



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

November 4, 2019

**The following documents are included in the packet for the
Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on
Tuesday, November 12, 2019:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educator Reports for: Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator) and Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Coordinator).



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Time: 9:00 a.m.
Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room
571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI

AGENDA

**Committee
Members**

Patti Garro, Chair
Keith Hess
*Katie Mehn, Vice
Chair*
Kathy Morris
Peter Wallace

*Kathy Ninneman,
Secretary*

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes: 10/8/19
5. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
6. County Library Services Report (submitted monthly report) –
Chris Kalupa, Berlin Public Library Director
7. **FAIR**
8. 2019 Fair Recap
9. 2020 Fair
10. **UW-EXTENSION**
11. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings,
Meetings & Programs
12. County 136 Contract
13. Area Extension Director Report
14. Approval of Educator Out of County Days –
Discussion/Approval
15. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: December 10, 2019
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
16. Adjourn

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

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or Audio assistance, should contact the Extension Office, 294-4032, not later than 3 days before date of the meeting.



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair Patti Garro, at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in the County Board Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Patti Garro, Chair
Keith Hess
Katie Mehn, Vice Chair
Kathy Morris
Peter Wallace

Staff Present: Adam Hady
Morgan Martinez
Kathy Ninneman
Kim Zills

Absent: Ben Jenkins (at Breakfast meeting)

Also Present: Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Public Library Director; Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Katie Gellings and her new daughter, Maggie (who is on FMLA until 10-28).

MINUTES

Motion/second (Wallace/Mehn) to approve the August 13, 2019 minutes with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT – NICOLE OVERBECK

Everyone introduced themselves to Overbeck. Submitted monthly reports on file. Overbeck announced that Mark Arend, Assistant Director of the Winnefox Library System will be retiring and Clairellyn Sommersmith will be his successor. She also highlighted areas in each library.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing.

2019 FAIR RECAP

Zills reported she is receiving money, paying bills and state reports are complete.

2020 FAIR UPDATES

Zills reported the 2020 fair dates are August 6-9.

EDUCATORS' SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS & RELEVANT TRAININGS, MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Written monthly report on file for Jenkins and Martinez. Martinez gave verbal report.

AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT

Hady reported everything is going well. The position for the FoodWise coordinator for Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara Counties is posted. The position will have their office located in Marquette County. Hady will also be starting 6 month reviews with educators.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Garro explained the Expenditure Budget Lines to be amended are: \$92.27 from the UWEX Program Donations Account to the Extension Fair Promotions budget.

Motion/second (Hess/Mehn). All ayes. Approved.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Hess/Wallace). All ayes. Approved.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Garro or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: October 8, 2019 in the Training Room at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Hess/Mehn) to adjourn at 9:16 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Committee Secretary*

DRAFT

Green Lake County Libraries Activity Report for November 2019

Berlin: Whether we like it or not, the weather is turning colder. We are encouraging shut-in patrons in our service area to call if they would like home delivery. This time of year we usually see an increase in need for this service and are happy to be able to take the library to their door step.

During the colder months is a good time to remind everyone of the free digital books available through the Winnefox libraries. With an active library card, you can have easy access through an app on your personal device. Interested in more information? Contact any of our libraries. Berlin offers one-on-one training to help get you started, just give us a call.

Healthy living will be the focus of adult programming in November with great variety of choices. On Thursday, November 7 at 6pm we are hosting Healthy Keto for the Holidays. This educational talk will help attendees learn about making the best food choices and finding balance during the holidays. On Saturday, November 9, we are bringing back another popular session of Qigong at 10am. Anyone can come learn easy breathing techniques to help you breathe more fully and help you stay healthier. Katie Gellings will be presenting 'Taking Care of You', a program to offer strategies to help deal with stress, take better care of yourself, and enhance your overall living. Rounding out our healthy programming, a free session of Chair Yoga will be held on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30. To register for any of these programs, please call the library at 361-5420. Everyone is welcome to attend and get healthy at the library.

Kids are so excited for Dinovember programming throughout the next month. Along with many drop-in dinosaur related activities, we will be doing a dinosaur feet craft, dinosaur dig, a scavenger hunt, and a movie. On Saturday, November 16, Kent Barnard, Wild Rose Library Director, Kent Barnard, and his wife Erin will be coming to promote their newly released book, "Mom Needs a Dinosaur". Their release is perfect timing for our Dinovember and we are excited to have them join us.

