



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

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

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**March 8, 2021**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee (In Person and Zoom) Meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting and February 9, 2021 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Fair Coordinator Report
- 6) 2020 Annual Fair Report
- 7) UW-Extension Reports for: Adam Hady, Area 14 Extension Director, Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator), Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator), and Laura McCulley (Food Wise Coordinator).
- 8) 2020 Annual UWEX Report



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

## AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

*Date: Tuesday, March 9, 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 & 2/9/21
6. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
7. Fair Coordinator Report – submitted report
8. Fair: 2020 Annual Report
9. Fair: Fairground Improvements
10. Fair: Maintenance Accepted Bids – Discussion/Approval
11. Fair: Track Events
12. Fair: Contracts – Discussion/Approval
13. 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
14. 2020 UW-Extension Annual Report
15. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
16. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: April 13, 2021
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
17. 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:

#### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://zoom.us/j/92880507461?pwd=bEE1UHRxMWgzVFVXZGt4NzAvY3MrZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 928 8050 7461

**Passcode:** 694544

**To join by phone:** 1-312-626-6799

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*



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Mehn, on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9:01 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. Roll call taken by Hady.

Present: Keith Hess (Zoom)  
Katie Mehn (Zoom)  
Ken Bates (Zoom)

Absent: Patti Garro  
Bob Dolgner

Staff Present: Adam Hady (Zoom)  
Katie Gellings (Zoom)  
Ben Jenkins (Zoom)  
Morgan Martinez (Zoom)

Absent: Kathy Ninneman  
Laura McCulley

Also Present: Chris Kalupa, Berlin Public Library Director (Zoom), Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Public Library Director, Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (Zoom), Harley Reabe, County Board Chair and Rich Swanke, Pullers Inc.

**MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Hess/Bates)*** to table the December 8, 2020 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Kalupa gave a verbal report. Bates gave the committee an update on Winnefox.

**FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT**

No report.

**FAIR MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Schmit reported that it was posted and no applicants were received.

**FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

No report.

**UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS**

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**UW-EXTENSION UPDATES**

Hady reported on the University COVID guidance.

**APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS**

None.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

None.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Vice Chairperson, Mehn at 9:26 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Adam Hady, Acting Secretary*

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## March 2021 Green Lake County Library Reports

**Berlin** – The end of February brought to an end two very popular programs at the Berlin Library. The first is our Stitching Together Community project during which we asked patrons to make hats for the ThedaCare Oncology chemotherapy patients. We had an incredible response to the program. Several patrons commented that this gave them purpose to the long winter by making something for a great cause. We collected an amazing total of 191 hats and 3 blankets!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> program that concluded on February 28 was our Winter Reading Challenge. Our patrons tracked an amazing total of 103,509 cumulative minutes! As a result of this accomplishment, our library was chosen as one of six libraries nationwide to win the Beanstack (our online reading tracking program) WinterRead2021 Challenge. Our staff and patrons are so excited to be chosen for this honor. We will be receiving 50 free books, along with a virtual visit from a Simon & Schuster author. I am very proud of our staff and patrons who worked hard to win this award.

Looking ahead to March, the Friends of the Library will be hosting a book sale from March 11-13. To encourage Friends membership, Thursday will be a Friends Members only sale. Attendees may sign up to be a member the night of the sale. We are thankful for the Friends because they sponsor many programs and projects in the library.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show will be on exhibit from March 15 to March 26. Once again, our library will be filled with quilts made by talented quilters. This year's theme is Cheerful Threads. Make sure to stop in to see our spectacular display.

Our library continues to offer take and make crafts for all ages. The adult project this month is a mini weaving loom project; the teen project is a DIY honey soap making, and kids can sign up for a Spring Break Boredom Buster kit, which will be sponsored by Friends of the Library.

We are crossing our fingers that we can soon bring back limited in-library programs. It feels good to be moving into Spring with a glimmer of hope.

Chris Kalupa – Berlin Public Library Director

**Green Lake** – This March brings our ninth year of hosting a Seed Swap at the library! This year we kicked off with a short survey to grow some interest with our patrons, and one lucky respondent was awarded a \$10 gift card to Bloch's Farm. We have handouts available on seed starting, harvesting, and storing along with a display of books on the same. We are all excited to see what this new season will bring us.

