



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

January 6, 2021

The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee. **The January 12, 2021 Meeting is CANCELLED due to lack of agenda items:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda-CANCELLED
- 3) Draft minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Fair Coordinator Report
- 6) UW-Extension Reports for: Adam Hady, Area 14 Extension Director, Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator), Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator), Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Educator), and Laura McCulley (Food Wise Coordinator).



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 Time: 9:00 a.m.

*Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room **or via Zoom**
571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI*

AGENDA

Committee Members

*Patti Garro, Chair
Katie Mehn, Vice Chair
Ken Bates
Bob Dolgner
Keith Hess
Brian Floeter, alternate*

*Kathy Ninneman,
Secretary*

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Minutes: 12/8/20
6. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
7. Fair Coordinator Report – submitted report
8. Fair: Fairground Improvements
9. UW-Extension Staff Reports – submitted monthly report
 - Adam Hady, Area Extension Director
 - Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Educator
 - Ben Jenkins, Agriculture Educator
 - Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator
 - Laura McCulley, Food Wise Coordinator
10. UW-Extension updates
11. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
12. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: February 9, 2021
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
13. Adjourn

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted and available through in person attendance (6 ft. social distancing and face masks required) or audio/visual communication. Remote access can be obtained through the following link:

CANCELLED: 2021 Agenda Items

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 Chairperson Garro, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Patti Garro
Keith Hess
Katie Mehn
Bob Dolgner (Zoom)
Ken Bates (Zoom)

Staff Present: Adam Hady (Zoom)
Katie Gellings (Zoom)
Ben Jenkins (Zoom)
Morgan Martinez (Zoom)
Kathy Ninneman
Laura McCulley (Zoom)

Also Present: Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (Zoom) and Harley Reabe, County Board Chair.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hess/Mehn) to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Bates gave a verbal report of the Winnefox Board Meeting from November 18, 2020.

FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

The submitted monthly report is in the committee packet. Ninneman gave a verbal report as well.

FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Nothing to report this month.

2020 FAIR BUDGET

Schmit reported that the 2020 Fair financial budget will be carried over to the 2021 Fair financial budget.

FAIR MAINTENANCE

Ninneman reported she will start to advertise in January for bids with a return date of Friday, February 5, so all bids are returned before the February 9, 2021 committee meeting.

FAIR CONTRACTS

A&P Enterprise Shows (carnival)

Dala Face Painting: \$1,200 for 3 days (two artists each day)

Motion/second (Mehn/Hess) to approve the contracts pending Corporation Counsel making an addendum to each with COVID-19 information. All ayes. Motion carried.

JUDGING SCHEDULE CHANGES

Ninneman shared with the Committee the Judging Schedule for 2021 and the changes that she wants to implement.

UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet for Adam Hady (Area Extension Director), Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Educator), Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator), Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Coordinator) and Laura McCulley (Food Wise Coordinator). Verbal reports were given by those present.

FOOD WISE AGREEMENT LETTER FOR FY 2021

McCulley is primarily funded by a grant. *Motion/second (Bates/Hess)* to approve the agreement letter for FY 2021.

UW-EXTENSION UPDATES

Hady reported the current in-person indoor programming capacity is still at 10. There has been several openings in the Ag area and Hady is participating in a staffing workgroup committee.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

None.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Garro or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: January 12, 2021 in the County Board Room/Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Garro adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m. Hess/Mehn

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*

January 2021 Green Lake County Library Reports

Berlin – The Berlin Library is welcoming the new year with a Winter Reading program for all ages from January 1 to February 28. We thought we had set our goal high by challenging our patrons to collectively reach 10,000 total hours read in the two months. As I write this recap, we already have 3,471 tallied, meaning more than 1/3 of the goal has already been reached. This is so exciting to see everyone jump on board with the program. We definitely have some avid readers!

The Stitching Together Community project: making hats for the ThedaCare Oncology chemotherapy patients, is also off to a great start. So far, we have taken in 29 hats. With other projects being planned, patrons can look for other ways to support the community and keep busy while stuck at home and in between reading books.

Our youth librarian is continuing to offer Storytime with limited space and safety measures in place. The small group attending is very appreciative to keep little ones busy and encouraging a structured literacy event.

Take and make projects have been a huge hit for all ages. We offer kits for adults, teens, and children monthly. Because we are unable to hold events in the library, we have extra budget to put towards these take-home craft kits. Friends of the Berlin Library will be sponsoring a few activities for our patrons as well.

