



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Amended Post Date: 2/8/2024

**The following documents are included in the packet for the
Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting
on February 13, 2024:**

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 1/16/2024
- 3) County Library Services Report
- 4) UW Extension Green Lake County Staff Reports
 - 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
- 5) Fair Coordinator Report
- 6) Fairest of the Fair Itemized Expenses
- 7) Green Lake County Notice of Budgetary Adjustment



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AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 *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
Nancy Hoffmann
Nancy Hiestand
Curt Talma, alternate

Karissa Block,
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: 1/16/2024 meeting
6. Public Comments
7. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
8. Extension Green Lake County Report
 - Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director
- UW Extension Green Lake County Staff Reports – Submitted monthly report
 - 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. * Request for Funds of \$2,550 for Fairest of the Fair Program to be Added to the Fair Budget
 - Discussion/Action
12. Fair Logo Discussion
13. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: TBS
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
14. Adjourn

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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

January 16, 2024

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chair Ken Bates 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: Ken Bates
Nancy Hiestand
Nancy Hoffmann
Nita Krenz
Don Lenz

Staff Present: Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director
Adam Hartfiel
Stacy Graff
Brandon Springer
Laci Monroe (remote)
Natasha Paris (2:20)

Also Present: Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Liz Otto, County Clerk; Ken Stephani, Finance Director

MINUTES

Motion/second (Lenz/Krenz) to approve the minutes of the 12/12/2023 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Laura Skalitsky of the Princeton Public Library gave a report on various past, present, and future activities for all of the county libraries and stated that the Markesan Public Library will introduce a new library director next month.

EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS

- **Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director**
- **Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator**
- **Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator**
- **Brandon Springer, 4-H Program Educator**
- **Jenice Mischler, Human Development and Relationships Educator**
- **Laci Monroe, Foodwise Coordinator**

All extension staff members gave a verbal report updating their submitted reports in the packet.

FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

Fair Coordinator Stacy Graff attended the Wisconsin Association of Fairs conference from January 7 – January 10. Graff shared highlights of the conference with the group. She is currently working on judges for the 2024 fair and entertainment contracts.

FUTURE FAIRGROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Nancy Hoffmann updated the committee on the last Future Fairgrounds AdHoc Committee meeting. They are currently working with UWEX Community Development Institute and are planning another meeting in February.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: February 13, 2024 @ 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bates adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.

Submitted by:

Liz Otto
County Clerk

Berlin Library February 2023 Report

The Berlin Library's Winter Reading program, Leap into Reading is going very well. As of the end of January, there were over 17,000 minutes of reading logged, which is just shy of our half-way point of the program. We overheard one family having their own contest to see who can read the most. It is great to encourage reading during months when there isn't as much happening.

Through the encouragement of Sara at the Kingston library, our library collected almost 100 valentines for veterans. Patrons were asked to write a message to veterans thanking them for their service. One of our patrons works at King and was able to deliver them in person. The residents were excited to get the valentines! This was a wonderful community project.

We offered our first program through the new GL UW Extension Educator, Jenice Mischler. The program was 'Declutter Financially' and was well received. We are fortunate to have educators available to help educate our patrons on important topics.

Our Teen Library Club members will be planning and executing a fun life-size game of Chutes & Ladders that families and friends can come participate in. It is great to see the enthusiasm and participation from teens for this event.

We are really excited to bring back a multi-generational program called 'If You Give a Grandparent a Cookie' on Wednesday, February 14 at 2:30. This program is a partnership with the Berlin Senior Center, the Berlin Library, and Children's Wisconsin. Elders will read stories to the kids and together, they will decorate cookies afterwards.

I would like to give you all a heads-up on two upcoming programs. Our Digitization Service will be offered from March 4-18, where staff will help transfer VHS and slide/film to digital format. Call our library to sign up for this program. And we are excited to bring back our popular 9th Annual Quilt Show in March. Call the library to register a quilt or to get more information. Do you know a quilter? Pass on this exciting opportunity to showcase quilts in our beautiful library.

Our youth librarian has been working hard at putting together more kid's kits for checkout. The newest to our collection are Storytime Kits, each one with a theme such as Animals, Numbers, Ocean, Jungle, Rhymes, Winter, and many more. Partially sponsored by our Friends of the Library, these bags will include books (fiction & non-fiction), games, fun facts, and much more. The other discovery kits fly off of our shelves and we know these kits will be a huge hit with families.

This month I will be working on completing our DPI Annual Report. Although a tedious task, it is well worth the time compiling the facts and figures that tell the story of our library over the past year. I am very grateful to the Winnefox staff for greatly helping their libraries gather statistics for this report. It could be so much worse!

Last but not least...tax forms have arrived. People have been steadily stopping to pick up forms. If you need forms, stop in your local library.

