

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Post Date: 3/7/2024

The following documents are included in the packet for the Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on March 12, 2024:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 2/13/2024
- 3) County Library Services Report
- 4) UW Extension Green Lake County Staff Reports
 - Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator
 - Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator
 - Bradon Springer, 4H Program Educator
 - Jenice Mischler, Human Development and Relationships Educator
 - Laci Monroe, Foodwise Nutrition Coordinator
- 5) Fair Coordinator Report
- 6) Annual Reports



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 Time: 9:00AM.
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: 2/13/2024 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. *Annual Reports
- 12. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: TBS
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
- 13. 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.

AGRIGULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE February 13, 2024

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order at 9:04am by temporary Chair Don Lenz 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 Absent: Ken Bates

Nancy Hoffmann – Remote Nita Krenz
Don Lenz Natasha Paris
Adam Hartfiel

Staff Present: Pat Wagner

Stacy Graff

Brandon Springer - Remote Laci Monroe – Remote

Also Present: Karissa Block, Deputy County Clerk; Ken Stephani, Finance Director (9:21am); Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Jenice Mischler, Human Development and Relationships Educator

Motion/second (Hiestand/Hoffman) to approve Don Lenz to fill in as Chair due to the absence of Chair Ken Bates and Vice Chair Nita Krenz. Motion carried with no negative vote.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hiestand/Hoffmann) to approve the minutes of the 1/16/2024 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Chris Kalupa - Berlin Library Director and Lucas Almas - Markesan Library Director, presented their reports.

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 that were present presented their reports. Hartfiel and Paris were absent, however their reports were submitted to the packet.

FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

Stacy Graff, Fair Coordinator presented her report.

FUTURE FAIRGROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Hoffmann shared that the previous Future Fairground meeting was cancelled due to needing more time to prepare. Graff is coordinating a new meeting date.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS OF \$2,550 FOR FAIREST OF THE FAIR PROGRAM TO BE ADDED TO THE FAIR BUDGET

ITEM EXPENSE

Fairest of the Fair Scholarship 1500 Jr. Fairest Scholarship 500 WAF FOF entry fee 200 Crowns & Sashes 150 Supplies 200 **Total 2550**

Motion/second (Hiestand/Hoffmann) to approve the request of \$2550 to be added to the Fair Fund. Motion carried with no negative vote.

FAIR LOGO DISCUSSION

The committee reviewed the new logo. This logo will not add any additional cost. Graff will prepare some more options and present them to the committee.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION Future Meeting Date: TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lenz adjourned the meeting at 9:44am

Submitted by:

Karissa Block Deputy County Clerk

Berlin Library March 2023 Report

Our Leap into Reading program finished on Leap Day with a fantastic ending. We had over 90 patrons participate and 58% completed the challenge to read at least 1000 minutes. All total, patrons read over 93,000 minutes! That's a lot of reading!! We were very happy with the results.

We are gearing up for our 9th Annual Quilt Show next week. The entries are so beautiful. We can't wait to see them displayed around the library. Stop in to vote for your favorite between March 11-16, and stop back in March 18-22 to see the voting results. On Thursday, March 21 at 6pm, join us for a very exciting Vintage Bed Turning with renowned quilt show judge, Allison Rainboth. With her quilting expertise, Allison will give the fascinating history of each quilt. This is a program you don't want to miss!

Running consecutive with the Quilt Show, our Friends of the Library book sale will be held on our mezzanine. Our donation shelves of used and new books, movies, and CDs are over-flowing. Shop early for the best selection. All proceeds will benefit the Berlin Public Library needs, including programming for the Summer Reading Program.

Back by popular demand, we will be holding a Tiny Art Show in April. Staff have put together a Tiny Art kit for participants to pick up starting March 13. Added this year is a Tiny Art Workshop on Saturday, March 23 at 10 with local artist Elissa Ewald. She will help attendees with inspiration and techniques to complete their artwork. Artwork, whether completed at the workshop, or at home, should be returned by April 3 to be displayed in the library. Last year we were amazed at the local talent. We can't wait to see what this year will bring.

I met with Brandon Springer, GLC 4H Program Educator about doing joint programs at the library to help bring awareness of 4H to our community. We are planning an April event at our library which will be about milkweeds and monarch butterflies. We are especially excited to bring this program to Berlin because Berlin is a Monarch USA City, and the library has a garden dedicated to be a Monarch Library garden.

Happy Spring Reading! Chris Kalupa, Berlin Library Director

Caestecker Public Library Director's Report March 2024

Our Seed Library seeds have arrived, and we have the perfect kickoff event lined up. Join us on Saturday, March 2 at 10am for a Seed Starting program lead by Shelly Rothman of Good Trouble Grove Farm and 8-seed starting and saving basics, and hands on planting with the seeds of your choice. This program is free and an excellent way to start growing this year!

On Saturday, March 16 at 10am, please join us for a traditional Chinese Tea Ceremony experience with Jasmine Foos. Jasmine is originally from Tianjin, China and has lived in Green Lake for over five years. She loves sharing Asian foods, calligraphy, and other traditional cultural experiences. The program will cover information about tea and the cultural significance of the ceremony.