The Berlin Senior Center reached out to see if we could help at their drive-up/take-home Christmas meal held last week because they were short-handed. Two of our staff helped put together and handout about 150 meals.

With recent patron donations, we will be updating seating by our newspaper and magazine browsing area. There is currently a 4-6 months waiting period for ordering new furniture, so our hope is that by the time it arrives, it will be safe for patrons to hang out at the library once again and enjoy the comfy new chairs.

The New Year brings hope that the next year will bring better opportunities to serve the needs of the community. If there is anything our library can help any of you with, please do not hesitate to let us know. Thank you for your continued support of the public libraries. It is greatly appreciated!!

Green Lake – We are starting off the month with a Friends Book Sale on Wednesday, January 6 from 1-4 pm and then another on Saturday, January 23 from 9am-noon. We had a very generous donation of only-read-once home library of hardcover books by popular authors. Carol, book sale coordinator extraordinaire, was delighted by the new arrivals and the tables downstairs are stocked to bursting.

Activity Packs and scavenger hunts will start again the second week of January. You just never know what we might have in there so stop back often or check our Facebook page for updates.

Later this month I will be working on the library's annual report to submit to the state Department of Public Instruction. The report typically measures circulation and program attendance as the two biggest numbers the library world looks at in measuring success. Before the pandemic, I am proud to say our circulation and program attendance numbers were steadily going up every month for the first time in many years. Hopefully that increase will help balance our numbers after the decline due to the pandemic. Within our library system, the Caestecker Library has not been as hard hit as many others and it's a testament to our local community support and dedication! Regardless, it is worth noting that DPI is taking into account all the challenges created by the pandemic and the report will be modified to reflect the changes 2020 brought to libraries.

The Winnefox annual meeting will be virtual this year and held on January 19. If you have any issues you would like me to bring to the system level, please let me know.

I have successfully completed my Advanced Public Library Administration class and am onto another for the spring semester. This time I will be working my way through a course on Organization and Management of Collections. Only one more to go after that to complete my certification.

Thanks to all of you for serving and supporting the library this past year. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2021!

Kingston – Our 22nd annual Cookie Walk in December raised \$1181.00 for the library, in spite of the bad weather and Covid. This month we will start working on our plans for 2021 fundraisers. Unlike most

libraries, our budget has a fundraiser amount included in it, that the board is committed to raising so planning starts early and goes all year long.

Our January display at the library is “New Books for a New Year”. The display is right as you walk in the front door, so if you are looking for something you haven’t read and don’t feel like browsing the stacks, simply grab a book off the display table and you can be on your way.

We have already had a few calls about tax forms. Libraries in our area DO still offer paper copies of the forms. Some who do their taxes online, still like to fill out the paper copy first. We have some of the WI tax forms already, and are waiting on the Federal ones.

The Loosely Bound Book Club will be reading “The Heirloom Garden” by Viola Shipman for this month’s meeting. Iris Maynard lost her husband in World War II, her daughter to illness and, finally, her reason to live. Walled off from the world for decades behind the towering fence surrounding her home, Iris has built a new family...of flowers. Iris propagates her own daylilies and roses while tending to a garden filled with the heirloom starts that keep the memories of her loved ones alive. When Abby Peterson moves next door with her family—a husband traumatized by his service in the Iraq War and a young daughter searching for stability—Iris is reluctantly yet inevitably drawn into her boisterous neighbor’s life, where, united by loss and a love of flowers, she and Abby tentatively unearth their secrets, and help each other discover how much life they have yet to live. Starting this month the meetings will be held on the last Tuesday, at 2 pm. Come join us for some lively conversations!

Markesan – We had a pretty busy December here at the Markesan Library. We had a last-minute collaboration with the Fire Department and was able to bring Santa to the Library on a Fire Truck. Santa took pictures with the kids outside the library, and they all received treat bags. We had 70 kids attend. The adult Christmas crafts also continued to be very popular with every available craft kit being distributed. The ugly Christmas mask contest had about 9 participants making masks and many others voting for them. We had 17 participants in the Stuffed Animal Sleepover with many Facebook live views. We also received some wonderful donations. We had one patron give us \$300. He said he and his wife use the library a good deal and wanted to split their stimulus checks with us. It was a very kind gesture, and we plan to use the money for programming. Below is the article that we sent to the newspaper highlighting our upcoming January activities:

To help us ring in the new year, the Markesan Historical Society is back with a new decades display...1920s. Come visit the Markesan library to see memorabilia of a hundred years ago. Prohibition, gangsters, flappers, jazz, the roaring twenties – it’s back baby doll.