Happy Winter Reading!

Chris Kalupa, Berlin Library Director

Caestecker Public Library Director's Report February 2024

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The beginning of the month, especially National Library Lovers month, is a great time to remind you and all the library lovers of our regular upcoming events at the library. Monday the Knitting Group meets at 10am, every Tuesday at 10am kids and their caregivers are welcome to join us for Play & Build in the Burr Oak Room, Wednesdays brings Storytime with Ms. Margie at 10am, and Fridays is your chance to get those tech questions answered at our drop in Tech Hour starting at 10am.

Our annual Road to the Oscars journey returns this February on Thursdays starting at 6:30pm. The film and popcorn are always provided courtesy of the Caestecker Library Foundation and the Friends of the Caestecker Public Library, and the company of your friends and neighbors can't be beat. Join us on the following days to see movies displaying a variety of cinematic excellence. February 1: *The Holdovers*, February 8: *Barbie*, February 15: *The Creator*, February 22: *Elemental*, February 29: *Oppenheimer*.

For our Thursday Movie Matinee following, we have movies planned for a 2pm start and the lineup for the next two weeks is as follows: February 8: *My Sailor, My Love*, February 15: *The Holdovers*, February 22: *Hypnotic*, February 29: *Wonka*.

Next week on February 6th at 10am our Roasts & Reads casual book club meets to sip some delicious coffee and share thoughts on recent reads. On Thursday, February 8th our monthly Sit & Stitch group meets from 10am-3pm to work on quilts, embroidery, and creative hand or machine stitching of all kinds. Friday, February 9th at 2pm is our first Crafternoon of 2024 with paper roses to sweeten your day.

Make a note to join us on Saturday, February 17th from 10-11:30am for hot chocolate, marshmallows, whipped cream, sprinkles, and cookies. What could be better? This is the first of what the Friends of the library plan to make quarterly opportunities to meet up with other Friends and fellow library lovers.

The Green Lake School kids have a day off school on Monday, February 19th. If you're looking for an activity, invite your kids to the Knitting Group's **Stuffed Animal Hospital from 10-noon!** If your loveable teddy has a ripped ear or your "Fluffy" from childhood has some stuffing coming out, then this is the event for you. The lovely ladies of our Knitting Group will discuss the repair needed and plan the best course of action. Then they will use their skills and supplies to stitch your beloved stuffy right back up.

Our next Silent Book Club meeting is on February 21st from 2-4 pm. After chatter on social media increased our post reach, we are anticipating a larger crowd this time around. Silent Book

Club members will receive a special bookmark with artwork created by our own Melissa Neumaier to celebrate.

Last on our lineup for February, Amanda Anderson will join us with an informational workshop on Introduction to Herbalism on February 28 from 6-7pm. Amanda will go over the basics of herbal medicine and common medicinal herbs. There are a lot more events coming your way this month and beyond. For more information visit greenlakelibrary.org/calendar.

Christina Lyon, Library Director

Mill Pond Public Library Director's Report February 2024

Kingston News.....

We have a visitor at the Mill Pond Library in Kinston. She is going to be here the entire month of February, and she brought some presents with her to give away. No, it's not Mrs. Claus. Our visitor is pink. And...she's a gnome! When you stop in at the library during the month of February search for Pinky. When you locate her, if you check out an item from the area she is in, you'll be eligible to enter your name into a prize drawing. We will draw one name each week from the entries. Come in and have some fun with us and Pinky during the month of February!

One of my customers brought to my attention the article in the Berlin Journal Newspaper about valentines for veterans. I took it to the other Green Lake County libraries and together we were able to send 204 valentines off to the homes at King, Chippawa Falls, and Union Grove. Happy Valentines Day Veterans!

On January 30th I met with Jenice Mischler (Human Dev. & Relationships Educator) and Brandon Springer (4-H Program Educator) of Green Lake County, to talk about ways the library could collaborate with these departments. Jenice had some ideas for programs that would serve our retired, or close to retired, library users. And Brandon will be helping with a fishing program we can use for our Summer Reading program this year. I look forward to working with both.

The end of Jan/beginning of Feb. is a busy time for libraries as we work to get our annual reports done for the State and our library system. Thirty years ago, when I started at the library the directors were responsible for keeping track of all the statistics and numbers that are needed for these reports. Jump ahead to 2024 and the libraries all being automated, Winnefox is now able to prefill a lot of the report statistics including materials owned, added, and removed for the year, and our circulation statistics which includes the breakdown of our rural circulation. That support from Winnefox cuts the time needed to work on these reports in half. Just one of the great benefits the Green Lake County libraries receive from the Winnefox Library System.