The Friends of the Library have an excellent selection of gently used items just waiting to be discovered at their upcoming book sales. Your first chance to shop is Wednesday afternoon, March 6, from 1-4:00. If you can't make that one (or one sale just isn't enough) you can also shop to your heart's content on Saturday, March 23 from 9-1:00. Bargains are waiting to be had.

The Friends are sponsoring a trivia contest at the library on March 10 from 2-4:00 PM. Your \$5 entry fee goes to help support future library programming. Grab a friend or seven, come up with a team name, sign up your team at the library, and get ready to impress your neighbors with your knowledge of books, authors, and how libraries work. Laughs are guaranteed, as are snacks. We look forward to seeing you! Our official Road to the Oscars tour is at an end, but some of the nominated films will be released in the coming weeks and shown during our 2pm Thursday Movie Matinee film series. Our March lineup includes March 7: Next Goal Wins, March 14: The Marsh King's Daughter, March 21: The Color Purple (2023), March 28: Poor Things

Finally, Amanda Anderson will lead us through a Tinctures for Allergies workshop on Wednesday, March 27 at 6pm. This will be information and hands on, registration now open.

Project and Building updates:

- The switch to Spectrum phone service is complete.
- The elevator passed this year's inspection, and the operational permit went through easily.
- The new sign for the building is moving forward quickly. The lettering is in production and should be finished in about a month. Instillation will be scheduled soon after.



The Knitting Group hosted a Stuffed Animal Hospital and fixed up a variety of maladies to the relief of happy kiddos.





Our expanded puzzle selection checks out for three weeks at a time with your library card.

The second meeting of the Silent Readers Book Club doubled our attendance numbers. Participants received a custom bookmark.

Christina Lyon, Library Director

Mill Pond Public Library Director's Report March 2024

We had so much fun with Pinky the Gnome at the Mill Pond Library in Kingston during February. She moved to a different location each week and patrons had to find her to enter a contest. March 1st it was time to say goodbye to Pinky, and we started thinking about what we could do that would be fun in March. So, we came up with another contest. Stop by the library any time between now and St. Patrick's Day and search for the hidden gold coins and shamrocks. Don't forget to count the items on our new display table. Put your name along with your total on a green slip. Drop your entry in the jar on the library desk. The person closest to the correct answer will win a prize. Drawing will be Monday, March 18th. May the luck of the Irish be with you!

We've set the date for our Spring basket silent auction. It will run from Monday, April 22nd to Saturday May 4th. What's especially exciting about this fundraiser? We have a donor, The Jenkin Family Charitable Fund, that will match what the library raises up to \$4000.00. If you donate a basket and it sells for \$75.00, you've now helped the library to raise \$150.00. The theme this year is "For the Love of Spring" because we are feeling the love from the Jenkin Family with their matching funds offer. If you have a great idea for a basket but need the actual basket to put the items in, the library has a great variety of sizes to choose from. Please turn your baskets in by Saturday, April 20th. Won't you please help us to take advantage of this exciting opportunity. Thanks so much!



Markesan Public Library Director's Report for March 2024

We are excited to showcase our brand-new website to the community! Big thanks to the Winnefox Library System and Jay Harland for all the hard work they have done to help our library! Our programs had a high attendance in February with 96 people attending events over the course of the month. Our most attended events were our Play & Learn groups, our Paint a Pinecone Birdfeeder event, and our Winter Bingo that concluded on February 29th. Special thanks to Jon Roti Roti for coming down to Markesan and sharing his knowledge on birding with the adults and children who attended the event.

We are gearing up for the Spring now that the weather is warming up with many new and fun programs for all age groups to enjoy. The Markesan Library is also looking to work with the Department of Workforce Development, the Markesan Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Markesan to help those affected by the closure of the Del Monte canning facility that is located in the city. Del Monte's closure in late April will mean a layoff for around 90 full-time staff that are in the community along with the loss of a large influx of seasonal workers that usually come into the area in the summer months. Many families will be affected by the closure and we are planning to do all we can to support the families of those affected.

Upcoming Events in March:

- March 4th Drop-in Lego Club @ 3:30pm
- March 4th-27th Bunny Pageant
- March 6th & 20th Story Hour @ 10:00am

- March 11th Card Making Class @ 6:00pm
- March 13th & 27th Play & Learn @ 9:30am
- March 27th Book Club @ 6:00pm. The Book Club book this month is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Lucas Almas Markesan Library Director

Princeton Public Library Director's Report for March 2024

Programs

This month we had two tech classes, our usual Story Times, Mystery Book Club, Knitting Club, and two sessions of a very enthusiastically supported Alcohol Ink Art Class. We also hosted the regular AA meeting and election training.

Once again, we will be incubating chicken eggs with the help of a local 4H family. The process is amazing, and a great way for kids to get EGGcited about science.

Our seed order came in, so we are gearing up to open our annual seed library.

Books

We have reorganized many of our picture books by category, so that kids and parents can more easily find books on trucks, princess, dragons, farm animals, and learning concepts like shapes, colors, opposites, etc.

Thank-Yous

A local farm family, the Leppins, have been donating many dozens of eggs for the Friends of the Library to sell in a cooler at our front desk. We so appreciate this generosity!