Keeping in theme with the 1920s, join the Markesan Public Library for a Facebook live event exploring the Gangsters of Wisconsin with author and researcher Chad Lewis. This event will take place on Monday, January 18th at 6pm. Get ready to put on your zoot suit and follow in the footsteps of infamous gangsters as they make Wisconsin into their personal vacation land. Daring bank robbers, vicious shoot outs, and notorious history awaits you in this incredible discussion.

For our younger patrons, grades 4-8th, the Library will be promoting bullets of an entirely different kind than those carried by gangsters—we will be making Bullet Journals! Take home everything you need, from instructions to supplies, to make your very own bullet journal. Let everyday move forward in organized bliss and never be late again! These kits will be ready starting January 13th, call ahead at 920-398-3434 to reserve a kit as supplies are limited.

For our adult crafters we will have two new take home crafts. Paper napkin candles and TBA. Check our Facebook and website page for updates on when kits will be made available. Supplies will be limited so early sign up is encouraged. Similar to our holiday crafts, a small fee to help cover craft supplies may be charged.

Book lovers and movie lovers unite! The Theater Readers Book & Movie Club is for anyone who loves movie or books or both! We will hold the first meeting on Thursday, January 28th at 6 pm on Zoom. This month’s selection is “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Pick your preference: the book or the movie then join us on Zoom to discuss! Multiple copies of the book and movie will be available at the library for anyone to check-out and enjoy. According to the abstract, “*The Great Gatsby follows viable*



writer Nick Carraway as he leaves the Midwest and comes to New York City in the spring of 1922. Chasing his own American dream, Nick lands next door to Jay Gatsby, and across the bay from his cousin, Daisy, and her husband, Tom Buchanan. Nick is drawn into the captivating world of the rich and their loves and deceits. As he bears witness, he pens a tale of impossible love, incorruptible dreams, and tragedy, and holds a mirror to our own modern times and struggles.”

Happy New Years & thank you for your support of library services,
Nicole Overbeck – Markesan Public Library

Princeton – Our Christmas take-home crafts were very well received, and in January we will continue to offer different kinds of take-home projects and activities.

Paper Crafting Club continues to be our most popular activity, with both in-person tutorials and take-home kits available. So far we have done Gelli printing, card crafting, magazine animal collages, mini journals, stamping, holiday houses.

The Princeton Library now offers a video game system (Play Station 4) and video games! These can be checked out for free, just like a book. The video game system comes with the console, four controllers, and two games. Video games are a great way to help families have fun together at home, and they are a large part of the demand for new entertainment media. As times change, so does the library.

Thanks to the many donations of books and money we've received this year, and because we have not been able to hold a regular large-scale book sale, the Friends of the Library have decided that everything currently on the book sale will be given away free. These items are largely old library items that have been weeded out of the collection, with some donations that we did not want to add.

I have completed my UW Madison course, “Advanced Public Library Administration,” which makes two classes down and two to go to my Library Director’s certification!

Our new employee Trish has started and is doing well. Library work means a lot of little details, but she’s catching on fast.

Upcoming Events:

Story Time every Thursday at 10:00 am - take home kits available

Tuesday, January 5 – 6:00 pm: Learn to Draw Zentangles (*Tune in on Zoom or come in person*)

Would you like to learn to draw, but have no confidence? Do want to try a relaxing craft with minimal supplies? Try Zentangle! Create beautiful images just by repeating basic patterns. We'll show you how. All you need is a pen and paper. No fee.

Friday, January 8 – 6:00 pm: Free Family Fun Night: Air Flair! (*Come in person or take home a kit*)
Free! Kids getting cabin fever? Bring them down for an evening of fun and crazy science or take home a kit and turn your living room into a lab. Giant Bernoulli bags, balloon rocket race, and other fun air pressure experiments for all ages.

Tuesday, January 12 – 5:00-7:00 pm: Paper Crafting Club (*Come in person or take home a kit.*)
Need a little color in your life? Make a “stained glass” tissue paper sun catcher! 5-7pm. No fee.