Markesan Public Library Director's Report for February 2024

We started off this month with a Winter Bingo that children and adults could do to enter for a prize at the end. The point of this was to showcase some of the many new and old things that the library has that patrons could use such as our board games, stamp collection, and online services. Our other monthly events, the Card Making Class and Play & Learn, were well attended, and have gained a strong core group that consistently shows up. Our Book Club on January 31st had the highest attendance we have seen and hope to continue that with February's Book Club.

We have continued to revamp our library both physically and online! Steven Edwards Graphics did a fantastic and quick installation of a decal in our Children's Area that reads "Create, Explore, Imagine, Read" in different fonts. Additionally, Jay Harland, Winnefox Network Manager/Web Developer, spent the morning at the library on Tuesday, January 16th working on updating the library website's layout and content. The updated website will make it easier for patrons to find information as well as better organize our online files. The website will be ready in early February.

Upcoming Events in February:

- February 5th - Drop-in Lego Club @ 3:30pm
- February 12th - Card Making Class @ 3:00pm
- February 13th – Valentine's Day Tea Time @ 1:00pm
- February 14th – Play & Learn @ 9:30am
- February 26th – Make a Pinecone Bird Feeder @ 3:30pm
- February 28th – Play & Learn @ 9:30am
- February 28th - Book Club @ 6:00pm. The Book Club book this month is *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley

Lucas Almas
Markesan Library Director

Princeton Public Library Director's Report for February 2024

Programs

I have all programs planned and on our website calendar through May, although there may be changes to our Sturgeon Celebration. I am trying to get more local businesses and organizations to participate in this event.

We offered several tech classes this month: "Learn to Libby," "Smartphone Basics," "DIY Online Taxes," and "DIY Online Taxes II." The last two were offered in partnership with Bug Tussel University.

Sara at Kingston Library told us all about "Valentines for Veterans," at our county librarians meeting on the 16th, and all of us agreed to participate. We were only able to offer cards for the public to sign for two weeks due to the program's deadline (Jan. 31st) but it was well received by the public. Together, all libraries sent about 145 Valentines to veterans in Wisconsin group homes.

During the month of January, we helped the Princeton Women's Club raise awareness about

human trafficking with the #WearBlueDay selfie program. Participants wore blue clothing and took selfies with signs.

We are working with the Princeton Historical Society on a great program about saving history through metal detecting. Professional metal detector Jim Winter, better known to many as the Driftless Digger, has a passion for local history, and researches his finds extensively. If anyone is interested in having their property metal detected, Mr. Winter may be available to do that when he comes to do his presentation this spring. We think it would be neat if, during his presentation, Mr. Winter is able to show items he found locally, while the Historical Society talks about the context in which they were found. There is no fee to have your land detected, and property owners can ask to keep anything Mr. Winter finds. He has a simple form for people to sign that keeps everybody free from liability. So far, we have permission from two landowners in Princeton (one who owns land that included the former town of St. Marie) and two in Berlin. We have tentative dates set for Mr. Winter to detect (April 25 and 26) and present (Saturday, April 17th).

Volunteers

Bill, our beloved longtime volunteer, has been having a rough time lately with personal issues and health problems. Please keep him in your prayers, and consider dropping off a home-cooked meal for him.

I am looking for volunteers for a spring backyard cleanup day or days. Many of our Friends volunteers are in their 70s and can no longer do heavy labor.

Thank-Yous & Weather Closures

Many thanks to Larry and Leanne Schultz of Beaver Dam for their very generous donation!

A huge thank you to our wonderful DPW crew for digging us all out recently. We were open on January 9th despite school closings, but we closed on January 12th and 13th due to extreme weather conditions. We generally (but not always) close when the school does. All library materials that were due between January 12th and 15th had their due dates extended until the 16th.

Meetings

I met with local business owners Keith and Liz Barzyk on January 8th to discuss a potential “experience pass” program for the summer. Many libraries check out passes to museums and local attractions, and the Ice Bowl’s tubing/kayaking was one local business I thought would be fun to partner with. Marsh Haven Nature Center has generously sent us passes for free, but I anticipate purchasing passes from the Barzyks and other locations, potentially via sponsorship from the Webster Foundation and/or the Friends of the Library. I have not yet heard back from the Portage Indian Agency/Surgeon’s Quarters, Berlin Aquatic Center, Shamba Safari, or Mike Lehner’s boat tours.

On January 15th, we had our annual staff in-service.

- We all received training on the new ILL software from Michelle at Winnefox.

