentives to keep excitement high and encourage regular use of the library.

Aside from summer reading we are having a CPR class led by Beth McGowan of McKenna's Mission. The class is already full and will be held on June 14.

On the building end of things we are going ahead with bids for a new boiler with sealed bids to be opened at our next board meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be a necessary but expensive replacement.

We also raised over \$840 on our Home & Garden Silent Auction.

Thank you to the county board and the whole community for supporting lifelong learning and our local Green Lake libraries!

Nicole Overbeck – Markesan Public Library

## Princeton –

### Technology

Pete Hodge and Jay from the Winnefox Library System came out to install a new network switch for us. It will make our internet slightly faster, but more importantly, it prepares us for future changes.

DC Johnson has completed the process of preparing our scans for "rescartification" of our scans, which I sent to NMT Partners. From there, the scans will go to the Crowley company to be uploaded to Rescarta. I have not yet heard whether the new Winnefox server is in place yet to host this platform.

This month Winnefox held an ALL-WALS meeting for all library system directors in Ripon. One of the topics focused on most heavily was security. Several library systems around the country have had data stolen or been hacked, including the Indianhead system here in Wisconsin. All library directors have been urged to be careful about phishing attempts, including opening email attachments from unknown sources. We were also told that we should no longer



use any patron flash drives on staff computers. If we need to help a patron access or print something out, we can use patron computers, as they have increased security. Winnefox is also warning us that increased patron account and PIN security is coming soon.

## **Programs**

We are READY for the Summer Reading Program! Our runs from June 6<sup>th</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup>.

“Oceans of Possibilities” will have crafts, games, family activities and more! Sign up is free. We help keep kids reading and productively occupied during the summer. Some of our events include a sea food tasting challenge, water games, edible candy aquariums, Shark Week, giant outdoor games, water critter science with the Green Lake County conservation department, and a fishing program with the UW Madison Water Librarian.

We continue to work with other organizations on programs, with wonderful results. Many people come to the library that might not otherwise know we're here. The Sip and Shop (wine walk etc), election training, Historical Society events, etc are great partnerships with other entities. The Local History Field Trip and CPR class were very well attended. Sadly, our Sturgeon Celebration did not have many attendees. However, this was our first time, it was one of the first nice days of the year, and many other local events were happening. I am hopeful that by moving the event to April next year and doing more PR, we will have a better turnout in 2023.

The Winnefox Library System Board members who visited on May 25th complimented our new building and thanked the city for hosting their meeting in the City Council chambers.

I will be doing a free geocaching program for Berlin library in exchange for one of their staff members doing a free program for Princeton at a later date.

**County Librarians Meeting:** At the monthly LAC meeting in Kingston, we discussed county funding distribution formulas again. We decided not to alter anything at this time. However, we all recognize that the Kingston library is struggling, and we are brainstorming ideas to assist them.

**Friends:** The Friends of the Library annual book sale did very well, earning several hundred dollars. There were so many excellent donations that we are now having a \$5 per bag sale, with DVDs marked down to \$1 each. Books are free for teachers. This will continue until our smaller meeting room is cleared out.

Mary Lind made a nice spread for the Sturgeon Celebration volunteers.

**Garden / Back Yard Project:** The City Council approved our plans for the backyard/garden, provided a legal agreement be made in writing regarding the neighbor's fence. The Friends are donating \$2,000, the Princeton Women's Club is donating \$1,000, and the library board authorized us to spend \$3,000 left over from the building project.



This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Human Development & Relationships Institute, as well as the Health & Well-Being Institute in May of 2022. During the reporting period, the educator made 27 direct educational and professional contacts.

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

#### *Financial Wellness Workshops, Green Lake County Correctional Facility*

In May, I completed the 3-week series of Financial Wellness Workshops in the Green Lake County Correctional Facility. The workshops focused on being a smart renter, building credit and managing debt, and learning to budget through creating a spending plan. There were six male inmates who completed the workshops with one male inmate completing two out of three workshops. I collected the following evaluation data at the completion of each session:

N = 7 of 7 (April 2022) Rent Smart	% Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change	% Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change
I feel prepared to answer questions from a potential landlord about my rental history and situation.	86%	14%
I understand the terms and details of a rental agreement/lease.	71%	29%
I understand the procedures to follow when ending a rental agreement/lease.	57%	29%
I understand the notices a landlord can give a tenant.	86%	14%
I understand the ways to avoid deductions from a security deposit.	71%	29%

N = 7 of 7 (May 2022) Building Credit and Managing Debt	% Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change	% Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change
I am confident in my ability to get my free credit report.	71%	29%
I understand why regular credit checks are important.	43%	29%
I understand the factors that affect my credit score.	29%	71%
I understand ways to increase my credit score.	14%	71%
I understand ways to repair my credit.	29%	43%