Meetings

We had a staff meeting on Friday 2nd. I reviewed suspending and unsuspending patrons' holds with staff, and assigned Trish the task of creating a written procedure for our binder. We went over some other tech issues as well.

During the library board meeting on the 5th, we reviewed statistics from the past year and signed a draft of our annual report to the DPI.

On the 12th I met with the Princeton Historical Society to talk about upcoming programs, including three we are cooperating with them on: Sturgeon Celebration; Digging History: Preservation Through Metal Detection; and Fill the Time Capsule.

On the 13th, Green Lake County librarians, WCTS staff, and Winnefox staff met to discuss possible changes to the way we report to the County, our upcoming food drive during National Library Week, how to process materials to be submitted to the WCTS office for cataloging, the Winnefox app, and other issues. I volunteered to set up the libraries' booth at the county fair, and run the Thursday morning story time at the fair.

On February 15th, I attended the Webster Foundation grant reception in Ripon. We received \$1,000 for

our passport program, which will allow families to check out admittance passes for local educational attractions, such as the Fond du Lac Children's Museum.

Maintenance:

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.

Friends

The Friends of the Library have called a meeting for Wed. March 6th at 5:30pm

Events at the Princeton Library March 2024



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

Monday 11th and
Monday 25th
1-3 pm
Join us! All other
crafters welcome 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! Sat. 2nd 11am-1pm: Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party

Crafts, snacks, and readings. Activities are geared towards younger children. Free!

Fri. 8th, 1pm: Smartphone Basics II

This free class is geared towards seniors. Learn to use all the features on your phone! Set an alarm, take and edit a picture, download apps, and more.

Sat. 9th, 10am-noon: Fill the Time Capsule!

The Princeton Historical Society and the Library are working together today to send YOUR messages into the future. We want your letters, photos, drawings, videos, favorite music, toys, etc. We will have worksheets you can fill out, too. Refreshments served! The time capsule will be sealed this May (2024) and opened in 2048 for Wisconsin and Princeton's 200th birthday.

Tues. 12th, 4-5pm: Egg Candling

This year's chicken hatching project began during the last week of February. By now, the eggs in the incubator should be well developed. Let's candle the eggs and see! Thriving chicks will have a visible heartbeat.

Bring a good flashlight if you can. Afterwards, stay and do a cute craft with us!

Sat. 16th, 10-11am: Learn to Libby

Come to this free class and learn to download eBooks and audiobooks for FREE using the library's "Libby" app. Bring your smartphone or tablet and your library card!

Wed. 20th, 9am-4pm: WIC Mobile Unit Visit

WIC is a supplemental nutrition program offering nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding support and counseling, healthy foods via EBT card (similar to foodshare), and referrals to other community and social services/organizations, doctors, dentists, etc.

Thurs. 21st, 2:30-3:30pm: Intro to Google Email, Google Drive & Docs
Learn to use these great free tools! The Google toolkit offers everything you
need to run a business (or just take care of business) at home. Photo storage,
document creation and sharing, and more.

Mon. 25th—Fri. 29th: Spring Break Crafternoons & Ongoing Easter Egg Hunt Easter eggs will be hidden throughout the library this week. Only a few have candy or stickers—the fun is in the finding! Kids can write their names on our leaderboard we'll see who has found the most. During school's spring break, families and individuals can join us every afternoon and evening for crafts. Drop in from noon to closing time Mon-Fri, and 10am-5pm on Friday. No charge. All ages are welcome! Make eggshell mosaics, beaded window hangers, tissue paper suncatchers, or jewelry.

Adam Hartfiel Regional Livestock Educator

Adams, Green Lake, Waushara Counties



January 29th, 2024-February 26", 2024

Paternity Leave: Jan 30th- Feb. 19th

Outreach/Events:

- Article(s) for UW-Madison Topic Hub and Newspapers
 - Postpartum Management of Beef Cows
 - https://www.farmprogress.com/cattle-news/postpartum-management-of-beef-cows-isessential
- 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.
 - o Information given on what producers view as important while raising their products.
 - o Indicates industry weaknesses and areas education is needed.
- Show Pig Workshop:
 - o March 9th, 2024, at the Green Lake County Gov't Center
 - Partnering with State Swine Specialist Jeff Morris
 - O No cost workshop opens to families outside of Green Lake County
 - o Topics included: Selection, Daily Care, Foreign Animal Disease Prep., Traceability, Biosecurity
- Event: Beef 101: Wisconsin Beef Cow-Calf School for Beginners
 - o Coming in March 2024
 - Registration is closed, can sign up to be on a waitlist. See details on second page.
 - Over 100 registered, over 10% of attendees reside in Adams, Green Lake, Waushara Counties

Professional Development/Activities:

- 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

Sorry, as of Feb 21, the March-April 2024 class is closed!