- I trained staff in a new spreadsheet we'll be using to track program attendance and daily door counts. The spreadsheet came from Winnefox and I modified it to fit our needs.
 - I trained staff briefly in the new security camera software.
 - I assigned staff tasks to be completed before May.
 - I trained staff in ways to increase circulation, including "upselling," pushing the Favorite Author Program, refreshing displays, etc. Millie will be working to re-catalog and move more picture books into popular categories (Paw Patrol, Disney, seasons, farm animals, etc).
 - We went over several procedures and policies, talked about new hours for staff, and spent some time cleaning and tidying.
 - I had Millie and Janet sign up for a materials repair workshop in Winneconne.
- Afterwards, I took all the staff out for food and an Escape Room adventure in Oshkosh (I paid).

On January 16th, I attended the Green Lake County librarians meeting.

On January 19th, I attended the Summer Learning Workshop in Menasha. I got some good programming ideas and credits towards my continuing education requirements.

January 22nd and 24th, I attended Chamber meetings and received confirmation that the Chamber will again sponsor our Ugly Sturgeon Contest and Sturgeon Egg Scramble.

On January 23rd, I attended an all-Winnefox meeting in Menasha. We received individual and system-wide library statistics, heard from Winnefox staff, met six new library directors, discussed municipal relationships and the upcoming summer passport program, and voted on WTEC and WPLC representatives. I asked to be on the ballot for WTEC, and won one of three open positions (there were four candidates). WTEC advises Winnefox staff on technology issues.

I also attended the City Council meeting on the 23rd.

On January 25th, I attended (virtually) the Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference. Sessions I attended included How to Be Heard (Without Screaming!), Board Games in the Library, and "Better Than Normal: Assessing and Adapting to Changing Programming Needs." I got some good programming ideas and credits towards my continuing education requirements.

Maintenance:

I am working hard to keep our Operational Security folders up-to-date. These folders contain everything needed to run the library in case of disaster. Our library board president has one, and another is in my office. The folders include logins and passwords, important contacts, important dates and deadlines, maintenance schedules, vendor contracts, and tech info.

I continue to keep up with the PC replacement schedule passed by the board in 2021. We got a

new patron PC this month, and although it took a few phone calls with the Winnefox tech staff to get it on the network, it's installed and good to go. My computer will be next.

The women's bathroom door was locked for a day with no one inside. I watched a YouTube video and was able to get it unlocked with a small screwdriver. This happened once before in June of last year. Cody Metras from Quality Door and Hardware advised me that this may happen accidentally when someone leaves the bathroom and accidentally presses/turns the thumb bolt lock on the way out.

We had several frustrating tech issues this month., including a disappearing Amazon order, a stuck light switch in the men's bathroom, and issues with access to the online Gale/Udemy resource. Hopefully we have resolved those for good.

I was also not able to log in to our security camera system, and had Jeremiah Quick come out to upgrade our software. The new version is easier to get into- a simple desktop icon instead of having to get into an older version of Microsoft Edge/Explorer. There is no charge to us.

The Winnefox app remains down, and it sounds like we will not get one back until summer at the earliest. Although our library system is being reimbursed for this time, it's disappointing not to be able to offer this to our customers.

We had an issue with our front door not locking again, and some hardware was replaced on February 2nd.

eBooks: Popular, But Library Budget Stressors

Each year, every library tries to pay at least their fair share of the total cost of the eBook collections. There's a state-wide pool, and then a Winnefox library system pool. The publishing companies rarely allow libraries to actually buy eBooks. They make us **lease** eBooks. These leases last for a number of checkouts, or a time period, and then we have to lease the book again. And again. And again. We end up paying many times more than the cost of a paper book. Meanwhile, we still have to buy the paper book- and possibly the audiobook on CD, and the Large Print versions as well.

2023 in Review: By the Numbers

Each year, libraries across the state work with our library systems and the DPI to compile library statistics from the previous year. In Princeton, circulation of physical items is down 6% from 2022, while library visits, eBook circulation, and program attendance are up 12%-25%. This shows the changing role of libraries. We are moving away from being book warehouses, and towards high-tech centers for business, creativity, and human connection.

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Events at Princeton Library February 2024



Wed. Feb. 7th, 9:30am: Mystery Book Club

Let's discuss "Dead Girl Running" by Christina Dodd.

Copies available at the library. The book club is run by Vicki Duhr.

Next month's book is "Eight Perfect Murders" by Peter Swanson. Join us!

Fri. Feb. 9th, 10-11am: Learn to Libby

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

1-3 pm Monday Feb. 12th AND Monday Jan. 26th: Knitting Club

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

Wed. Feb. 14th, 5pm: AA Meeting—All are welcome.

Wed. Feb. 21st: Alcohol Ink Art Class

Let's play with alcohol inks! Make a flower (or whatever your heart desires) with our supplies and tips. If you can, please bring a heat gun or small hair dryer. **We'll have two sessions today, 1-3PM and 5-7pm.**

Each session has can fit up to 10 people. Please RSVP for ONE of these two sessions by calling 920-295-6777. Sign up soon, these seat will fill fast!