N = 6 of 7 (May 2022) Basic Budgeting and Money Management	% Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change	% Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change
I am confident in my ability to make smart money management decisions.	17%	83%
I understand the importance of creating a spending plan.	100%	0%
I am confident in my ability to use a spending plan that I created.	0%	100%
I understand the various ways to track spending.	83%	17%
I am confident in my ability to track my spending properly.	100%	0%

### **Upcoming Scheduled Programs**

June 14 – 11:00am-12:30pm – **Money As You Grow Childcare Provider Training (via Zoom)**

June 14 – 2:30pm-3:30pm – **Healthy Eating (Edgewater Apartments, Berlin)**

June 20 – 2:00pm-3:00pm – **Kids in the Kitchen – Berlin Summer Rec Dept. (Berlin Senior Center)**

June 27 – 2:00pm-3:00pm – **Kids in the Kitchen – Berlin Summer Rec Dept. (Berlin Senior Center)**

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

I made 68 contacts within the UW Madison Division of Extension system during the month of May. I continue to have a number of professional meetings scheduled with colleagues to continue to network and learn from other Extension educators.

### *Personal Finance Seminar (PFS) for Professionals – University of Maryland Extension via Zoom*

In early May, I participated in a professional development offered by Extension staff from the University of Maryland via Zoom. In light of the personal and economic challenges of the past few years, this year's PFS had a focus on *'building resilience'* so that we can more accurately anticipate, assess, and address the needs of our communities, clients, and partners. Through recognition of the diversity of experiences and circumstances that individuals and communities possess, the conference discussed strategies to empower others to move toward financial wellness.



### *Human Development & Relationships Institute Regional Meeting – Stevens Point*

I attended a regional meeting with colleagues in Stevens Point in mid-May. The meeting focused on a trauma-informed care training and how we can implement it in our programming with youth. The trauma-informed care trainings will take place on a consistent, on-going basis.

### *Youth Advocates for Community Health (YACH)*

The Youth Advocates for Community Health program was created from an awareness that policy, systems, and environmental change work happening is frequently missing youth voices.

The Youth Advocates for Community Health program focuses on:

- Providing adults with the tools to implement effective youth participatory action research
- Supporting the process of young people identifying issues, enhancing awareness of communities, and discover their niche to address issues
- Building leadership skills among youth, increasing competence and confidence to address community health issues at a policy, systems and environment level
- Enhancing the impact of policy, systems and environment work through engagement of youth.

I will be engaging youth from the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin in the YACH program this fall. I attended a YACH training in May to learn more about the program and the process of implementation, facilitation, and evaluation.

### **Out of County Days**

- 2 Out of county days for May (Personal Finance Seminar for Professionals in West Bend, 1 day; Human Development & Relationships Institute Regional Meeting in Stevens Point, 1 day\*)
- ½ Out of county days planned for June (Human Development & Relationships and Health & Well-Being Institute work day in Appleton – ½ day)

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension



This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in May 2022. During the reporting period, the program educator made 102 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 May 5, 2022. Agenda items included project updates, upcoming events and a thoughtful discussion on the Scholarship Basket and BINGO fundraiser at the Green Lake County Fair.

### ***Library Programs***



What if you could build a robotic hand to help accomplish everyday tasks like writing or opening a door? Nine Elementary and middle school aged youth participated in the Build a Robotic Hand program I lead at Markesan Public Library on May 10, 2022. Through this program youth explored robotics and engineering while also learning about the bones, muscles, joints, and tendons that make up a human hand.

It can feel great to grow your own food! On May 17, 2022 I hosted Grow Your Own Herb Garden program at Markesan Public Library for elementary and middle school aged youth. Throughout this program participants learned about vegetable and herb container gardening and created their own herb greenhouse container garden. Two youth and two adults participated in this program.



### ***4-H Ambassador Leadership Program***

On May 15 I attend the 4-H Ambassador meeting. The 4-H Ambassadors are youth leaders in grades 6-13 who promote Green Lake County 4-H and conduct activities that encourage youth membership and continued participation in 4-H. At their meeting I facilitated a leadership program through hands-on learning teaching numerous icebreaker and teambuilding activities which the youth leaders can practice and then lead at 4-H programs and events with younger members.