Wednesday, January 13 – 9:30 am: Mystery Book Club

This month we are discussing Charles Finch’s “The Woman in the Water.” Pick up a copy at the library! For the time being the group has decided to move to the Thrasher Opera House in Green Lake. Led by Vicki Duhr.

Friday, January 15 – 1:00 pm: Lunch Book Club

Join us for lunch, meet fellow readers, and share a book recommendation.

All week starting Monday, January 18: For the Birds

Stop down and grab a bag of activities that are fun for the whole family. Make a bird feeder, create a cute cardinal, do bird bingo!

Wednesday, January 27 – 5:30 pm: Snack Book Club

We are discussing “Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman. Join us!



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Monday, January 4, 2021

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

Fair and other related tasks:

- I have finalized the show/judging schedules.
- I am in the process of securing judges for the 2021 Fair.
- Researching entertainment options.
- Two contracts were approved at the December committee meeting. Corp Counsel is working on an addendum to include COVID information.
- The Friends of the Fair donations will be going out the first week of January.
- The Maintenance Bid advertisement will be published for two weeks in the newspapers.
- Fair Promotions Committee: The committee also adopted a tree at the Markesan Resident Home, lighting it up for all the residents to enjoy.

Compeer Financial Grant Funds Project – Electrical Update in the Sheep/Swine/Beef Barn

The work is completed by Pulvermacher. The invoice was received and paid. The Grant Report Form will be submitted the first week of January with a due date of January 31st.

In Office Hours

I am working in the office every day.

Adam Hady

Area Extension Director

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December 2020

Area Extension Director Update

As with the past few months, Extension has continued with its telecommuting policies. Currently, the educators have submitted telecommuting agreement request through March. As far as in person programming, it is still limited, and virtual methods are preferred choice. Guidance is still at the 10-person limit on the number of people attending in one room for indoor programming.

I continued to have check-in meeting every other week, biweekly office conference zooms and area wide zoom meetings. All five counties' Educator Contracts have been fully executed. In two counties I have attended evaluation trainings for performance reviews. In Marquette County I continued to work with the County on extending a Limited Term Employee position into 2021.

On the state side, I am continuing to serve on the Volunteer Management Systems Advisory Committee which meets once a month. The Agriculture Program Area has started meeting on Ag staffing workgroups, where I serve on the AED workgroup.

Sincerely,



Adam A. Hady



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GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Katie Gellings
Green Lake County
Health & Well-Being Extension Educator
December 2020

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Health & Well-Being Institute in December of 2020. During the reporting period, the educator made 62 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Encouraging Financial Conversations Planning

I am partnering with area and regional colleagues to offer a professional development opportunity for individuals and organization leaders who work with community members in a variety of situations. Financial management is a very personal topic. Positive conversations around money are grounded in respect, confidentiality, and creating a judgment-free zone. Many helping professionals have on-going relationships with their clients and are in a position to provide resources to individuals who may not seek out financial education.

The training follows the core

Financial Competencies:

- Goal Setting
- Maximizing Income
- Spending
- Saving
- Borrowing
- Protecting



I am looking forward to offering this to my partners in Green Lake County in both January and February. This is a virtual program that meets twice per week for 60 minutes (each) and runs for six weeks. There are over 50 total participants registered for the January session from the seven counties who are offering the program together.

Aging Mastery Book Club with Strong Bodies

I will be teaching the Aging Mastery Book Club following a Strong Bodies class being offered to all WI residents based in Western WI. The Aging Mastery Book Club is a shortened version of the series I am teaching currently. The lessons are 20-30 minutes in length but cover the same amount of topics. I am looking forward to sharing more Aging Mastery education as it is a fantastic program for those who are aging.

Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 173 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of December. I continue to have a number of professional meetings scheduled with colleagues and mentors to continue to network and learn from my fellow Extension educators.

Virtual All-Colleague Conference (December 1, 8, 15)

I attended the virtual all-colleague conference via Zoom for 3 days in December. I learned a lot from the sessions I attended and look forward to implementing new learnings in my position within Green Lake County.

Here are the sessions I attended each day:

December 1 - Racial equity and addressing injustice:

- How we got here: The hidden history of diversity in America (keynote)
- Centering equity in Extension programs: from paradigms to practice
- OAIC Intake: So, what do you know?