This month the Friends are supplying two opportunities to grow a slightly different variety of green with Book Sales coming up on Wednesday, March 3 from 1-4 pm and Saturday, March 13 from 9 am to noon. The Friends very generously provide the funds for all our magazine and newspaper subscriptions along with funding special requests and community services. The return to regular book sales has been greatly appreciated, and well received by eager book buyers. Our partnership with Sustainable Shelves through Baker and Taylor has also been generating some green from items that haven't been selling at the book sales. We create lists of books to submit to the Sustainable Shelves program, and they respond with which titles they would like to purchase and free shipping labels. We box up the books, send them in, and have generated almost \$500 in the process. Carol, our book sale coordinator, is delighted by the extra income and the much-needed space she is getting from moving along items that aren't selling to our local shoppers. That means she has more room to display new donations!

While the Friends provide our print magazines, we also now have access to over 3,000 digital simultaneous-use magazine titles including Rolling Stone, Newsweek, Vogue, Reader's Digest, Us Weekly, National Geographic and many more. These can be accessed for free with your library card number and pin via the Libby by Overdrive app or the Wisconsin's Digital Library link (also powered by Overdrive) on our website. If you have come to the library to peruse our magazines and the one you want has been checked out, we now have a laptop over by the magazines that can be used to sign into Wisconsin's Digital Library to catch up on current and past editions of your favorite reads.

The staff and I have been working on some new methods to get books in the hands of our patrons. We have started customizable Book Bundles for adults and kids that are ready to grab-and-go if you see something that catches your attention, or there is a form to fill out and we will select a bundle specifically to your requests. The bundles already on display in the kids' section are requiring regular restocking and bringing happy parents to the desk.

The sun is shining, the weather is warming, our regulars are starting to have a little more spring in their steps, and we have had visits and calls from people we haven't seen in quite a while. The seeds of goodness and change are ready to grow. Spring is almost here and after what feels like a very long time, hope is budding in our hearts.

Christina Lyon – Caestecker Public Library Director

**Kingston** – Libraries have to complete an annual report each year which tells us interesting things about both our own libraries and about our library system. This year the most popular book category matched at our library and for the system. Think you might know which category of books it is? Read to the end of the article to find the answer.

The Loosely Bound Book Club met last Thursday to discuss “The Lions of Fifth Avenue” by Fiona Davis. There novel had two story lines, one dating from 1913 and the other 1993. The setting was the New York Public Library. Laura Lyons is married to the library superintendent, and they live in an apartment inside the library. She wants more out of life than she has, so she strives to become a journalist and becomes involved in the women's movement of the early 1900's. In the meantime, valuable books begin to disappear, and her husband's job is threatened. In the 1990's, Laura's granddaughter Sadie Donovan is curator of the library's Berg Collection, and a series of thefts occur on her watch. Are they related to the previous thefts? This was a wonderful look at the library as well as a fascinating mystery. The title for March is “Three Things About Elsie.” Pick up a copy and join the discussions!

The next fundraiser for our library will be a silent auction, starting April 19th. The theme is “Let's Make Painting Contagious!” We are looking for donations of anything painted. Could be a mirror, a pretty jar, a dresser, a rock. Anything painted would be an eligible entry. We do have some wooden chairs available that I think would look wonderful painted if you'd like to try your hand at that. Items can be turned in by Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and the bidding will begin the following Monday and go for two weeks. Pictures of items will be posted both on our Facebook page and on our website as they become available. Funds raised will be used to cover a costly furnace repair.

There is a new display to see as you walk into the library. “I-Rish I Had More Time to Read Books” to celebrate March and St. Patrick's Day. Who knows what great books you might find by the pot of gold? Grab one to take home the next time you visit.

And if you've been thinking about the question...what was the most popular category of books in 2020? The answer is Cookbooks. Happy reading!

Sara Wilson – Kingston Public Library Director

**Markesan** – We've been seeing growing numbers of patrons visiting the library through February and now into March at the Markesan Public Library. In February we had both sessions of our Among Us E-sports League fill up with 18 kids each time. In March we will be offering this popular program again but this time we will join up with Brandon Public Library and Princeton Public Library for an inter-library event! The craft kit popularity continues to grow with an average of 22 kits per week being distributed, added to that number is a group of teachers (13) who are doing craft kits as well. We have also just launched our “Chair Affair 2021” fundraiser. Right now we have chairs available for patrons to take home and paint. On Monday March 8 at 6pm, we will have a Chair decorating class to teach people tips and tricks in prepping, designing, and decorating their chairs. Chairs will be due back to the library mid-May and then we will host a silent auction. The auction will culminate at June Dairy Days and all proceeds will go towards remodeling our children's area. We also are continuing our Winter Reading program for all ages. The program will end on March 13<sup>th</sup> with prizes drawn on the 15<sup>th</sup>. On top of our weekly storytime, we also have partnered with the Sunshine Nursery School to read twice a month to their students. Other upcoming activities include an Egg-cellent Egg Coloring workshop for kids and a meeting of the Reader's Theater book/movie club, this month featuring “The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency.”