If you would like to be contacted about the next Cow-Calf School for Beginners, share your contact information with us



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2024 Show Pig Workshop

Presented by UW-Madison State Swine Specialist: Jeff Morris Green Lake County Extension

> WHEN: Saturday, March 9th, 2024 10:30am-Noon

WHERE:
Green Lake County Government Center
571 Co Rd A. Green Lake WI 54941

571 Co Rd A, Green Lake, WI 54941 Training Room #0914 (West Wing of the Green Lake County Gov't Center)



Topics Include:

- 1. Animal Selection
- 2. Daily care of your Swine
- 3. Foreign Animal Disease Prep.
 - 4. Traceability
 - 5. Biosecurity

To Register:

Call: Green Lake County Extension Office: Phone: 920-294-4032

or

Email: adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu



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Agriculture

Natasha Paris, Crops Educator

- A series of trainings in nutrient management for farmers in which participants learned the principles of nutrient management, soil management, and proper use of fertilizers. This effort is designed to promote the right rate, source, time, and placement of fertilizer or manure for improved cropping efficacy and to protect water quality. (Natasha Paris, Daniel Marzu, Jordan Schuler, Kevin Shelley)
- A series of Pesticide Applicator Trainings for farmers where participants learn about the safe and sustainable use
 of pesticides. The purpose of this effort is for farmers to maintain their Pesticide Applicator License and to
 improve the safe and proper use of pesticides for long-term sustainability and efficacy. (Natasha Paris, Glenn
 Nice)
- An event for farmers and agribusiness professionals, where participants learned about herbicide rotational restrictions, pesticide safety, and managing herbicide resistant weeds using cover crops and current chemistries. The purpose of this event was to promote the safe, legal, and sustainable use of herbicides in a manner that will prevent further resistance and increase cropping system sustainability and profitability.

Herbicides are an integral part of today's cropping systems as weeds can pose both a competition risk to productivity but also a contamination risk when growing food crops. However, several species of weeds have developed resistance to several herbicide chemistries and modes of action, making weed management increasingly difficult in some instances. This makes the conscientious use of herbicides as part of a greater integrated pest management system all the more important. An event was held with three speakers: Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator, discussed considerations for choosing herbicides in your rotation and things to consider about herbicide carryover and cover crops; Glenn Nice, Pesticide Applicator Program Manager, discussed the safe use of herbicides; and Rodrigo Werle, Associate Professor and Extension Weed Specialist, discussed findings of how to manage weeds by using cover crops in combination with herbicides.

There were 14 participants. 100% of participants noted that they learned something and were planning on taking it back to their cropping management systems. Comments included: "All the information on cover crops and planting green was very beneficial," "Very informative on herbicide rotational restrictions," "the herbicide rotations document will be very helpful." This work will contribute to improved used of herbicides and cover crops on farms across the region to slow the rate of resistance and use more systems-based approaches to crop management. (Natasha Paris, Glenn Nice, Rodrigo Werle)



Green Lake February 2024 Report

- A series of talks at a conference for farmers and agribusiness professionals who are engaged in grazing
 agriculture, in which participants learned about current grazing research. The purpose of this effort is to
 improve knowledge among farmers and conservation/agriculture professionals about research in grazing that is
 both ongoing and has occurred, to further ground the grazing industry in evidence-based information to
 promote best practices for profitability and sustainability. (Natasha Paris, Diane Mayerfeld, Jason Cavadini,
 Michael Geissinger)
- An event for students of agronomy and agribusiness, in which participants learned about science and careers in the potato industry. The purpose of this effort is to promote the use of research-based information while developing young professionals who will further promote sustainability and profitability in the agriculture industry. (Natasha Paris, Amanda Gevens, Jed Colquhoun, Jeffrey Endelman, Matt Ruark, Paul Mitchell, 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)
- 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
 Stuttgen, 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



Monthly Report

Outreach/Events:

- Ambassador Planning: I worked with the Green Lake County 4-H Ambassador leader to host a meeting in February. I am assisting the volunteer in working with the group to increase dedication and re-establish goals for the current 4-H year.
- March/ April Newsletter: I completed the March/April Newsletters that will tell 4-H families about what events are coming up and opportunities like camp counselor and chaperone applications and events I am hosting.
- **Planning:** Reaching out the county libraries to partner to host nature-based Cloverbud workshops throughout the spring. This program will teach K-2nd graders ways to care for the environment in an interactive way.
- **Virtual Foods Program:** March 15th, 4-Hers will be able to hop on Zoom to learn how to make Pizza Bites and Digital Recipe books. The youth will learn cooking and record-keeping skills.

Partnerships:

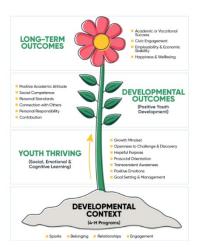
• **Berlin Library:** Met with the Berlin Library to discuss partnerships and to tour space for future 4-H event use.

Policy:

• Camp Policy: I reviewed a session led by the 4-H Regional Program Managers that discussed 4-H policy regarding the UW – Madison/ DATCP policies for summer camp programs.