December 8 – Virtual learning and programming

- Challenges of remote leaders and teams (keynote)
- Build your first Google data studio map visualization
- Taking Zoom lessons from tedious to transformative

December 15 – Multidisciplinary programming and scholarly sharing

- Transcending disciplinary boundaries to meet humanity's needs (keynote)
- Food security/food systems
- Youth mental health

Newspaper Articles

“Managing Finances in Tough Times” Berlin Journal Newspapers. December 21, 2020. By Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Educator

Out of County Days

- 0 Out of county days for December
- 0 Out of county days planned for January

* Travel expenses are covered by Extension



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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Ben Jenkins
Green Lake County
Agricultural Educator
January 2021

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in December of 2020. During the reporting period, the educator made 84 direct educational and professional contacts plus

other unknown contacts through relevant social media postings.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Farm Visits

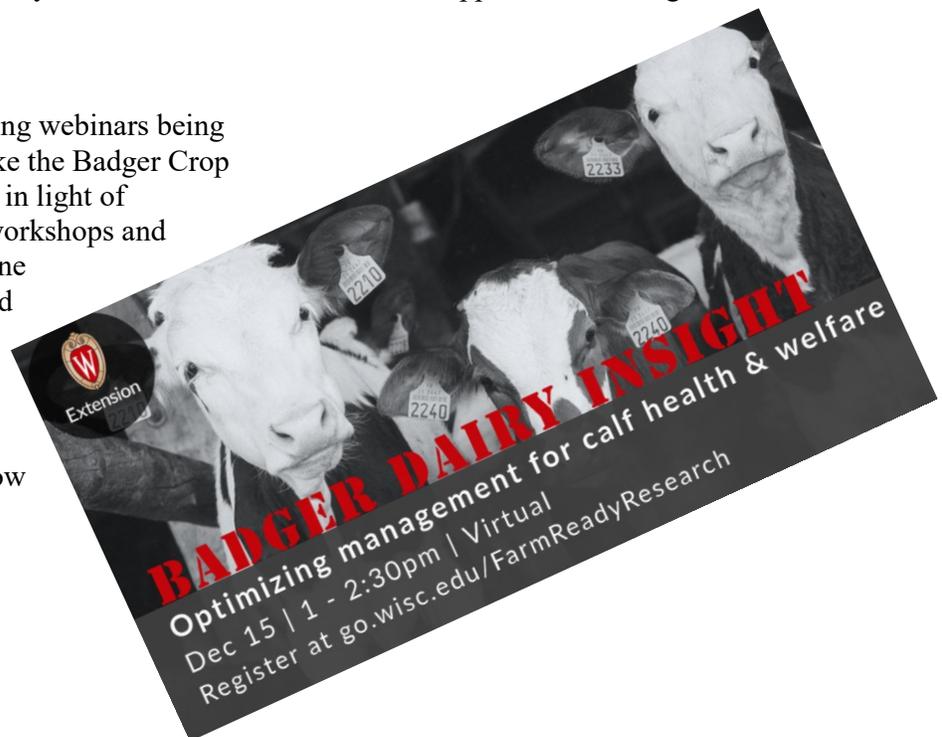
Early on in the pandemic UW-Madison put a hold on in person visits. This moratorium made my job as an Agriculture educator a little more difficult as a large part of my job is getting out onto farms to consult with farmers and landowners directly. In order to still be effective in the community I have done what everything that I can to make sure that the citizens of Green Lake County know that even if I'm not onsite at the county building or able to come to them directly I am still available to answer calls, emails, and video chat if available.

General County Outreach

I have made sure that the citizens of Green Lake County know that even if I'm not onsite at the county building or able to come to them directly I am still available to answer calls, emails, and video chat if available. I have done that through keeping in touch with the local syndicate via a Focus Article. I have also become more active in posting materials and resources that the citizens of Green Lake County will find helpful on our Green Lake County UW-Extension Facebook Page. My post pertaining to where local foods could be sources had a reach of over 1300 views! In December I answered calls and emails in regard to FSA programs, grazing, soil testing, soil regeneration, soil fertility, farm succession, milk licensing, Paycheck Protection, and Pesticide Applicator Training.