Believe it or not, Summer Reading plans are underway. We are partnering with the elementary school to bring Zoozort to the school in June to kick off the program “Tails and Tales.”

In other news, we are getting quotes on the cost of a new boiler. Our boiler has been acting up this year and is in need of replacing. We plan to use any carry-over funds we have from previous budget years coupled with funds withdrawn from our Oshkosh Foundation monies to pay for the project. We kept our initial amounts in the funds and withdrew from the accumulated interest.

As always, a big thank you to our county representatives for all the help and support you give our libraries.

Nicole Overbeck – Markesan Public Library Director

**Princeton** – Our board has approved reopening our meeting rooms, although capacity is still limited. We introduced travelling art journals in February, a fun way for local artists to connect. We are gearing up for good weather! We're working hard on spring and summer programming with the assumption/hope that pandemic conditions will abate. We are trying hard to partner with community businesses and organizations.

• We have already hosted a craft night with the Woman's Club in order to make "stained glass"

Valentine's Day tissue paper decorations for Martha's Assisted Living residents.



- Tammi Ross (Rosshaven Gallery) is teaching a knitting class twice per month through April—this has been wildly successful!
- Ben Jenkins from the Green Lake UW-Extension will do a Healthy Soil presentation for Earth Day (April 22nd).
- I have also invited Jess Greget from Green3/Daiseye to do an ethical consumer presentation for the week of Earth Day.
- Tabitha Pierce/American Family Insurance will sponsor a community cleanup at the black bridge on May 2nd.
- The library will have a presence at the triangle parking lot stop of the June 5th "Green Lake Bike 100."
- Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being educator, of Green Lake County UW-Extension, will do a canning and food preservation program on August 11th .
- The library will host The Bug radio station for the August 14th Sip N' Shop on Water Street (combination wine walk, sidewalk sales, and family event)
- We are partnering with the Whooping Crane Festival to host a Wild Bird Art Show (our plans for last year having been cancelled by the pandemic)
- This year's Summer Reading Program theme is "Tails and Tales," and I am very excited to host the following at the library:
- Melodie Pulvermacher and her therapy dog, Tia, will do some "read with a dog" programs for children.
- Marsh Haven Nature Center will do a Wild Birds of Prey program with hawks, owls, and a turkey vulture on June 14th .
- The Montello veterinarian will do a Chinese Medicine for Pets program June 17th.
- I have invited Diane Van Abel to do a dog grooming presentation.
- The 175th Anniversary Celebration Committee will do a "Paint Your Pet" fundraiser with us on June 9th, proceeds going to the 2023 celebration.
- Jerry Disterhaft and Glen Gorsuch will present "Tales from the Fox River," a local history talk for adults, as well as "Tails From the Fox River," a hands-on natural history presentation for kids about animals and fur trappers. They will bring historic photos, their French Voyageur canoe, furs, and historical artifacts.
- Zoozort exotic animal petting zoo.
- I am actively looking to partner with more businesses and organizations! It's very important to offer the library's space and voice to promote the Princeton community. Opportunities for those who are interested include special guest Story Times, educational presentations, family activities, and partnered fundraisers.

**News from the Director:** I started my UW Madison Collections class on Monday February 5th. I am working with Norther Micrographics in LaCrosse, WI, to get an estimate of the cost to digitize copies of the Princeton Times Republic dating back to the 1800s. Although I been very lenient during the worst of the pandemic and during the holidays, I am now making a push to recover lost/stolen library items. We have just installed security cameras. **By the Numbers:** The library's reports and statistics from 2020 are in, and as always, there's some very interesting data. Well, at least we think it's interesting!

We circulated 24,021 items last year, despite having been shut down for a couple of months. Compare that to about 29,000 items in 2019 (when we were also shut down for a bit because we built the new library and moved into and out of St. John's) and about 33,000 items in 2018.

