



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

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

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**Original Post Date: 1/12/2024**  
**\*Amended Post Date: 1/17/2024**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the  
Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on  
January 16, 2024:**

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Minutes 12/12/2023
- 3) Monthly County Library Services Report
- 4) Monthly UW Extension Green Lake County Staff Reports
  - Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator
  - Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator
  - \*Brandon Springer, 4-H Program Educator
  - Jenice Mischler, Human Development and Relationships
  - Laci Monroe – Foodwise Nutrition Coordinator
- 5) Fair Coordinator Report



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

## AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

***Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 Time: 2:00 p.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*  
*Don Lenz*  
*Nancy Hoffmann*  
*Nancy Hiestand*  
*Curt Talma, alternate*

*Liz Otto,*  
*Secretary*

Virtual attendance at meetings is optional. If technical difficulties arise, there may be instances when remote access may be compromised. If there is a quorum attending in person, the meeting will proceed as scheduled.

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approve Minutes: 12/12/2023 meeting
6. Public Comments
7. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
8. UW Extension Green Lake County Staff Reports – submitted monthly report
  - Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director
  - Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator
  - Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator
  - Brandon Springer – 4H Program Educator
  - Jenice Mischler – Human Development and Relationships Educator
  - Laci Monroe – Foodwise Nutrition Coordinator
9. Fair Coordinator Report
10. Future Fairgrounds Sub-Committee Report
11. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: February 13, 2024
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
12. Adjourn

This meeting will be conducted through in person attendance or audio/visual communication. Remote access can be obtained through the following link:

Microsoft Teams meeting

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**Or call in (audio only)**

[+1 920-515-0745,419659337#](#) United States, Green Bay

Phone Conference ID: 419 659 337#

[Find a local number](#) | [Reset PIN](#)

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Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office. Sincerely, Elizabeth Otto

**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**

**December 12, 2023**

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order at 9:00AM by Nita Krenz 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 Teams. Requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Nancy Hiestand  
Nancy Hoffmann – Remote  
Nita Krenz  
Don Lenz  
Tony Daley – Remote

Absent: Ken Bates  
Jenice Mischler

Staff Present: Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director  
Adam Hartfiel  
Stacy Graff  
Brandon Springer  
Laci Monroe  
Natasha Paris

Also Present: Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Karissa Block, Deputy County Clerk; Ken Stephani, Finance Director

### **MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Lenz/Hiestand)*** to approve the minutes of the 11/14/2023 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

No one present to speak on this report

### **EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS**

- **Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director**
  - Wagner opened the meeting to her staff to allow them to speak on their reports
- **Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator**
  - Hartfiel reviewed and discussed his report
  - Hartfiel will be attending the Adams County Event on January 11<sup>th</sup> and the Waushara County Event on January 18<sup>th</sup> in 2024
- **Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator**
  - Paris reviewed and discussed her report
  - Paris will be holding a pesticide training in Green Lake on January 25<sup>th</sup>

- **Brandon Springer, 4-H Program Educator**
  - Springer reviewed and discussed his report
  - Springer held a 4-H training session Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> for five counties in the area
- **Jenice Mischler, Human Development and Relationships Educator**
  - Mischler was not present to speak on her report
- **Laci Monroe, Foodwise Coordinator**
  - Monroe reviewed and discussed her report
  - Monroe is focusing on reaching out to potential partners

#### **FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT**

- Stacy Graff reviewed and discussed the Fair Coordinator Report
- Graff has finalized a band contract
- Graff will be attending the Wisconsin Association of Fair Convention January 7-10 of 2024

#### **FUTURE FAIRGROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Hoffmann hopes to have more information about where the fair stands after the next Future Fairground meeting

#### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**Future Meeting Date:** Potentially, January 16<sup>th</sup>

Future Agenda items may be shared with Cate, Ken, or Karissa

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Nita Krenz adjourned the meeting at 9:24AM

Submitted by:

Karissa Block  
Deputy County Clerk



## **Berlin Library December 2023 Report**

Happy New Year everyone!