Professional Development:

- Plain Language Certification: Completed
- Lunch and Learns:
 - ISOTURE Model
 - 4-H Thrive Kit





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Human Development & Relationships Educator Green Lake County Extension 571 Cnty Rd A Green Lake, WI 54941



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

Update date:	Originated Date:	Constituent:	Needs (Observations communicated to me from Constituents):	Objectives:	Outcomes:
3/12/24	1/26/24	Professional Development: Cohort 15	Development of HDR Institute skills and program best practices	Sessions: Intro, Foundations, Library, Questions, Demographics, Stakeholder Communication, Abstract & Practice, Outcome Statements, Evaluation, Plan of Work I, PofW II, Reflection, Inclusion OAIC	Attended Session 4&5 of 12: Topics- Library Resources & Questions. Development of HDR Institute skills and program best practices 1/24- 6/24
3/12/24 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.	Meet with Markesan Pub Lib newly onboarding Director— Re needs/client base? Ripon-GL Re needs/client base?	Jenice attending Ripon site Mtg Mar 14 to Confirm details; Feb 14; Planning AHEAD Ripon site Prog Planning Mtg held: Feb 5 betw Kimberly Clark-Todd Wenzel rplc, Katie Gellings, Jenice (FDL, Outagamie, GL)- 7tent dates June5-Jul 17; Markesan & Kingston Libraries Director Visits met 1/30, as possible sites for future provision (Plan AHEAD). Schedule Patti Carroll mtg

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3/12/24	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	Provided a Fun Program re Financial Literacy/Budget Basics BINGO & Grocery Saving Tips	Schedule Katie Gellings dates to confirm Feb 22, 5:30pm, Financial Literacy/Groc Saving Bingo and Budget Basics Program- Provision to 10 parents; Asked to return with con't programming
3/12/24	12/14/23	GLCCF: Lynn Ryan	Persons in Our Care need	ReEntry Ready topics: Green	Planning mtg: 1/11 ReEntry Ready provision: 2/12, 19,
1/10/24			resources for successful entrance to a community; the overall objective is to reduce recidivism	Lake Co Resources, Financial Products, Tracking Income/Benefits, Paying Bills, Saving, Budgeting, Getting out of Debt, Credit, Protecting Assets, Insurance, Retirement	2, Mar 11—Provision to est.25 Persons In Our Care; Asked to return with con't programming Jan- Scheduled details/Planning Mtg with Lynn Ryan and Lori Leahy 1/23. Email sent. Prospective program provision: Feb Mondays
3/12/24	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 DATES: Feb 14, 21, Mar 6—Provision to 2 Com members; Asked to return with con't programming Financial Coaching TBA Summer

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3/12/24 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; Asked to return with con't programming Detail Planning Mtg: 1/11; Referred- Inquire/Learn with ADVOCAP regarding Homeless impact in Berlin/GL Co-Refer to Ext Com Dev
3/12/24 1/10/24	12/20/23	ADVOCAP: Tony Beregszazi, Becky Heldt, Karen, Jan	Housing and Employability Skills shortage notedBerlin 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	Referral to UW Community Development Educator advised- monitor; 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?
3/12/24 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	Watch how Econ Dev Committee goals/purpose unfolds; offer any Extension structure resources/contacts	Referral to UW Community Development Educator advised- monitor;

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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
3/12/24 1/10/24	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	TBD May; Schedule/Meet with UMOS Janie in May
3/12/24 1/10/24	12/4/23	DHHS: Kate Meyer & Staff	tourism/entrepreneurship facilitation structure exploration-connection to Financial Security? 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	Econ Dev Committee Mtg: Jan 18- observe?: Waupaca Co Jessica Beckendorf, Juneau Co Jessica Bilski? 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?



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.



- Helped serve Chili for the Farm to School Chili Lunch at Montello Schools. All the beef was purchased locally for this chili. This was a community event. Parents were invited to eat with their elementary students. Community members were invited to help serve the lunch.
- •Held a cooking class/parent night at the Head Start in Oxford. We made Crunchy Vegetable Wraps. The children did all the cutting of vegetables for this snack. We talked about all the ways kids can help in the kitchen at different ages. We also read an interactive story about how our vegetables grow. All the kids tried the wrap and liked it! We have 8 adults and 13 kids.
- I am still looking for a partner for my strong bodies class. I have reached out to cap services and have not heard back. I will continue to network and find a partner so I can teach this class in Marquette county.

Waushara County







- Our parent night cooking class at the Hornet
 Market was a success. We had 5 families come
 and make a protein ball snack, try bean
 vegetable soup and get to shop in the Hornet
 Market for themselves.
- Programming is done at Parkside Elementary.
 We had six weeks with the 4/5 graders and 4 weeks with the 6/8 graders. There were 18 students in the 4/5 class and 14 students in the 6/8 class.
- I have started programming in Redgranite two days a week for six weeks. I have the younger students in a program called Show Me Nutrition. This program talks about the food groups and food safety. The older students are in a program called Choose Health, Food, Fun and Fitness. In both programs the students are able to try food samples every week.

Green Lake County



- •Met with Lauren Olson about programming and partnering together. She has been a great connection to potential partners in the county. I am looking forward to programming in the future together.
- I met with Stacy about some programming that will be happening at the fair. We will be having a children's nutrition education event one afternoon. We are also looking at offering strong bodies in the mornings as well.
- I wrote a participation letter in favor of a grant that Shelly Rothman is working on for Green Lake county. This would be to create more local food resources for community members.