Thurs. Feb. 22nd, 2-3pm: Smartphone Basics II

This free class is geared towards seniors, and will give a basic overview of smartphone functions. After a skill review from our Smartphone Basics I class, you'll learn to edit and share pictures, capture an image on your screen, add events to you calendar with alerts, and customize your phone's security, background, brightness, font size, and notifications. Please bring your smartphone and charger cord.

Wed. Feb. 28th, 10-11am: Election Training

We will be holding training for poll workers and volunteers today from 10-11am, via a webinar from the WI Elections Commission. **Please plan on using the children's area quietly during this time. The teen area will not be accessible for this hour.**



We're Hatching Chicks!

Starting the last week in February, see eggs turning in our incubator, check out our egg science posters, and suggest chick names. You could win a jar of candy by betting on your favorite egg-- which one will hatch first??

Egg Candling: March 12th at 4pm. See inside eggs! All ages.

Eggs Hatching: March 25-30. Check our incubator frequently!

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



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

December 26th, 2023 – January 29th, 2024

Outreach/Events:

- Article(s) for UW-Madison Topic Hub and Newspapers
 - [Time to Think About Filling the Freezer](#)
 - [Managing Cattle During Cold Stress](#)
- Event: Signature Farms on January 11th, 2024
 - An event for Beef Producers where participants learned about winter feeding strategies, development and replacement heifer selection, and Vet-Client Patient Relationships that are applicable for obtaining critical antibiotics for animal health.
 - Approx. 35 attendees
- Event: Waushara County Courthouse on January 18th
 - An event for farmers and agribusiness professionals, where participants learned about management of cattle in the winter to maintain health and profitability, and about soil health measurements and the results of research in Wisconsin on the relationship between grazing systems and soil health. This effort was designed to improve cattle and soil management through knowledge of best practices and expectations management for improved sustainability and profitability in Wisconsin agriculture and communities.
 - Collaboration between the Crops and Soils and Livestock Educators
- Event: National Quality Beef Audit: January 18th
 - Night event that shared results of a survey that evaluates beef industry efforts to improve beef quality. Conducted every five years since 1991, the checkoff-funded Audit assesses progress the industry makes on a variety of production issues that ultimately affect consumer demand for beef. This survey is conducted once every 5 years.
- Event: Beef 101: Wisconsin Beef Cow-Calf School for Beginners
 - Coming in March 2024
 - Registration Information on second page

Professional Development/Activities:

- Finishing up Cohort 14 training through UW-Madison
- On-Farm Visits with producers
- UW-Madison's Plan of Work
- Meetings with AED and Program Manager
- Attending local Farm Bureau meetings to meet individuals in the community.

- Extension & Agriculture Institute Meetings
- County Staff Meetings



Wisconsin Beef Cow-Calf School for Beginners

For those:

- considering cow-calf beef production
- newer to beef production
- dairy producers adding or transitioning to a cow calf enterprise

FREE, but class size limited.

MUST pre-register by March 11, 2024 at

<https://go.wisc.edu/6fr1x7>



Online classes in 2024 from 7pm-8pm:

March 19 - Business of beef: what are your options?

March 21 - Marketing: begin with the end in mind.

March 26 - Veterinary skills all beginners need.

April 2 - Meeting cow-calf nutritional needs.

April 4 - Herd reproduction to build your future.

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.

To request an interpreter, materials in an alternative language or format, or other services to make this event more accessible, please contact Adam at adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu or 920-647-6560 by March 1, 2024. There's no added cost to you for these services.



Agriculture

- An in person educational event/workshop for beef cow/calf producers and Agri-business professionals where participants learned about stretching forages during winter, replacement heifer selection/development, and vet-client-patient-relationships. This event was designed to increase cow/calf producers economic viability. (Adam Hartfiel, Bill Halfman)
- A conference for farmers and agribusiness professionals involved in growing fresh market vegetables, where participants heard from five Extension faculty/staff and learned about vegetable disease forecasting, preventing insect-vectored viruses, irrigating and fertigating using drip lines, managing risk when leasing, and herbicide rotations. This effort is designed to help fresh market vegetable growers and professionals improve their profitability and sustainability for a healthy and secure food supply.