The Berlin Library is starting off the new year with a Winter Reading Challenge, which we are calling Leap Into Read, in honor of Leap Year! Our challenge will be for each participant to read 1000 minutes by February 29. Friends of the Library is sponsoring prizes, which will be gift certificates to local businesses. We are working on special programming to coincide with the reading program, so watch for more fun events to be added soon.

Dungeons & Dragons is returning to the library. One of our staff is a Dragon Master and is going to be leading this strategic program. For game lovers in our area, we are sponsoring an adult game night and a family game night in January. This has been popular during the winter months, so we decided to bring it back.

Youth programming in January includes a DIY take home STEAM kit to make Frost in a Can, an after-school craft to make fake snow and Tiny Tots stories and songs for littles and storytime for pre-school age. For a special winter program, we are creating an indoor ice skating rink. But not worries, we will not be flooding the library. The kids will be skating on shaving cream! Yes, it might get a little messy, but we will be prepared. It should be a fun activity to wear off some energy. Another favorite programming making a comeback is a Stuffed Animal Sleepover and PJ Storytime. Children under 10 can participate in this fun adventure.

Our digitizing project is underway, with the microfilm having been sent out to get digitized. Once it is complete, the final details can be completed. Luckily, we have a temporary DVR employee who will be helping us with this time intensive part of the project.

Looking ahead to 2024, our staff is focusing on the needs of the Berlin community.

Chris Kalupa  
Berlin Library Director

## **Caestecker Public Library Director's Report January 2024**

As I start to compile information for the library's annual report, I have a statistics snapshot to share:

- Our physical circulation of library materials was up 2% from 2022. The actual numbers are 37,332 in 2022 and 37,996 in 2023.
- Our digital circulation, specifically from Overdrive, skyrocketed over 15% from 2022 (7,973 checkouts) to 2023 (9,185).

While there are many other uses for library space and activities not recorded in such hard numbers, the above stats are two exciting indicators that our local community uses and enjoys our library services, many daily. Those numbers also tell us that while our community still enjoys physical materials options, digital services are continuing to be a quickly growing category.

For the new year we have some new program offerings in addition to our regular lineup. At the request of a few locals, and since it was always our favorite when we were students, join us by the fireplace for silent reading hour at the Silent Readers Book Club on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Here's what to expect: 2:00-2:30pm Get settled & say hello to fellow silent readers, snacks welcome, 2:30-3:30pm Silent reading hour, 3:30-4:00pm Optional socializing to wrap up.

To help with new Christmas presents or lingering issues with personal devices, we're offering Technology Help Sessions from 10-11am on Fridays in January. Classes are drop in, free, and open to all.

January 5: Setting Up a Device

January 12: Libby/Kanopy/Hoopla/Library apps

January 19: Basic Phone Photography

Movies this month are in the category of book to film adaptations. Films start on Thursdays at 2pm.

January 4: Under the Tuscan Sun

January 11: Death on the Nile

January 18: Hidden Figures

If all lines up as expected, the library will be closed on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> to complete the long planned and much anticipated, very noisy, very dusty, in-floor electric addition to the fireplace area. Plastic sheeting will be hung to reduce dust flow and protect the rest of the library. We will open as normal during the following weekend. Many more things are to come in 2024, stay tuned!

Christina Lyon, Library Director

### **Markesan Public Library Director's Report for January 2024**

Hello! I thought I would take a quick second to introduce myself. My name is Lucas Almas and I am excited to serve as the new Director for the Markesan Public Library. I am a lover of history with a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Maryland and a background in the museum field. I am currently working on a Master of Library & Information Science and Master of Art in History through Purdue University with specializations in Digital Curation and U.S. History, respectively. I moved to Wisconsin in March 2023 for the snow (yes, I know I'm a "crazy person") and enjoy cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. I am looking forward to enjoying the winter weather in Wisconsin when it finally shows up and decides to stay!

#### **Programs:**

Our card making events saw our normal dedicated attendees which we are hoping to build up with Crafternoon events in the next year. We are hoping that the library will be a place to get out of the house and have socializing time without having to brave the elements too much in the Winter months.

Our Santa Storytime event on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> had 23 children and adults in attendance with special thanks to the National Honor Society, Officer Galkowski, Jill Worden, and Pamela Werth for volunteering with the event.