Other Projects	I am continuing my work with Cohort 15, System Approaches for Healthy Communities and Around the Table training.



Green Lake County Fair Office Stacy Graff, Fair Coordinator 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941 sgraff@greenlakecountywi.gov 920-294-4032

March 2024

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

Fair Report for February 2024:

- I have finalized a few more contracts, including:
 - o Alcohol
 - Truck & Tractor Pull
 - Magician & Hypnotists
 - Solo Singer
- I have finalized the dumpster contract with Washkovick, and they are providing a \$1,250 donation of services.
- I have also finalized the Rays' sanitation contract and they are also providing an \$850 donation for their services.
- I have started to send out award sponsorship letters.
- I am in the process of finalizing indoor and outdoor commercial space/vendor maps to include with the mailed contracts.
- Food Vendors contracts have been mailed out.

2023 Green Lake County Fair Annual Report



Stacy Graff, Fair Coordinator Green Lake County Fair Compiled March 2024

Green Lake County Fair Annual Report

Starting in my role as Fair Coordinator on July 24, 2023, I was only in my position one week before the 2023 Green Lake County Fair. Kim Zills was a huge help to work with from her experience having been the fair coordinator for 16 years previously. Overseeing all these pre-planned events was a bit strange, because the history of those connections and conversations formed were not available to me.

The 2023 Green Lake County Fair was blessed to have had little rain, allowing almost all events to go on as



planned. The tractor pull was stopped due to the rain, but they were able to finish out the event once the rain stopped. The 2023 Fair had a few hiccups along the way, but we were easily able to overcome them, and ended the 2023 Fair as a success!

One lesson I learned is the importance of the Fair Coordinator walking around the grounds to look at event attendance and capture photos of the joy and learning at the Fair. This year I was more focused on soaking up all I could from the expert (Kim), but I will make this change for the 2024 Fair!

The Sheriff's booth was moved right next to the Fair Office so that if any problems arose, they would be easy to notify. This change worked great for all involved and allowed the Green Lake County Sherriff's department more access to the public attending the fair.

Exhibits were on the rise. The beef barn had to overflow into the dairy barn this year, to accommodate all the youth exhibiting! The livestock auction once again saw another record sale. In the past few years, we have continued to see record sales continue to occur. We are extremely thankful to all of the buyers who year after year continue to support the youth of Green Lake County!

Our fair intern, Sadie Goettl, once again brought back the event she started in Green Lake County, "Stars in the Spotlight." This event has been a great addition to the Fair, and was once again a success!

Beer and wine seltzers were continued to be sold up by the highway building. Everything with these sales went smoothly and no incidents were reported and revenue was generated for the fair.

Fairgoers were able to enjoy music throughout the fair. We welcomed the Best Practice Band on Friday, the Genesee Depot Band on Saturday, and Curley & The Key on Sunday.

The Fair is truly made possible by the support from the community and generous sponsors. We would like to thank anyone who helped make this years fairs a success—at this year's fair to make it a success from volunteers to exhibitors to contracted services, and the support of the county.

I have included a few photos of the 2023 Green Lake County Fair on the following page.



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Green Lake County Extension

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2023 Annual Report



HEALTH AND WELL BEING:FOODWISE



Laci MonroeFoodWlse Nutrition Coordinator
Green Lake - Marquette - Waushara



In the Fiscal Year of 2023 I joined the extension team. I was able to create a partnership with Head Start in Markesan, and will start doing programming in the fall of 2024. I was also able to start the process of creating a partnership with Princeton Schools, with programming starting in the future.

I became certified with the Strong Bodies course and will begin teaching classes in the summer of 2024. Strong Bodies is an evidence-based strength and balance program for the aging population. The program has 10 exercises that help to improve overall strength and balance.

I am continuously networking with potential partners in Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara counties to grow the narrative about the FoodWlse program.

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 system levels.

How are we funded?

FoodWise is Federally funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). FoodWise also relies on our Green Lake County partner to provide office space, training room access as well as some basic office supplies and equipment use in the Green Lake County Extension Office

What is SNAP?

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers nutrition assistance to millions of eligible, low-income individuals and families and provides economic benefits to communities. SNAP is the largest program in the domestic hunger safety net.

What is SNAP-Ed?

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) is an evidence-based program that helps people lead healthier lives. SNAP-Ed teaches people using or eligible for SNAP about good nutrition and how to make their food dollars stretch further. SNAP-Ed participants also learn to be physically active.

We serve:

- · Parents and caregivers of children
- School-age youth
- · Adults without Children
- Older Adults

Our programs are:

- Unbiased
- Commercial free
- Evidence-based
- Responsive to local needs



HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONSHIPS



Jenice Mischler Human Development & Relationships Educator

Beginning my role in August 2023, I initiated many partnership building connections to foster program collaboration and distribution of Financial Security education. Partnership building meetings were held in the fall. These provided an environmental scan/needs assessment which yielded much needed information to drive programming. The partnership meetings/environmental scans were held with: libraries in Berlin, Princeton, Kingston, Markesan; Green Lake County Aging Unit, Correctional Facility, Health Department, and Human Services; Boys & Girls Club; Economic Development Committee; United Migrant Opportunity Services; Family Resource Council; Community Health Action Team; Head Start, and Advocap. The partnership meetings garnered 80% response rate in immediate programming scheduled and 20% being planned for 2024. I am now producing and offering outreach educational programming in 2024 and beyond.