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

### ***Wisconsin 4-H Regional Program Meeting***

I participated in Wisconsin 4-H Regional Program meeting on May 5 at Kickapoo Valley Reserve in La Farge. The purpose of this meeting was to connect and collaborate with colleagues through program sharing opportunities, participate in Dilemmas Training to learn and practice the process of handling dilemmas, as well as review and discuss important Wisconsin 4-H programming information. Some important programming information that I will be holding workshops locally on for leaders include updates to the Wisconsin 4-H Annual Financial Report for all 4-H chartered entities with

banking accounts as well as educating 4-H leaders on the new Wisconsin 4-H Financial Handbook for Club and Group Leaders.

### ***National 4-H Positive Youth Development Thriving Academy (virtual)***

On May 10-12, 2022 I attended the National Thriving Academy which focused on youth mental health. Over 900 4-H professionals from across the country joined together for three days of focused learning on topics such as helping youth thrive, ensuring 4-H program quality, and equity and opportunity for all youth. Each day consisted of a youth development professional keynote speaker who is an expert in their field and the opportunity to select from numerous breakout sessions. The breakout sessions were engaging and provided the opportunity for small group discussions. Some information that I learned and will use locally in programming includes measuring the impact of 4-H and working with volunteers to achieve inclusion and belonging.



### ***Five- County 4-H Summer Camp***

Five-County 4-H Summer Camp is hosted by Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, and Waushara County 4-H Programs. I met with this group of 4-H educators numerous times throughout the month of May to hold camp planning meetings. Topics of these meetings included camp session planning, camp counselor training, as well as covering all the logistics of facilitating an overnight summer camp. This overnight camp opportunity was open to youth in grades 3-8 to attend as campers and youth in grades 9-13 to attend as counselors. Camp will be held June 8-10, 2022 at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in Wisconsin Dells.

### ***May Meetings***

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

- WI 4-H Program Quality Committee on 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/27
- All Colleagues Extension Exchange on 5/11
- Wisconsin 4-H Program Meeting on 5/12, 5/19
- Southern 4-H Regional 4-H Meeting on 5/19
- Wisconsin 4-H Thriving Academy on 5/19

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

- 1 Out of county days for May
  - *Wisconsin 4-H Regional Meeting, La Farge, May 5*
- 3 Out of county day planned for June
  - *4-H Camp, Wisconsin Dells, June 8-10*

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension

# UW-Madison, Division of Extension –Agriculture Staffing Plan --- June, 2022

## Rationale and background:

- Agriculture groups and producers have indicated the need and lobbied for the Division of Extension to staff with more specialized positions to remain relevant to today's Agricultural producers.
  - Note: As far back as in the 1980's, Adams, Juneau, Marquette, Green Lake and Waushara counties also recognized the specialized needs of the diversity of agricultural producers and supported specialization through CWAS (Central Wisconsin Ag Specialization).
- The Division of Extension, Agriculture Institute only has enough state funding to co-fund 55 FTE positions for 72 counties, creating an inability to equitably staff the state
- While the Division of Extension was on a hiring freeze during the pandemic, the Agriculture Institute took the opportunity to redesign our approach to staffing to remedy our staffing challenges
- The new staffing plan involves a layering of staff with different expertise, with a combination of:
  - Regional Educators that cover a 3-5 county region and specialize in either Crop production or Dairy production
  - Outreach Specialists that cover the state and specialize in other agriculture and horticulture disciplines, including livestock, horticulture diagnostics, cranberries, water quality, grazing, farm business management, emerging crops
- As ag positions are vacated through retirements and resignations, we are transitioning to this model

## Area 14 Ag staffing :

- It is proposed that Marquette, Adams, Waushara, and Green Lake would have a Crops Regional Educator and a Dairy/Livestock regional educator
  - A Regional Crops Educator has already been hired for Marquette, Adams, Waushara and Green Lake could be added to her geographical coverage
  - The four counties could also consider the hiring of a Dairy/Livestock Educator to meet Livestock producer needs
  - In addition, producers and clientele have access to educational resources that are being created by statewide Outreach Specialists in the various disciplines listed above. A contact list of Outreach Specialists and Regional Agriculture Educators will be provided to support staff for frontline questions. Support staff will be trained in how to access services through the Agriculture Institute.

## Cost to County:

- The flat fee for an Extension Educator is currently \$43,600. For Regional Agriculture positions, this fee is divided by the number of counties a regional educator covers. Example--if 4 counties assigned to a regional ag educator, a flat fee of \$10,900 per county in 2022. For coverage by two regional educators, each county's cost = \$21,800
- A Regional Agriculture Educator will identify a home county office base. That office will supply technology and support from administrative support staff. Partner counties will provide a docking station and office space
- Mileage, support staff, office supplies, and professional development will be shared equally by counties, one county to serve as administrator of monthly mileage expenses. Options: Each County will contribute same annual lump sum, potential adjustments end of year OR the home county will reimburse regional educator for allowed expenses and then the home county will invoice partner counties on a quarterly basis. This eliminates need to true up and seems to be direction Area 14 counties are leaning to.
- Cell phone to be provided by Area 14 Extension technology budget.
- Division of Extension provides some additional professional development, training, conferences, workshops etc.