Author Chad Lewis joined us virtually for “Legends and Lore of Winter” which drew in 12 live attendees though there were likely more due to families sharing a computer. The recording will be made available on our website for anyone to view it. His presentation was very funny and many of our patrons enjoyed it immensely saying they were planning to rewatch it with more family members.

### Collection Updating:


We have begun to expand our Library of Things by adding experience passes for the Milwaukee County Zoo, the Children’s Museum of Fond Du Lac, and the Wisconsin Historical Society. These experience passes come with additional benefits to their respective venues such as reciprocal memberships and discounts at the gift shop and/or ticketed events.

Additionally, we have added more board and cards games to our collection which patrons have enjoyed playing both in the library and taking home to play with their families. These have been a big hit especially with the holidays on top of being something new that Markesan has not offered before. Our current cataloged collection includes: Throw Throw Burrito, Trekking the National Parks, Pebble Rock Delivery Service, Don’t Bee Last, The Oregon Trail Card Game, and Exploding Kittens.




## Upcoming Events in January:


**Markesan Public Library**  
(920) 398-3434  
[www.markesanlibrary.org](http://www.markesanlibrary.org)



**Mon & Thurs 10am-7pm**  
**Tues, Wed, Fri 10am-6pm**  
**Sat 9am-12pm**

# JANUARY 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>Happy New Year</i> Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Card Making Class 3:00 pm	9	10 Play & Learn 9:30 am	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Play & Learn 9:30 am	25	26	27
28	29 Make a Bird Feeder 3:30 pm	30	31 Book Club 6:00 pm	 <p>Try our Winter Reading Bingo Challenge! Find out more online and in the library</p>		

Craft kits will continue to be available for pick up for a nominal fee. Check out our Facebook page for up-to-date information on our offerings!

Find more event information on our website and Facebook page. Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on events, or sign up for our newsletter at [www.markesanlibrary.org](http://www.markesanlibrary.org)!

### EVENTS

**January Book Sale**  
Find best-selling authors, children's books, and movies! All items only 50 cents

**Card Making Class**  
**Monday, January 8 @ 3:00 pm**  
\$5.00 to cover the cost of supplies

**Play & Learn**  
**Wed, January 10 and 24 @ 9:30 am**  
Children's Wisconsin will be here with fun games and activities focused on learning through play! For ages 9 months to 6 years

**Story Time will be taking a short winter break and will be back in the spring!**

**Make Your Own Bird Feeder**  
**Monday, January 29 @ 3:30 pm**  
All supplies provided to make a bird feeder for your backyard! This event will have peanut butter

**Markesan Book Club**  
**Wednesday, January 31 @ 6:00 pm**  
**The Cherry Harvest**  
**by Lucy Sanna**  
Copies are available in regular print, large print, and audiobook editions at the library!

## Princeton Public Library Director's Report for December 2023

### Programs

We were very pleased to host a local author's very first book signing! Savannah Whitemarsh-Hoffmann did a reading of her new juvenile fiction novel, "The Timebound Twins" on Sat. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, I had Covid this week and missed it! Other successful programs this month included Mystery Book Club and our Winter Break Crafternoons.



## Thank-Yous

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Friends of the Library held its annual Cookie Walk fundraiser. They raised over \$1,300! Many thanks to all who donated or shopped. This month we also owe thanks to:

- All those who donated items for the Green Lake County & Salvation Army Angel Tree Program, which provides gifts for kids in need. The angels of our community contributed three large totes worth of presents!



- Renard's European Bakeshop, which donated a lovely box of goodies and a \$500 check!

- Carla K and Sweet Nirvana Creations, who donated cookies for staff and volunteers.

- Mrs. Burdick and the school student choir. They sang some wonderful carols for us on Thursday Dec. 21st. We treated the kids to cookies and candy canes before they went off to sing to the residents of Martha's Assisted Living. Good job, kids!



## Meetings

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, all Winnefox librarians met at Oshkosh to discuss major changes to our ILS (computer system). Part of the changes are changes to item records to our current system, which mean we will have to re-catalog most of our puzzles, games, and kits. These will soon be searchable under "Library of Things." We will also be re-cataloging many books, as Winnefox staff told us that using volume numbers isn't working. We also got a new feature in the catalog, the ability to make items "lost" instead of "missing." This should help clear up some of the difficulties we've been having. Finally, we got a preview of what it will look like when we change from our current software (Workflows) to BlueCloud. There is no current timeline on this, but we hope it will be a better system.

On Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, I attended a brief City Council meeting.

## 2023 In Review

I have created a short (three minute) video with photos from the past year. It is available to watch on Facebook, on YouTube, and on our email newsletter. Here are some of our major accomplishments from 2023:

- We wrote a successful grant to install a Hearing Loop for the hearing impaired at our front desk and in our presentation area.
- The Friends of the Library held several successful fundraisers, including a book sale, flea market food booth, and cookie walk.
- The Friends of the Library bought us big, locally-made planters for the front of our building, and petunias to put in them.
- We hatched chickens in the library for the first time, kicking off a series of EGGcellent programs, including "Backyard Chickens."
- We received Princeton Chamber of Commerce sponsorship for our new Sturgeon Celebration event, which drew great crowds and was featured on WLUK-TV FOX 11 (click [HERE](#) to watch).
- We helped Princeton celebrate its 175th birthday with a big historic photo display, decorating materials and treats and face painting for the children's parade, and facepainting and treats and lots of games for the Kids Zone.
- We began hosting WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) mobile services for the first time.
- We began hosting Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for the first time.
- We wrote a successful grant to Webster's Marketplace and expanded our Summer Reading Program to include adults as well as kids.
- People can now check out puzzles and boardgames here.
- We introduced a new streaming video service, Kanopy.
- We started new annual traditions: a Halloween Party and an Art & Craft Supply Swap.
- We worked with the Princeton Women's Club, Green Lake County, the 175th Committee, Princeton Senior Center, and other community organizations to help people in need, including Christine Anne Women's Shelter, Martha's Assisted Living, the Green Lake County Food Pantry, and others.







# Events at Princeton Library

January 2024

**Monday, Jan. 1st: Library Closed All Day—Happy New Year!**

**Wed. Jan. 3rd, 9:30am: Mystery Book Club**

We are discussing Sue Grafton's "*E is for Evidence*." Pick up a copy at the library and join us! This group is led by Vicki Duhr and meets on the first Wednesday of every month.

**Monday 4-6pm Jan. 8th AND Jan. 22nd: Knitting Club**

Join us! Crafters of all kind are welcome to sit, work, and chat with us.

**Wed. Jan. 10th, 5pm: AA Meeting**—All are welcome.

**Monday, Jan. 15th: Library Closed All Day for Staff Inservice**

**Wed. Jan. 17th, 2-3pm: Learn to Libby (Download ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines)**

Come to this free class and learn to download materials for FREE using the library's "Libby" app. Bring your smartphone or tablet and your library card! No need to RSVP.

**Sat. Jan. 20th, 9:30-11:30am: Online Tax Basics—sponsored by Bug Tussel University**

Learn the basics of how online tax filing works, including the types of online tax filing services and what factors to consider. You'll learn about online tools available to help you as well as staying safe from scams. This class is designed for those who are comfortable using the internet. Please RSVP to this free class by calling Bug Tussel University at 920-940-0003.

**Fri. Jan. 26th, 1pm: Smartphone Basics**

This free class is geared towards seniors, and will give a basic overview of smartphone functions. Learn to set an alarm, take a picture, send an email, and download new apps. Learn about using the internet with Wi-Fi versus data. Please bring your smartphone and charger cord. No need to RSVP.

**Wed. Jan. 31st, 12:30pm: DIY Online Taxes—sponsored by Bug Tussel University**

Take the next step in learning how to file your taxes online safely. No tax prep help will be given, just tech help. This class is designed for those comfortable using the internet. Consider taking our Basics class first. RSVP to this free class by calling Bug Tussel University at 920-940-0003.

These are just SOME  
of our tech classes!