Friends of the Berlin Library and our library staff are decorating a Tree in the Park again this year. We are having our little patrons help make ornaments to go on the tree. We want to use this to encourage participation and promote Friends membership.

Green Lake: In November we are continuing to add children's programming: Monday's after school from 3:30-4:30 pm kids can come to the library for LEGO Club, Tuesday's at 11 am we are continuing with Story Time, Thursdays we have free math tutoring from 5-6:30 pm. In between those times, we have coloring pages, stop in crafts stations, and new books and movies (along with old favorites) for kids to enjoy.

I am very excited about our upcoming art exhibition from ARTS for ALL Wisconsin that will be on display now through December. Founded in 1985, ARTS for ALL Wisconsin is a statewide nonprofit organization that expands the capabilities, confidence, and quality of life for children and adults with disabilities by providing programs in dance, drama, creative writing, music, and visual art. More info can be found at <https://www.artsforallwi.org/>

We are also hosting ARTS for ALL Wisconsin contributing artist Jon Wos and Executive Director Christina Martin-Wright at the library for a short presentation and Q&A session on Thursday, November 7 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Jon has exhibited his artwork throughout North America, including the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C., the Chicago Cultural Center, and the Joseph D. Carrier Gallery in Toronto, Ontario, Canada—and now the Caestecker Public Library in Green Lake!

On Tuesday, November 12 from 2-3 pm Markesan Resident Home and Robin Wolzenburg of North Terrace and Always There Home Care will present "Critical Points to Evaluate when Considering a Care Facility." And Kristine Biesenthal of Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin will be here Wednesday, November 20 from 1:30-3 pm to discuss the critical decisions often faced at end of life and learn ways to communicate and stay connected in the later stages.

We will also have local author Joy Ann Ribar to present, do a Q & A about writing, and read an excerpt from her mystery novel, "Deep Dark Secrets" which is the first novel in the Deep Lakes series. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing at this free event.

Kingston: This Wednesday we start our programming in our new Senior Savvy Space. Wednesdays program is Medicare Dispelling the Confusion with Irene Kutz. We will be doing programs the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. We are also holding a BYOB Basket Fundraiser which runs from Nov. 4h thru the 16th. At this writing we have 50 lovely baskets in to bid on. You can see them on Facebook and our library website.

Markesan: The Markesan Public Library will be inviting people to stay sharp and kind this November with events and programs including Family Game Night, Brain Health, Black & White Photography, Writers' Meetup, Food Drive, Homespun Holidays, and more!

Stay sharp! Did you know the week of November 3rd-9th is International Game Week? Gather your friends and family for a fun-filled night of games, games, and more games on Thursday Nov 7th from 5-7pm. Games to choose from include: Apples to Apples, Ticket to Ride, Exploding Tokyo, Splendor, and Catan (just to name a few). Refreshments and drinks will also be provided.

How else can we stay sharp? By exercising the brain! November also celebrates National Alzheimer's Awareness Month. On Thurs., Nov. 14 at 6pm, registered nurse Melanie Simpkins will present a class on Better Brain Health at 6pm. This one-hour session will teach participants what they can do to lower their dementia risk and keep their brains healthy. The session will cover: common diseases that cause dementia, other conditions that mimic dementia, signs and symptoms, risk factors, and strategies to maintain a healthy brain (physical health, nutrition, mental stimulation, social engagement). Fun brain games will also be presented.

Another tactic for brain health is learning something new! Learn tips and tricks to creating beautiful black and white photography from local artists, Harlan Barkley and Renee Cybul on Mon Nov 18th at 6pm. Have you ever wondered what makes black & white photography so striking, timeless, moody, and appealing? Beyond general photography techniques, there are additional methods that work especially well in black & white. This class will teach you. To help inspire you prior to the class, a selection of Barkley's and Cybul's photography will be on display at the library. Plus, a take home gratitude photo scavenger hunt will be available. This festive, do-it-yourself activity provides a checklist of photo prompts to help you remember what you are most grateful for.

We can also stay sharp by sharpening our pencils and writing! November is National Novel Writing Month. Anyone who has any interest in writing is invited to our National Novel Writing Month Kick-Off Event at the library from 9am - 12 pm on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. During our open hours we will provide coffee, doughnuts, and a great writing atmosphere. We also have a display table with resources and materials you can take home to help you create your story and reach 50,000 words. Be sure to stop by! It's a great chance to meet fellow writers while hitting your word count.