Upcoming Webinars

I've begun promoting the current and upcoming webinars being offered by my colleagues and myself. Just like the Badger Crop Connect UW-Madison Division of Extension in light of COVID is currently and will be offering all workshops and courses online via webinar. Producers can tune in to get information on what has been learned during the course of the last growing season, as well as equip themselves with the tools needed in order go into next year's growing season well informed and ready for whatever the 2021 growing season might throw at them.



Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

Agriculture Institute ZOOM Meetings

I attend the ZOOM meetings put on by the Agriculture Institute of the UW-Madison Division of Extension to keep up with the ever-changing agricultural landscape due to COVID-19. This is where I get updated on new fact sheets, new information, state and national news that may potentially affect our county stakeholders.

UW-Madison Division of Extension ZOOM Meetings

I tune in to the weekly update brought to all of Extension by Dean Karl Martin. Dean Martin keeps us up to date on the decisions being made in Madison and how it will look on a practical county level once implemented. The latest decision being the furlough for Academic Staff and Faculty.

Programming Area ZOOM Meetings

I've been meeting via ZOOM with colleagues in Farm Management and Crops/Soils to develop more web content to make our information easier to use and find. We have also been planning and developing programming for the upcoming academic year. I participated in my first webinar on video production early on in the month of July I intend to continue participating in any learning opportunities offered by the UW as it pertains to use of Webinars and Video Production.

Winter Programming

I have been working with colleagues statewide this past month to put together winter programming. The challenge being COVID and the producer's weariness of webinars. It is thought that since in person programming had become especially challenging this year that it would be more efficient to work together to put on some highly relevant and well-done online webinars.

Out of County Days

0 Out of county days for November

0 Out of county days planned for December

*Denotes that it was paid for by UWEX



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LIVE SPANISH INTERPRETATION

BADGER DAIRY INSIGHT

Safe Operation of Skid Steer Loaders

Dec 8 | 1 - 2:30pm | Virtual

Register at go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch



This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in December 2020. During the reporting period, the program coordinator made 72 direct educational and professional contacts.

Program Highlights

Green Lake County Livestock Council

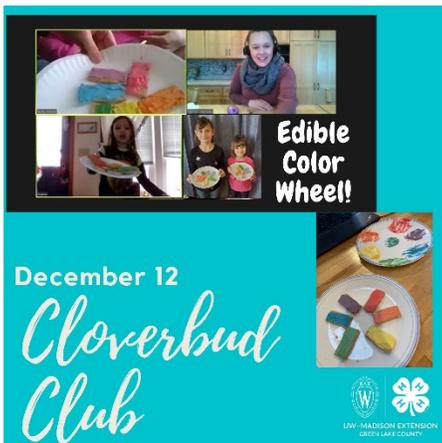
I supported the Livestock Council in meeting via Zoom on December 1, 2020. During this meeting Board members reviewed 2021 Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction participation requirements and discussed the current format of the auction and ideas for the 2021 auction.

Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association

The 4-H Leaders' Association met on December 10, 2020 for their monthly meeting via Zoom. During this meeting leaders discussed virtual learning opportunities available to youth members, county-wide project updates, and programming available at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in Wisconsin Dells.

At Home Learning: Too Many Tees

On Saturday, December 5, 2020 I connected via Zoom with three 4-H'ers where we explored recycling, upcycling, and turning an old t-shirt into a reusable bag.



4-H Cloverbud Club

4-H Cloverbud Club was held on Saturday, December 12, 2020 where I connected with Green Lake County 4-H Cloverbuds to explore color and created an edible color wheel using the Wisconsin 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum.

Volunteer in Preparation Training

On December 14, 2020 in collaboration with Christa Van Treeck, Marquette County Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator, we hosted Volunteer in Preparation Training via Zoom for new 4-H volunteers!

The primary purpose of Volunteer in Preparation Training is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants. The Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Youth Protection program process includes:

- Completion of the Volunteer Application Form
- Online Mandatory Reporter Training for Volunteers
- Participation in a volunteer orientation session
- Background records check for arrest and conviction records

Green Lake County 4-H had four volunteers attend this training!

Green Lake County 4-H Archery Project Board of Directors

I met with 4-H Archery Project Board members via Zoom on December 15, 2020 to plan and discuss 2021 archery shooting schedule. After reviewing recommendations on how to safely hold archery shoots from Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports along with Wisconsin 4-H program guidelines related to COVID-19, the decision was made to not hold indoor shoots this winter but rather organize an extended outdoor summer shooting schedule for youth to explore the 4-H archery project.