Let us help you get tech savvy  
in the new year. Here are more  
free upcoming tech classes:

**Smartphone Basics II**

Thurs. February 22nd, 2-3pm  
and again Fri. March 8th, 1-2pm

**Learn to Libby**

(Download ebooks,  
audiobooks, and magazines)

Fri. Feb. 9th, 10-11am and again  
Sat. March 16th, 10-11am

**Intro to Google Email,  
Google Drive & Docs**

Learn to use these great free tools!  
Photo storage, document & more.  
Thursday, March 21st, 2:30-3:30pm  
Please RSVP: 920-295-6777

Story Time every

Monday at 9:30 am

Songs, stories, crafts,  
and snacks—free!

Mon—Thurs 9-7

Friday 9-5

Saturday 9-1

Princeton Public Library

424 West Water St. Princeton, NJ 08540

920-295-6777 [princetonpublib.org](http://princetonpublib.org)

Puzzles, Board Games, Video Games,

Faxing, Copying, Tech Help, Scanning,  
eBooks, Audiobooks, DVDs, and More!



## Events at the Princeton Library

# December 2023

### PRINCETON LIBRARY

424 W. Water St.  
Princeton, WI 54968  
920-295-6777  
princetonpublib.org

Mon-Thurs 9am-7pm  
Friday 9am-5pm  
Saturday 9am-1pm  
Sunday Closed

### STORY TIME

Every Monday at  
9:30am. Songs, stories,  
crats and snacks, free!

### KNITTING CLUB

Monday 11th 4-6pm  
Join us! All levels of  
experience are  
welcome, crocheters,  
quilters, and kids too!

### CHECK OUT PUZZLES & BOARD GAMES!

### AA MEETINGS

2nd Wednesdays of  
each month, 5pm.

### ASK US ABOUT:

Faxing, copying,  
scanning, lamination,  
tech assistance,  
downloadable eBooks  
and audiobooks,  
and more!

### Wed. 6th, 9:30am: Mystery Book Club

Join us to discuss a new book every month! There is no fee and all are welcome. December's book is *"I Am Half-Sick of Shadows"* by Alan Bradley. Pick up a copy at the library today!

### Fri. 8th: Angel Tree Gifts Are Due

Can you help a local child in need this Christmas? Pick up a gift tag with the name, age, and wish of a child, then return a new, unwrapped gift to the library by today. Organized by Green Lake Co Social Services and the Salvation Army.

### Sat. 9th, 9am: Friends of the Library Cookie Walk

Why bake when you can pick out a wide variety of treats at low prices at our annual cookie walk! Buy your holiday cookies, bars, candy, and more at the Friends Annual Cookie Walk for only \$7 per dozen. The Walk runs from 9am-1pm (or whenever we sell out). Get here early for the best choices! Donations of baked goods are gratefully accepted before the sale. Thank you!

### Sat. 16th, 10am-Noon: Local Author Visit

Meet local author Savannah Whitemarsh-Hoffman and check out her new book, *"The Timebound Twins!"* She will be here from 10am to noon to do a reading, as well as sell and autograph copies of her brand new book. This juvenile/young adult fantasy novel takes place mainly in a gorgeous, whimsical realm, but also references real people and places in Wisconsin. Savannah will donate 10% of her book sales today to the library.

Closed for Christmas Saturday Dec. 23rd—Monday Dec. 25th

### Tues. 26th—Sat. 30th: Winter Break Crafternoons

During school's winter break, families and individuals can join us every afternoon and evening for crafts! Drop in from noon to closing time Mon-Fri, and 10am-1pm on Saturday. No charge. All ages are welcome!

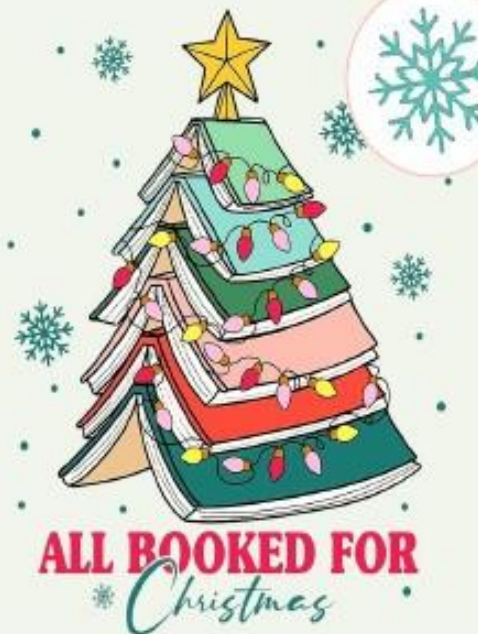
Tuesday: Jewelry making. Will you try a pair of earrings, a necklace, or...?