You may be thinking that all of this is too kind.

That's because the biggest celebration of November is Thanksgiving. In the spirit of giving and thanksgiving, the Markesan library is hosting a food drive for the whole month of November. For each non-perishable, non-expired item donated, the library will forgive \$2 in overdue fines as a special "thank you" for your generosity.

And what would the holidays be without kids' activities? Once again, the library, along with the National Honor Society, will host a kid's zone at the Markesan Area Chamber's Homespun Holiday event at the elementary school on Sat Nov. 23rd from 8:30am to 2pm. Along with the Chamber's bouncy house and visits with Santa Claus, there will be games and crafts like candy cane fishing, a Christmas countdown clock DIY, Rudolph's reading corner, Christmas card coloring contest, and more.

For our adult patrons who love to create there will be Countdown to Christmas craft classes held on Wednesday Nov. 13th and 20th at 6pm. Visit the library, its website, or Facebook page for more information on supply fees and descriptions of the projects.

Finally, don't forget to read to your little one. November is National Picture Book Month. All of the Green Lake county libraries have fabulous picture book collections to choose from. Fall is a special time where

we can slow down and really appreciate the people we love. Snuggling up together and sharing a story creates memories your children and grandchildren will remember all their lives. Moreover, studies show that it gives them a head start at school. Now that's smart and kind!

Princeton: Hello all, I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Laura Skalitzky, new Director at Princeton. Although I have worked at an SCLS library (Marshall) for ten years, this is my first time as a Director, and my first experience with Winnefox. Luckily I have met amazing people here already who are helping me so much; shout-out to Clairellyn, Cindy, Linda, Pete, and many more! A little about me: I began my career as an English teacher but quickly saw that library work was more in my wheelhouse. I enjoy hiking, making art, and local history—which makes Princeton my ideal town. What a crazy past week it's been here! The whole community came out to help us move to our new/old location on Water Street, and we're still unpacking and shelving. There are some furniture and building delays but we're almost there. You are all invited to celebrate with us at the official grand opening of the new Princeton Public Library building on Sunday, November 10th from 3-5pm. There will be a flag raising, ribbon cutting, speeches, refreshments, and a classical harpist. So many people have done so much to support the library—this party is for all those folks, including you!

This month we are also looking forward to Family Night at the library on Monday, November 11th, a special Frozen II celebration (date TBD), and Christmas in Princeton (the 29th and 30th). From 1-4pm on the 29th, we will have family holiday crafts and a movie at the library. Once again, the Friends of the Princeton Library will have its annual sale during the last week of the month—please stop by for handmade craft items and more.



Extension

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Ben Jenkins
Green Lake County
Agricultural Educator
October 2019

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in October of 2019. During the reporting period, the educator made 121 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Grain Marketing

The grain marketing group meets every first Tuesday for breakfast and to discuss the grain markets and marketing strategy with Brenda Oft from Midwest Marketing and Kasey Baker from Landmark. This is also a good way for farmers to get together and build relational ties with each other which has been shown to be affective at helping them through these stressful times. The Grain Marketing Group is on break for harvest and will resume in January.

Produce Auction

I've been trying to attend the Tri-County Produce Auction as often as possible since it is proving to be an effective way to network with the produce farmers and commercial buyers. Although there wasn't much disease activity in produce for the majority of the growing season there was some Late Blight on tomatoes and anthracnose on watermelons late in the season. There were a few total crop failures in those crops for some growers. The auction season ended on the 29th.



Programming

I took advantage of the lulls offered to me during the harvest season to work on programming for the upcoming 2020 programming year. Still hoping to get a needs assessment done in order to give my programming more direction. I and the other educators in area 14 are still waiting on the go ahead from the university to do this.

Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

Farm Succession

Throughout the month I have been involved in getting a three-day workshop hosted in the CWAS area for farm succession. Agricultural entities in the county have expressed a need for programming in this area. This will become very important in the not too distant future with the number of farmland owners over the age of 65 continuing to increase.

Alternative Enterprises

As leader of the Alternative Enterprises Team I have been working with the Farm Management OPM and team members to develop and carryout a plan of work as it relates to farm diversification. As a part of this I am involved in the planning and coordination of the upcoming Resilient Farms Conference on December 12th in the Wisconsin Dells. Resilient Farms is a way for producers to get exposure to lots of new ideas for where to take their farm business. Topics covered at the conference range from value added to entirely new crops like hemp.