2020 Virtual Youth Awards Program

Many 4-H members in Green Lake County completed the 2019-2020 4-H Record Books in which they have reflected on their growth and exploration of their 4-H year. Throughout the completion of 4-H Record Books, 4-H members share the story of their 4-H year, ways they have given back to their community, and share their goals and progress of goals which they set in various project areas. 4-H Record Books are evaluated at the club level and then nominated to receive county level awards.



GREEN LAKE COUNTY 4-H
2020 Virtual Youth Awards Program



Typically Green Lake County 4-H youth are recognized for their 4-H achievements at an awards program held in the fall. Due to COVID-19 there was not an in-person program held. To continue recognizing youth for their growth and achievements during this time where we can't be together in person I created a video highlighting these youth. I would encourage you to view this recognition video located on Green Lake County 4-H homepage!

Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

WI 4-H Virtual Horse Leaders Conference

On December 5 I presented at two sessions during WI 4-H Virtual Horse Leaders Conference with my colleagues on Wisconsin 4-H Program Quality Committee. We presented on how youth and volunteers can live out the values of Wisconsin 4-H through their 4-H horse project.

Youth Development Professionals to Support Social and Emotional Well-Being While Social Distancing

I attended a professional development workshop on December 2, 2020 presented by University of Minnesota Extension. In this virtual workshop, University of Minnesota Extension shared activities and resources for supporting well-being in virtual or socially-distanced youth programming. Resources included icebreakers with a social-emotional spin to help youth connect and reflect; quick and easy mindfulness exercises and guided meditations to help youth recognize and cope with their feelings; a guide to hosting virtual games to create belonging and build connections; and simple ideas for creating art to practice mindfulness, self-expression and stress.

Telecommuting due to COVID-19

I am continuing to follow Wisconsin Department of Health Services, UW-Madison, and federal guidelines and work remotely due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. I continue to connect, learn and share with Extension colleagues via Zoom. Some of the meetings I participated in during the month of December while telecommuting:

- Positive Youth Development Institute and 4-H Program on 12/3, 12/10, 12/17
- WI 4-H Program Quality Committee on 12/4
- 3- County Officer Training Planning, 12/3, 12/9
- 4-H Colleague Connect (Thursday Weekly)
- Southwest Region 4-H Colleague Connect (Wednesday weekly)
- Dean's COVID-19 Exchange (Wednesday bi-weekly)
- Area Extension Director Check-In (Monday bi-weekly)
- Green Lake County Staff Meeting on 12/4, 12/8
- All Extension Conference on 12/1, 12/8, 12/15
- Fox River Patriots Virtual 4-H Club Meeting on 12/13
- 4-H Club Kit Roll-Out and Information on 12/16

Out of County Days

- 0 Out of county days for December
- 0 Out of county days planned for January

* Travel expenses are covered by Extension



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Marquette/Waushara/Green Lake County FoodWise Coordinator Laura McCulley Report

December 2020

Programming

No in-person programming due to COVID-19

- StrongBodies Virtual Classes; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 8:30-9:30am with lessons after class
 - Registration remains open at:
https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tu0uOdW2CKJfmJ
 - **Currently recruiting for new session cycle beginning in January**
- Virtual Programming with Color Me Healthy Curriculum, 6-lesson series to 3, 4, and 5 year olds; conducted via Zoom to in-person students
- Virtual Programming with Teen Cuisine Curriculum; 6-lesson series; conducted via Zoom to in-person students
 - *Co-Piloting for Julie Roseberry for a classroom in Adams County, as per FoodWise directives*

Collaborative Work

- FoodWise Harvest of the Month Committee
- Healthy Schools PSE Work Team
- Weekly check-ins with Julie Roseberry
- Health, Well-Being and Food Security coalitions
 - *Reach Waushara*
 - *Chronic Disease Action Team Waushara*
 - *HEAL Team Marquette*
 - *FCC Marquette*

Training and Professional Development:

- FoodWise Online Training (ongoing)
- New Cohort Onboarding (ongoing)
- Webinars & Conferences:
 - The Restorative Justice Summit
 - All-Extension Virtual Conference (3 days)
 - Connect with Confidence: Teaching Seminars from Zoom (Series)

Evaluation

- Using evaluation data to compile year-end reports and outline program goals for FY21
 - Year-end conversation with FoodWise Program Director

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