Fresh market vegetables represent a small but significant portion of the Wisconsin agriculture community, these farms provide healthy and fresh food to their local communities. They have unique challenges as the farms are diverse, use a combination of greenhouse and field production, as well as do their own direct marketing. As part of the Growing Wisconsin conference, a series of workshops were held for the members of the Wisconsin Fresh Market Vegetable Growers Association and other conference attendees. Response to this event was overwhelmingly positive, with 98% of the 88 post-workshop respondents saying they found the sessions valuable. Comments for the sessions included, "Good resources that I can take home to the farm(Gevens)," "Very informative, great speaker(Groves)" "Learned something new(Wang)," "Easy to understand and helpful, great examples(Wilfert)," "Great info, great enthusiasm -easy to stay engaged in presentation(Paris)." This work will contribute to improved pest, water, and farm business management on these farms across Wisconsin. (Natasha Paris, Amanda Gevens, Kelly Wilfert, Russell Groves, Yi Wang)

- A series of newspaper articles for farmers and the general public on best management practices and current research in cropping systems. The goal of this effort is to keep farmers up-to-date and increase the adoption of best management practices for increased profitability and conservation. (Natasha Paris)
- An event for farmers and agribusiness professionals, where participants learned about management of cattle in the winter to maintain health and profitability, and about soil health measurements and the results of research in Wisconsin on the relationship between grazing systems and soil health. This effort was designed to improve cattle and soil management through knowledge of best practices and expectations management for improved sustainability and profitability in Wisconsin agriculture and communities.

Cattle health is integral to successful cattle operations and the protein food supply, and winter in Wisconsin can be a challenging time to maintain cattle health. Likewise, cattle are an integral part of grazing, which is closely tied to soil health and has many ecosystem service benefits while also providing a reliable food source. Therefore one educator from the Livestock program and one educator from the Crops and Soils program presented an event in which participants were able to learn about how to maintain cattle health in the winter through monitoring and intervention and effectively measure soil health on their farm when there are numerous competing methodologies available, as well see what the peer reviewed research says about



the relationship to soil health and grazing in Wisconsin as opposed to in other climates where much of the published work has been done. 100% of attendees stated that they learned something at the event and that they planned on implementing something learned on their farm. Participants noted that they learned about using soil respiration as a soil health measurement, and others noted that the presentation was encouraging for them to continue their efforts in managed grazing. This work will assist in improving pasture management, cattle management, and soil health in Wisconsin to ensure a resilient and high-quality food supply. (Natasha Paris, Adam Hartfiel)

- An event for farmers and agribusiness professionals, where participants learned about the process and results from the first year of two Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program projects. The purpose of this event was to educate farmers and stakeholders on the importance of nitrogen optimization and on-farm research in the pursuit of improved water quality and agriculture that is environmentally and economically sustainable.

Nitrogen is the most important input in modern agriculture, yet it poses significant environmental challenges. Two farmers in the Green Lake area are participating in the DATCP-funded Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program to conduct on-farm research to both learn about improving nitrogen use and teach other farmers. An event was held which explained the nitrogen challenges in detail and then gave an in-depth explanation of each trial and their results from the first year of research. There were 12 participants, among which the majority of farmers in attendance provided written feedback that they were planning on modifying their nitrogen management on farm in the future through the use of pre-sidedress nitrate testing or zero nitrogen control strips. Participants also enjoyed the discussion and the way the information was presented, stating they valued "the camaraderie of discussing research with fellow farmers" and "Natasha did an excellent job presenting this information." This work is part of a broader effort to improve the environmental and economic sustainability of agriculture in Wisconsin. (Natasha Paris, Lindsey Rushford)

- Developing curriculum and marketing materials for the UW-Madison Division of Extension Wisconsin Beef Cow Calf School for Beginners, as a 5-part virtual and in-person series for individuals new to beef production or dairy producers changing to beef production to increase the economic sustainability of new beef producers. (Sandy Stuttgart, Adam Hartfiel, Bill Halfman, Ryan Sterry)
- Initial planning for a Needs Assessment for Wisconsin's Green Industry in collaboration with key Green Industry businesses and industry groups. The goal of this effort is to gain insight that will assist in new outreach efforts, program development, and program implementation, so that new connections with new Green Industry partners can be created, maintained, and strengthened. (Allen Pyle, Jay Dampier)

Brandon Springer
4-H Program Educator



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Monthly Report

Outreach/Events:

- **Needle Felting Program 1/20:**
 - I hosted a needle felting activity on 1/20. The event had 9 youth sign up and 6 come to participate. The other 3 received their kits at a later date to still get the chance to learn. The youth showed mastery in wanting to continue working on their projects outside of the course. They showed independence in wanting to return to their clubs to demonstrate the techniques.
- **Camp Planning**
 - I drafted a camp mission statement to shoe the purpose of the 4-H Summer Camp Program:
 - **In 4-H, we use research-backed development and delivery models in our programming. This comes to life as we provide a summer camp experience where youth learn critical life skills like resilience and independence. These life skills are developed as everyone steps into the new world of camp and must work together in team building and nature-based programs to be successful. At Five County 4-H Camp, we strive to create a belonging environment that supports campers throughout their stay at camp.** - Adapted from the [National 4-H Camp Website](#)
 - We released the camp counselor and chaperone applications with their deadline of Mar. 1st I will be working to increase applications. The high schoolers and adults that are counselors and chaperones help support the camp mission and show the Green Lake commitment to the county program.
- **Ambassador Programming**
 - I provided feedback based on other educators experience with project learning days to increase the volunteer base for their Super Saturday events. They are looking to provide courses with will foster youth-adult relationships and ignite sparks for the youth.
- **Volunteers**
 - I discussed with multiple adults around their capacity to become a volunteer. I assisted with one adult in communicating the process to get approved and trained to lead archery and got them approved to lead shoots for the program to increase capacity for youth participation.