BSE Bootcamp

On the 28th I attended training on the newest research in farm technology being conducted by the UW Biological Systems Engineering Department. The training covered milking robots, post-harvest storage and vapor protection.

Out of County Days

- 2 Out of county days for October (10/28 CWAS, 10/30 BSE Bootcamp*)
- 4 Out of county days planned for November (11/6 produce safety*, 11/18-20 for the all programs meeting*)

*Denotes that it was paid for by UWEX





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Morgan Martinez
Green Lake County
4-H Program Coordinator
October 2019

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in October of 2019. During the reporting period, the program coordinator made 198 direct educational and professional contacts.

Program Highlights

4-H Leaders' Association, Green Lake

Organized at the county level, the 4-H Leaders' Association works closely with the 4-H Program Coordinator. The organization brings together volunteers to serve as a venue for volunteer leader training and an organizing mechanism in providing volunteer and financial support for county level educational opportunities for 4-H members and 4-H volunteers. Prior to their monthly meetings, interviews were held for educational experiences scholarships, 4-H Key Award, and academic scholarships. At their October 3, 2019 meeting I provided education on the topics of 4H Online enrollment and educational workshop focused on computer science and problem solving.

4-H Club Teamwork Program, Markesan Area

I visited three 4-H club monthly meetings, Grand River Workers 4-H Club in Manchester on October 9, Country Clovers 4-H Club in Markesan on October 13 and Prairie View Rockets 4-H Club in Markesan on October 14. As part of their club meeting, I facilitated a program focusing on the development of teamwork skills with 4-H young people. Throughout the program young people had to complete a series of relatively simple tasks, with challenges built in, independently and then when working with a partner. Throughout these tasks young people strengthened skills in teamwork, communication, respecting differences, and problem solving to achieve a goal.

Livestock Council, Green Lake

I attended the Green Lake County Livestock Council meeting on October 15, 2019. The Board of Directors completed the 4-H Charter, distributed the 2019-2020 handbook, and discussed programming for this year. In addition, the board expressed the interest in exploring options for purchasing a new livestock scale to be used at the Green Lake County Fair as the current scales will not be able to receive certification to be legal for trade. The Board of Directors also facilitated discussion on the differences between being a chartered 4-H entity and the possibility of becoming a 501(3)(c) independent non-profit organization.

Trunk or Treat, Berlin

I attended Trunk or Treat at the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area on October 29 to promote Green Lake County 4-H Afterschool program. 4-H Afterschool programs cultivate youth success by offering fun and engaging educational opportunities that teach new skills, build on prior knowledge and create a desire to learn. Youth will have the opportunity to explore a variety of interests including communication, healthy lifestyles, leadership and much more!



Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

Cooperative Extension County-Based Onboarding Learning Community, Online

In my cohort-based learning opportunity with colleagues we met online via ZOOM on October 1st and 8th. The purpose of these two meetings were to understand how a plan of work guides educational programming and to draft situation statements and educational outcomes. Throughout these ZOOM meetings we received feedback and guidance on our personal situation statements and educational outcomes that will be part of our plan of work.

Area 14 4-H Professionals Meeting, Wautoma

4-H professionals in Area 14 (Counties: Marquette, Juneau, Adams, Waushara, Green Lake) met online via ZOOM on October 21, 2019 to discuss 2020 4-H camp planning and the possibilities of exploring different camp venues for 2021 camp and beyond. We collaborated on a list of new educational program ideas to implement at 2019 4-H camp as well as identified a camp we would like to tour for 2021 camp. 2020 5-County 4-H Camp will be held at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in Wisconsin Dells June 11-13, 2020.

We met in-person on October 30, 2019 in Wautoma where we received a guided tour of Camp Lakotah. We discussed educational programming opportunities which are offered at this camp, as well as ways this camp would best meet our current needs. As a group we are going to continue to explore the possibility of holding 5-County 4-H Camp 2021 at this facility.

Out of County Days

- .5 Out of county days for October
 - *Area 14 4-H Professionals Meeting, Wautoma, October 30*

- 2 Out of county days planned for November
 - *All Program Meeting*, Madison, November 18-19*

* Travel expenses are covered by Extension