In December 2023, I was appointed as a Family Resource Council Member. Since October, I have produced monthly and quarterly informational Newsletters, Articles, and Reports.

Ongoing Planning for Programs 2024:

Green Lake Co Fair
Boys & Girls Club
Community Health Action Team (CHAT)
Green Lake County Public Health
Aging & Disability Unit/ADRC
United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS)
Green Lake County Home & Community Educator (HCE)

Programs begun in 2024:

ReEntry Ready GLCCF: 15 constituents

Financial Coaching/Classes: Budget Basics: 3 constituents

Public Libraries: Recordkeeping: 9 constituents

Markesan Head Start Parents: Budget Basics: 10 constituents

Reentry Ready—Green Lake County Correctional Facility

Reentry Ready is a 9-module class (provided in 3 classes) that provides people reentering communities with tools and tips for managing bills, identifying & prioritizing payments for both legal system-related debt and consumer debt, creating a spending & savings plan, understanding credit scores & reports, choosing financial products and services, building financial competencies, and provides general resources. Through this, participants strengthen their financial literacy to support a prosperous reentry to their community. In the early part of 2023, Katie Gellings taught financial literacy programming at the Green Lake County Correctional Facility. In the fourth quarter of 2023 I rekindled those partnerships and am currently continuing this programming in 2024.

ReEntry Ready Curriculum

Introduction: Self-Assessment

Module 1: Choosing Financial Products

and Services

Module 2: Tracking Income and Benefits

Module 3: Paying Bills

Module 4: Saving

Module 5: Budgeting and Getting

Through the Month

Module 6: Dealing with Debt

Module 7: Understanding Credit

Module 8: Protecting Your Money,

Insurance, and Retirement

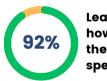
Module 9: Resources

Reentry Ready program evaluation data - 2024 (23 constituents):

What's something you learned/will use from this class?

- It is important to save money in case of emergency.
- Don't use Payday loans; it has a high interest rate.
- I'll use the Budgeting and Saving Tools.
- I'll use the Paycheck Booster Tool.
- I'm going to track my income more closely to prevent overdrafts.
- Using a Bill Calendar helps.
- I'm interested in the tools to improve my Credit.

Because of ReEntry Ready:



Learned a lot about how to track money they're earning and spending.



Understand how to get and read their credit report.



Learned a lot about first steps to take when dealing with debt.



AGRICULTURE

Natasha Paris Regional Crops Educator

2023 was my second year serving farmers and agribusiness in the region. In this time I have deepened relationships with growers, agronomists, and local stakeholders. I have also been able to use my needs assessment work to begin developing a programming portfolio that is specifically suited to our part of the state.

Soybean Meeting – In January I hosted a meeting on soybean production featuring two state specialists from UW-Madison. Many local growers attended this meeting and learned a lot, they expressed appreciation for the unbiased information presented by Extension.

Hancock Highlight Series – I began a series of mini-field days at the Hancock station to feature a wide variety of the research being conducted. In the second picture you see a prototype of a nitrate leaching sensor that would be of great benefit to water quality in the region once commercially available.

Soil Walks and Agronomy Talks – I also held a soil walk to examine the intricacies of implementing conservation practices in lighter soils and in vegetable rotations.

I worked with the Tri-County Produce Growers to provide education and up-to-date information to the Amish community. I also spoke at some of their events and coordinated with specialists from Madison to attend.

Finally, I spoke at a couple events on topics such as nutrient management, vegetable production, and grazing





Statewide Events – I am on the planning committee for the Badger Crop Connect webinar series. This year a large part of the series was focused on how to manage the drought which greatly affected agriculture in our state, and especially our region given our lighter soils.

I also helped organize our statewide agronomy roadshow which takes place in the fall. Many agronomists from our region attended these events.

Publications- This year our area experienced one of the worst droughts on record. This brought with it a number of challenges. I contributed to an article on grazing in drought conditions and on management of true armyworm, as dry conditions often lead to high levels of insects.

I also spent considerable time this year producing a new edition of the Herbicide Rotations document that Extension periodically publishes. This involved reading hundreds of herbicide labels to take into account their restrictions in use.

Research – I participated in multiple research projects this year. One of them involved scouting local soybean fields to contribute to a large dataset which will be loaded into an app which will help farmers make decisions for more profitable soybean production.

Another involved several projects in the Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program. These on-farm research projects are exploring multiple options to improve sustainability and water quality.

Finally, I participated in a project which involves testing a microphone that listens to insects on plants for pest management.

AGRICULTURE

Adam Hartfiel Regional Livestock Educator



New to Extension

I started in this role in May of 2023 after living in Iowa and working for the National Center for Animal Health for four years. Originally from Waupaca County, my wife and I are excited for our opportunities with UW-Extension and the ability to come back home. My background is in both dairy and beef production. I enjoy working with producers to help maintain and improve their economic viability on their operations.