Partnerships:

- Jenice and I met with the Kingston and Markesan Library to discuss programming ideas. Both are interested in providing support and space for any program partnering that we can make.
- Marquette County 4-H In-School Program- I was able to go to Princeton and Montello to assist in providing programming in-school. This gave me the ability to see first hand the way an in school program works and will work with the Marquette County 4-H educator to work on building what that could look like for Green Lake

Professional Development/Activities:

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

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

<u>Update date:</u>	<u>Originated Date:</u>	<u>Constituent:</u>	<u>Needs (Observations communicated to me from Constituents):</u>	<u>Objectives:</u>	<u>Outcomes:</u>
2/13/24 1/10/24	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	Financial Recordkeeping program- Feb 1, 6pm, Program Provided to 8 Com Members; Detail Planning Mtg: 1/11; Referred-Inquire/Learn with ADVOCAP regarding Homeless impact in Berlin/GL Co-Refer to Ext Com Dev
2/13/24	1/4/24	Markesan HeadStart: Sandra Reeves & Kathie Sutton	HeadStart Parents need low income information re: Budget Basics, How to stretch Dollar in Grocery/Fun	Provide a Fun Program re Financial Literacy/Budget Basics & How to Stretch Dollar in Grocery	Feb 22, 5:30pm, Financial Literacy/Groc Saving Bingo and Budget Basics Program- Provision to est.20 parents; Planning mtg: 1/11
2/13/24 1/10/24	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 out of Debt, Credit,	ReEntry Ready provision: 2/12, 19, 26—Provision to est.24 Persons In Our Care. Jan- Scheduling details/Planning Mtg with Lynn Ryan and Lori Leahy 1/23. Email sent. Prospective program provision: Feb Mondays

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				Protecting Assets, Insurance, Retirement	
2/13/24	1/22/24	DHS: Beth Meyer	Individual clients requesting: Budget Basics, Saving Priorities/Fin Goal Setting/How to Afford Housing-Car; Request Financial Coaching (TBA Summer)	Provide Class Program @ Ext Conf Rm: Budget Basics, Financial Goal Setting/How to Afford Housing-Car; Financial Coaching- TBA Summer	Provide Class Program 3 Modules @ Ext Conf Rm: Budget Basics, Financial Goal Setting, How to Afford Housing-Car Tent DATES: Feb 14, 21, 28—Provision to 3 Com members; Financial Coaching TBA Summer
2/13/24 1/10/24	12/14/23	Collaborate with Dodge/Outagamie & FDL Co Ext Colleagues: Patti Carrol/Katie Gellings & Kimberly Clark for Planning AHEAD program series	Planning AHEAD programming is perceived to be a popular provision in our area for aging pop. Sister city, Ripon, and Markesan-Fox Lake-Kingston 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?	Planning AHEAD Ripon site Prog Planning Mtg held: Feb 5 betw Kimberly Clark, Katie Gellings, Jenice (FDL, Outagamie, GL)- 7tent dates May 1-June 12; Markesan & Kingston Libraries Visits met 1/30, as possible sites for provision (Patti&Jenice Plan AHEAD). Schedule Markesan Director mtg Schedule Kimberly Clark&Patti Carroll mtg Schedule Kimberly Clark&Katie Gellings
2/13/24 1/10/24	12/20/23	ADVOCAP: Tony Beregszazi, Becky Heldt, Karen, Jan	Housing and Employability Skills shortage noted--Berlin Advocap largely overwhelmed with Homeless needs,	Rent Smart program regarding housing/consumer ed at Advocap; Collaborative Provision-refer Advocap to	Referral to UW Community Development Educator advised-monitor;

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			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	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: Waupaca Co Jessica Beckendorf, Juneau Co Jessica Bilski?
2/13/24 1/10/24	12/21/23	Economic Dev Mtg	Econ Dev Committee entity currently 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	Referral to UW Community Development Educator advised-monitor; Econ Dev Committee Mtg: Jan 18-observe? : Waupaca Co Jessica Beckendorf, Juneau Co Jessica Bilski?
2/13/24 1/10/24	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	TBD 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?
2/13/24 1/10/24	12/12/23	UMOS: Janie Velasquez	Summer programming for Migrant students: field trip experiential provisions to enculturate/expose to	Community Garden (Spanish&Eng) Activities	TBD May; Schedule/Meet with UMOS Janie in May

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			American culture and improve opportunities		
1/31/24	1/31/24	UW Colleagues Patti, Amanda, Jeanne: Area Foundations Fundraising Brainstorm	Extension needs printing budget for program manuals	Color Manuals, copies, and flyers for registrants anticipated needing printing: Planning AHEAD, ReEntry Ready, Money Modules, Rent Smart, and Other Teaching Tools (Money Personality Cards)	Plan time to develop donor list and meet with/apply for grants/scholarship/funds

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.