Wednesday: No-sew snowmen. These rice-filled cuties are made from socks!

Thursday: Elegant pinecone door hangers are easy to make.

Friday: "Stained glass" paper sun catchers are easy and beautiful.

Saturday: Fun snowflakes. Get creative— we've got lots of glittery stuff!



**Adam Hartfiel**  
**Regional Livestock Educator**  
Adams, Green Lake, Waushara Counties



**Extension**  
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### **Report November 21<sup>st</sup>- Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

#### **Outreach/Events:**

- Article(s) for UW-Madison Topic Hub and Newspapers
  - [Remember the Bull when Winter Approaches Dec 2023](#)
- Event: Signature Farms on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Flyer/Registration: [Signature Farms 2024](#)
    - Topics include Winter Feed and Forages, VCPR, Replacement Heifer Selection/Development
- Event: Waushara County Courthouse on January 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Flyer/Registration: [Beef and Soil Health 2024](#)
    - Topics include Soil health and grazing, Importance of keeping cattle healthy and in good condition through winter.
- Event: Beef 101
  - Coming in Spring 2024
  - Free online education for new beef producers
- Dairy, Dairy-Beef, Beef Calve Transport Surveys
  - Data collection finishing up.

#### **Professional Development/Activities:**

- Attended New-Employee Cohort Training in Stevens Point
  - December 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at Central Wisconsin Environmental Station
- On-Farm Visits with producers
- UW-Madison's Plan of Work
- Plain Language: Completed Canvas Course
- Meetings with AED and Program Manager
- Attending local Farm Bureau meetings to meet individuals in the community.
- Extension & Agriculture Institute Meetings
- County Extension Committee Meetings
- County Staff Meetings



# Agriculture

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

- A meeting for farmers and collaborators participating in the Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program in which farmers shared progress and insights from the first year of on-farm research. The purpose of this effort was to provide opportunities for feedback and collaboration on the program for participants as they partake in large on-farm research projects to improve nitrogen use and protect water quality.
- A meeting of the Tri County Produce Growers Cooperative in which I shared information as a wrap up of the 2023 growing season and provided insights into things to watch for entering 2024, as well as provided materials on how to access professional development opportunities in the winter of 2024. The purpose of this effort was to reach Amish farmers who do not have access to online resources and are unaware of events that are happening unless they are physically distributed to them, these events and this interaction serves to improve the skills and knowledge of the Amish produce growing community.
- Planning for the Wisconsin Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Conference, which hosts around 800 stakeholders that come from the state of Wisconsin and neighboring states to hear about very diverse topics. The Division of Extension helps plan the conference and the programming for the fruit and vegetable tracks. The purpose of this effort is to assist growers of specialty crops improve their practices for sustainability and profitability.
- Participation in the advisory panel of a local producer-led watershed group for farmers, conservationists and community members of the Roche-a-Cri watershed, by assisting with planning and facilitating activities geared toward increasing the awareness and adoption of conservation and ultimately water quality of the Roche-a-Cri and Wisconsin River watersheds.



Brandon Springer  
4-H Program Educator



Extension  
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## Monthly Report

### Outreach/Events:

- **Needle Felting Program 1/20:**
  - I will be hosting a needle felting program for Green Lake County youth to participate in this Saturday from 9am-12pm. Youth will receive a kit with supplies and will follow me as I teach some of the technical skills. The goal is for youth to develop a new spark by trying a new craft. The youth will work on mastery, patience, attention to detail, and can continue to build their skills after the initial meeting.
- **Camp Planning**
  - Green Lake has partnered with the other counties in Area 14 (all under Pat) to host a summer camp. We met last Friday over zoom to discuss a theme and we decided on “Let the SPARKS Begin” for our theme which is center around the Olympics. I will be working on drafting an ultimate goal for our summer camp that we can use to show families of why they should send their kids to camp. Some upcoming events around camp involve counselor training/ planning and an information session for participants ahead of camp.
- **Ambassador Programming**
  - I am working with the Ambassadors to host a Super Saturday which provides multiple spark opportunities for youth to try new experiences. The goal here is to have a variety of new activities for youth to spark a new interest. This also allows for youth to have an opportunity to practice presentation and leadership skills as they have the ability to lead sessions on their sparks. This also allows for building youth-adult relationships that are key to youth development by allowing youth to learn from community adults sharing their sparks.