Building Relationships

I spent much of 2023 getting to know the area in Green Lake County and neighboring counties. I worked on building relationships with not only producers, but with industry professionals and other stakeholders to better understand the Agricultural landscape of this region. Following up on office calls and visiting producers helped me gain insight to the practices and methods of production within this region. I attended Farm Bureau meetings, county fairs, field days, and hosted other livestock events. I met many producers throughout the region, inquiring about issues, concerns, and current/emerging topics in livestock.

Events and Education

Throughout my first year with Extension, I've been able to host and be a part of a variety of events. During the summer I was able to attend and present at WI Farm Technology Days in Baraboo where UW-Extension partnered with Tuff Built (Cattle Chutes) who fabricate their products here in Green Lake County. Our livestock team was able to connect with over 250 cattle producers, many of whom are from this region.

This winter I was able to host my first solo event, which was held in Adams County in early January. The event was very well attended with over 35 producers from multiple counites within Area 14. I also helped facilitate and plan a cow/calf meeting January



18th in Wautoma that covered the importance of winter management of your

cow herd.



Monthly newspaper articles have also been a point of emphasis in my first year to deliver prompt and pertinent information to beef producers in Green Lake and surrounding counties. I look forward to continuing this avenue of communication and delivery to inform and educate beef producers in Green Lake and the surrounding counties.

Looking Forward to the Future

Coming in early March is a show pig workshop held here in Green Lake County for youth who intend to show swine in the upcoming fair. I, along with UW-Extension State Swine Specialist Jeff Morris, will deliver a program to inform swine producers on the importance of biosecurity, animal husbandry, and more.

Also coming in late March is a 5-part state webinar series called Beef 101. This webinar series is intended for beginning beef producers and will cover basic information needed to operate your own operation. Registration has closed due to high interest, but early on this region had accounted for nearly 10% of the total registrations statewide!

Please feel free to contact me and visit our UW-Extension Livestock page for articles, worksheets, and other useful tools.

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4-H PROGRAM





Brandon Springer 4-H Program Educator

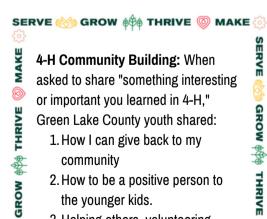


Club Officer Training: (Picture Above) In December of 2023, Green Lake County partnered with Adams, Columbia, Marquette, and Sauk Counties to host a club officer training. I worked with the Club Recreation Leaders to show ways to increase engagement at club meetings and build community within those spaces. I also lead the entire group through the parts of meeting, which include a premeeting activity, business, recreation, and education. This allows for community building, connection, and youth leadership in the planning, implementing, and participation in 4-H.

Creating Connections: (Map to the Right) As someone who is new to both the position and Green Lake County, I made it a priority to start meeting the Local Clubs and Groups here. I visited all of the 4-H clubs and discussed what the youth want to see out of the county program and to introduce myself to all of the 4-H families. I also reviewed the Charters and Annual Financial Reports for each club and group to ensure all meet the Wisconsin 4-H requirements.

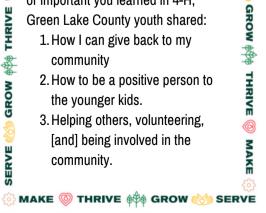


2023 Summer Camp: (Picture Above) In 2023, the Five County 4-H Summer Camp took a new direction with Camp Lakotah in Wautoma hosting. Although I was not in the position for 2023, the other county educators and I have been meeting monthly since September to plan for 2024 camp. I used my 4-H Camp background to provide insight into providing opportunities for youth to learn about nature, community service, leadership, and being active in the outdoors.

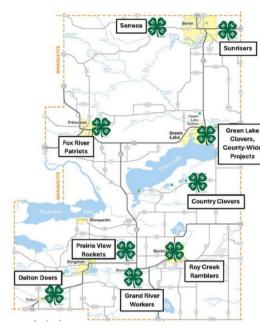


3. Helping others, volunteering, [and] being involved in the community.

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A Look at Enrollment in

In the 2023 4-H year, there were:

Approved Volunteers!













Youth Enrollment

- 200 youth enrolled in 4-H
- 53 First Year Members
- 69 First Generations Members

Top 5 Projects

- 1. Cloverbuds 50
- 2. Foods and Nutrition 45
- 3. Photography 42
- 4. Beef 39
- 5. Swine 39





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Area Extension Director Update

In 2023, the Green Lake County Extension Office welcomed a new team due to staff resignations. An opportunity not often experienced, the new group of employees has worked hard to find their common interests and develop an understanding of each other's strengths and weaknesses. The new Extension team has embraced making outreach educational programming a priority. They have identified needs of Green Lake County residents and programming has been flourishing in the areas of Agriculture — both Livestock as well as Crops and Soils; 4-H Youth Development; Human Development and Relationships—Financial Education, and Health and Well-Being—FoodWlse Nutrition Education.

As for 2024, educational outreach programming is off to a fast start and this new Extension Green Lake County team will be working hard to bring the information of the University of Wisconsin-Madison to the people of Green Lake County. Please feel free to reach out to me at pat.wagner@wisc.edu or 608-516-5540 with questions, comments, or concerns.

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