## What can a county expect from Regional Educators?

- Regional Educator will assess need of the agriculture producers in their service area and develop programming and expertise that is tailored to the specific production needs of the region
- Educators will share the results of their work back to the counties in their service area on a regular basis
- Area Extension Director (AED) will be responsible for supervision and support.
- Recommend a 3-year commitment to allow new model to be fully implemented.



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March Report for the June 14, 2022 meeting

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

### 2022 Fair

- Judges – still waiting on two judges
- Fair Books were completed and uploaded on the website. All fair superintendents were mailed a copy, along with 4-H Club General Leaders and all the county libraries.
- A press release was sent to the newspapers announcing the opening of the Green Lake County Fair entries.
- Fair entries opened on June 1 and close on July 1 at 11:59 pm.
- Communication Arts Day (Foods Revue, Clothing Preview & Demonstrations) is Monday, June 27 – so far have received two registrations.
- Don Nelson, Chairman of the Waushara County Fair Board, contacted me and apologized for not returning my reply regarding some of the functions of their fair.
- Continue to monitor the Avian Bird Flu. I have been in communication with the Poultry Superintendents if the Poultry show would need to be cancelled and we have an alternative plan for exhibitors.
- Met with a new vendor in the county for the fair awards.
- Welcomed Summer Fair Intern, Abbey Weishaar, on Monday, June 6.
- The Markesan Kiwanis will operate the food stand at the track events but scaling back on what they will be selling.
- Still waiting on Pullers Inc. contract for the Truck/Tractor pulls.



**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.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER -2022**

**Relating to Use of General Fund Reserve Funds for Highway Property Improvements Related to County Jr. Free Fair**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st day of June 2022, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Ag/Ext Education & Fair Committee and County Board are committed to
- 2 providing a free, safe, educational and entertaining annual Green Lake County Junior Free
- 3 Fair, and;
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the Green Lake County Highway Department has historically
- 5 accommodated the annual Junior Free Fair by allowing the Fair to utilize the Highway
- 6 Department building and grounds to host their annual event; and;
- 7 **WHEREAS**, the Ag/Ext Education & Fair Committee and staff have identified some
- 8 shortcomings of the Highway Department buildings and grounds for their uses, as well
- 9 as a need for Fair related building expansion and grounds improvements, and;
- 10 2/3 majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2022

Submitted by Ag/Ext Education & Fair Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 21st day of June 2022.

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Ken Bates, Chair

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Nita Krenz, Vice-chair

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County Board Chairman

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Don Lenz

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ATTEST: County Clerk  
Approve as to Form:

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Nancy Hoffmann

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Corporation Counsel



11 **WHEREAS**, that due the COVID-19 Pandemic the annual Green Lake County Junior  
12 Free Fair was cancelled resulting of annual unused levy in the amount of \$42,354 which  
13 lapsed to the General Fund Reserve Balance at the close of 2020 per GASB and GAAP  
14 requirements, and;

15 **WHEREAS**, the Ag/Ext Education & Fair Committee and staff propose a transfer of the  
16 amount of \$42,354 from the General Fund Reserve Balance to fund prioritized  
17 improvements to the Highway Department Fund for buildings and grounds to improve  
18 the Green Lake County Junior Free Fair operations, and;

19 **WHEREAS**, per GASB and GAAP compliance, improvements to Highway Department  
20 buildings and grounds, regardless of the funding source of those improvements, shall  
21 become the property of the Highway Department Fund and shall be accounted for as  
22 such and shall *not* be retained within the General Fund as the property of the Green  
23 Lake County Junior Free Fair, and;

24 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board of Supervisors approves  
25 the transfer of \$42,354 from General Fund Reserves to Highway Fund Reserves to be  
26 used for Highway Department building and grounds improvements taking under  
27 advisement recommendations by the Ag/Ext Education & Fair Committee.

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Highway Department will have the final approval  
29 authority of any proposed building and grounds improvement suggestions from the  
30 Ag/Extension & Fair Committee and that all improvements shall become the property of  
31 the Highway Department Fund per GASB and GAAP compliance.

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** any Highway Department building and grounds  
33 improvement must comply with local, state and federal regulations and guidelines.

34 **FISCAL NOTE:** Reduction of \$42,354 in General Fund Reserves with transfer of that  
35 amount to the Highway Department Fund Reserve.