### Partnerships:

- Met with the Boys and Girls Club to discuss partnerships for Green Lake and Berlin Sites. There is interest in any kind of programming from one off to a series of events. This is a great partnership because they can provide some facilities and access to more people to get involved in 4-H that might not otherwise be.
- Princeton Library: I met with the Princeton Library who discussed partnership opportunities.
- Both the above showed interest in natural/ outdoor education which I have a background in and will likely provide some programming around those topics.

- Marquette County 4-H In-School Program. Later this month I will be shadowing/assisting in providing programming for some Princeton and Montello In-School Programs to get an idea of what that looks like to possibly bring to Green Lake Co. Schools.

### Professional Development/Activities:

- UW-Madison Extension Plain Language Course
- Cohort 15 Official UW- Madison Onboarding

Jenice Mischler MSE

920-294-4039

**Thank you for reaching out! My position is 80% FTE. Typical Office hours: M-TH 8-4:30**

Human Development & Relationships Educator

Green Lake County Extension

571 Cnty Rd A

Green Lake, WI 54941



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**January 2024 GL Co Report—Human Development & Relationships Educator (HDR):**

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Constituent:</u></b>	<b><u>Needs (Observations communicated to me from Constituents):</u></b>	<b><u>Objectives:</u></b>	<b><u>Outcomes:</u></b>
12/4/23	DHHS: Kate Meyer & Staff	Staff Interested in Planning AHEAD program (6 one hour sessions)	Planning AHEAD Program provides practical steps to provide for sickness/ final wishes, ways to safely keep important documents/, and assist loved ones	Offered to investigate how Planning AHEAD program could be provided for DHHS Staff, Co Bldg? & Community; Talked to AED, will bring question to Cate in future with Pat?
12/6/23	Berlin Public Lib: Danielle Schroeder	For homeowners-How to Financially declutter after Holiday; Berlin Community Homeless resources needed	Recordkeeping & Learn Money Personality: Homeowners need to organize and simplify; Homeless need resources-impact in community is becoming prevalent	Detail Planning Mtg: 1/11 for Financial Recordkeeping program- Feb 1, 6pm; Referred-Inquire/Learn with ADVOCAP regarding Homeless impact in Berlin/GL Co
12/12/23	UMOS: Janie Velasquez	Summer programming for Migrant students: field trip experiential provisions to enculturate/expose to American culture and improve opportunities	Community Garden (Spanish&Eng) Activities	Schedule/Meet with UMOS Janie in May
12/14/23	GLCCF: Lynn Ryan	Persons in Our Care need resources for successful entrance to a community	ReEntry Ready topics: Green Lake Co Resources, Financial Products, Tracking Income/Benefits, Paying Bills, Saving, Budgeting, Getting	Jan- Schedule details Planning Meet with Lynn Ryan and Lori Leahy. Email sent. Prospective program provision: Feb Mondays