<p>Marquette County</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Montello Schools and Flyte Farms to provide Blueberries for Montello Schools's Beat the Winter Blues Blueberry Events. This is part of their Farm to School USDA Grant. • Working with Montello Schools for the Wisconsin Chili Lunch in February. This is an event where you procure local ingredients to make your chili. This will be a parent event at Forest Lane. I will be serving Chili this day. • Order all equipment for in person Strong Bodies classes. Reaching out to Cap Services to partner with low income housing in the county. My goal is to have this class start in March.
<p>Waushara County</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. We have 3 families signed up and are looking forward to a fun night.



Common Threads Creed

Today we tasted healthy foods
and practiced eating well to keep
us strong!

People all over the world, and
even in this room are different!

But we all have things in common

We can work together, share
together, learn together, cook
together, and then....

Together WE CAN EAT!

- Programming is ongoing at Parkside Elementary. Things are going great, this is a fun group of students. The 4-5 graders are doing a curriculum called Choose Health, Food, Fun, Fitness. We spend half our time learning a nutrition lesson and I demonstrate the recipes that we sample for the second half.
- The 6-8 graders are doing a new curriculum that I am piloting called Small Bites. We do a short nutrition lesson then the students make our food sample. This class focuses on teaching our students simple recipe prep. How to clean their workspace before and after they start, how to read a recipe. We then focus on our Common Creed. That we all are different, we all have different backgrounds and histories but in this space right now, we can all come together and enjoy this food.

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- Shadowed 2 Head Start Classes with Melanie Phillips from Fond Du Lac. At this age level we teach a curriculum called Read for Health. This lesson was on Dairy. Melanie took the kids on an imaginary field trip to the farm. The students pretend to ride the bus there, pick apples, milk cows, roll in the mud like a pig etc. Then the students made yogurt parfaits. This school practices family style eating so the students get to make all the steps themselves.
- I reached out again to Princeton Schools about programming.

Other Projects	<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 meetings/trainings for all new extension employees.</p>
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February 7, 2024

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

Fair Report for January 2024:

- Continuing to hire judges.
- The date has been set for communication arts day.
- Ribbon order has been completed from Regalia, and I will receive a 10% discount for ordering in advance.
- Sponsorships continue to be mailed in.
- I am in the process of putting together commercial space contracts, along with award sponsor letters.
- I am in the works with multiple more contracts.
- The black semi stage has been reserved from Eldorado, and tent rental is being finalized from Ripon Tent.
- I am finalizing the rental for the livestock scales from Capitol Scale.
- I am working with Washkovick in Princeton on the contract for dumpsters and garbage cans.

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.

FAIREST OF THE FAIR ITEMIZED EXPENSES

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>
Fairest of the Fair Scholarship	1500
Jr. Fairest Scholarship	500
WAF FOF entry fee	200
Crowns & Sashes	150
Supplies	200
Total	2550

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Notice of Budgetary Adjustment

Unanticipated Revenue or Expense Increase or Decrease Not Budgeted

Date: February 7, 2024

Department: Budget Accounts for Fairest of the Fair

Amount: \$2,550.00

Budget Year Amended: 2024

Source of Increase / Decrease and affect on Program:

(If needed attached separate brief explanation.)

In the past the Fairest of the Fair program had funds available from a committee to funds the program. This committee has been dissolved, and the funds have run out. The cost of the program is \$2,550 per year.

Donations and sponsorships will be asked for to aid in funding the program. Thus, we need a reserve account and an expenditure account to track these funds.

Revenue Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
24-100-13-46741-359-990	Fairest of the Fair Donations	\$ -	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,550.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Adjustment			\$ 2,550.00	

Expenditure Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
24-100-13-55460-359-990	Fairest of the Fair Expenses		\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,550.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Adjustment			\$ 2,550.00	

Department Head Approval: 

Date Approved by Committee of Jurisdiction: _____

Following this approval please forward to the County Clerk's Office.

Date Approved by Finance Committee: _____

Date Approved by County Board: _____

Per WI Stats 65.90(5)(a) must be authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the governing body.

Date of publication of Class 1 notice of budget amendment: _____

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