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			out of Debt, Credit, Protecting Assets, Insurance, Retirement	
12/14/24	Collaborate with Dodge & FDL Co Ext Colleagues: Patti Carrol & Kimberly Clark for Planning AHEAD program	Planning AHEAD programming is perceived to be a popular provision in our area for aging pop. Sister city, Ripon, and Markesan-Fox Lake may be close areas to provide in person program.	Markesan Pub Lib has newly onboarding Director—possible need/client base? Ripon-GL provision possible need/client base?	Schedule Markesan Director mtg Schedule Kimberly Clark/Patti Carroll mtg
12/20/23	ADVOCAP: Tony Beregszazi, Becky Heldt, Karen, Jan	Housing and Employability Skills shortage noted--Berlin Advocap largely overwhelmed with Homeless needs, particularly those coming from GLCCF whom must remain in county for probation after being released; would like to see collaborative provision made by GLCCF, Employers, and Community for releasees	Rent Smart program regarding housing/consumer ed at Advocap; Collaborative Provision-refer Advocap to UW Extension Community Development Rep (Waupaca Co or Juneau Co?)-see Pat	January mtg to be scheduled to further clarify provision of Rent Smart (where/when); See Pat to confirm who and how to refer UW Ext Com Dev Rep for continued conversation
12/21/23	Economic Dev Mtg	Econ Dev Committee entity still being defined; it was speculated that GL Co Ext may be a great resource for tourism/entrepreneurship facilitation structure exploration-connection to Financial Security?	Watch how Econ Dev Committee goals/purpose unfolds; offer any Extension structure resources/contacts	Econ Dev Committee Mtg: Jan 18-observe?
1/4/24	HeadStart Markesan: Sandra Reeves, Kathie Sutton	HeadStart would like Ext HDR to provide parent night Activity and	Activity Planning Mtg scheduled: 1/12/24, 10:30 for Feb 2, 5:30	Compile Activities for 1/12/24 Mtg: Create Saving Bingo, Create Money

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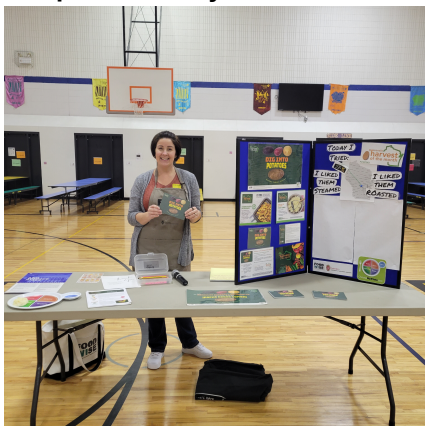
		content regarding topic: How to Stretch Foodshare: Save on Groceries, Financial Lit, Budget Basics	Parent night @ Markesan HeadStart	Personality, Create Bean Game manipulatives
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**FoodWise Coordinator Marquette, Waushara, Green Lake Counties**  
**.90 FTE September-May .50 FTE June-August**

**FoodWise mission-To advance healthy eating habits, active lifestyles and healthy community environments for low income families through nutrition education at the individual, community and systems levels.**

**Marquette County**



- Hosted Potato tasting event at Montello School for the Harvest of the Month Program. Students were able to taste and vote on their favorite potato recipe. (roasted potatoes won)
- Created posters about popcorn being a whole grain for Montello Schools' December Farm to School activity. All students tried locally grown popcorn and parents were able to taste it at the band/choir concerts. The popcorn was provided by the Tietz Family Farm in Watertown WI and popped by Guth's candy store in Waupun, WI.
- On the planning committee at Montello School District with their Farm to School Grant. Planning a blueberry event using blueberries from Flyte Farm in Coloma. (Beating the Winter Blues)
- Order the weights needed for Strong Bodies. The first session will begin mid-January and run 2 days a week for 8 weeks. I am looking at booking a room in the Health and Human Services building.

<p><b>Waushara County</b></p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parent/Student event planned for January 25th at Parkside. This event will use food from the Hornet Market. We will be making lentil vegetable soup, talking about the nutritional information in the recipe and making a snack together. Families will receive the recipe for the soup and be able to take home a box with all the ingredients from the market.</li> <li>● Programming is starting at Parkside Elementary. Mondays are 4th and 5th grade and Thursdays are 6th-8th grade. I am piloting a new program for the 6-8th graders called small bites.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Green Lake County</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shadowing programming at the Markesan Head Start. I will be taking over the programming in the fall for the Fond Du Lac team.</li> <li>● Looking to start a summer Strong Bodies series in Green Lake County. This program is 2 sessions that last 8 weeks. We meet twice a week for one hour. Once a week we do a short nutrition lesson.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Projects</b></p>	<p>My January through March is filled with new educator training. These training sessions are required for me to teach certain curricula. I am also starting my Cohort 15 meeting sessions. These are also required meeting/trainings for all new extension employees.</p>