The fiction books circulated most in Princeton were "Camino Winds" by John Grisham, "Golden in Death" by J.D. Robb, "The 19th Christmas" by James Patterson, "Walk the Wire" by David Baldacci, "What Rose Forgot" by Nevada Barr, "Blindside" by James Patterson, and "Long Range" by C.J. Box. Let us know if we can put any of these on hold for you!

In non-fiction, Princeton readers most liked cookbooks, followed by books on gardening, psychology, history and biographies, outdoor sports and games, health, pets, and true crime.

In total, we have 15,314 total books in our collection and 4,576 dvds.

Downloadable ebooks and audiobooks were checked out 5,982 times.

We lent 8,620 items to people in other libraries, and borrowed 7,127 items for other libraries for you.

1,060 people have Princeton library cards, and 16,073 people visited us in 2020. About 2,000 of those visitors used our computers, and about 500 came to our programs.

Despite all of the craziness that 2020 threw at us, we worked hard to serve our community. We hope that 2021 will be even better!

Laura Skalitsky – Princeton Public Library Director



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Monday, March 1, 2021

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

### Fair and other related tasks:

- The Wisconsin Association of Fairs started weekly zoom meetings in February on Tuesdays from noon-1:00 pm. They will continue into April. Below are the topics that were covered, along with upcoming meeting dates.
  - **Session 1: February 2 – 2020 Fair Experience**
  - **Session 2: February 9 – UW Extension and Fairs Working Together**
  - **Session 3: February 16 – WI DATCP Animal Health & Fairs Coordinator Update**
  - **Session 4: February 23 – Exhibits & Exhibitors**
  - **Session 5: March 2 – Health and Safety**
  - **Session 6: March 9 – Zoom Meeting Cancelled**
  - **Session 7: March 16**
  - **Session 8: March 23**
  - **Session 9: April 6 – Follow up with UW-Extension**
  - **Session 10: April 13 – District Meetings**
- To date the Fair has received 11 Friends of the Fair Donations totaling \$2,600.00.
- I have received confirmations from all judges but two departments.
- 2020 DATCP Financial Report has been filed with the state.
- 2020 DATCP Financial Affidavit has been filed with the state.

### In Office Hours

I have been out of the office on sick leave from January 26-February 26. During the time (February 15-February 26), I was allowed to work from home 1-2 hrs/day. As of March 1, I was allowed to come to work in the office 4 hrs/day for two weeks.

*The mission of the Green Lake County Fair is to provide positive youth development and leadership skills, along with promoting family and community involvement through education and tradition.*



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## 2020 GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR ANNUAL REPORT

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**JANUARY 3, 2020:** Kim Zills, Fair Coordinator & Support Staff, retired, after a 16 year service to Green Lake County.



**MARCH 17, 2020:** Lindsey Machkovich, is hired as the Green Lake County Fair Coordinator.



**APRIL 23, 2020:** Green Lake County Fair was awarded a \$3,000 grant from Compeer Financial for the electrical updates in the Sheep & Swine Barn and the Beef Barn.

**MAY 12, 2020:** Due to COVID-19 and the health and safety of the exhibitors and the public attending the Fair and with heavy hearts, the Green Lake County Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee unanimously voted to cancel the 2020 Green Lake County Fair.



**JULY 3, 2020:** Farewell to Lindsey Machkovich on her last day as the Green Lake County Fair Coordinator.

**AUGUST 19, 2020:** Kathy Ninneman is the Green Lake County Fair Coordinator and UW-Extension Office Coordinator.



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**Green Lake County  
Agriculture/Extension Education & Fair Committee**

**Patti Garro, Chairperson, District 8**

**Katie Mehn, Vice-Chairperson, District 15**

**Keith Hess, District 17**

**Bob Dolgner, District 1**

**Ken Bates, District 5**

**Alternate, Brian Floeter, District 6**



**Green Lake County Fair**

**"HOW THE WEST  
WAS FUN"**

**August 5 - 8, 2021**

A cowboy hat on the left and a cowboy boot on the right of the text.

# Adam Hady

Area Extension Director

*Serving the counties of Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette and Waushara*

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February 2021

## Area Extension Director Update

While we are still in our COVID protocols plans are being made for future guidance, especially to address summer programming. I have continued to hold check-in meetings every other week with the county educators, office conference zooms and an area wide zoom meeting.

In the area I continue to work with counties by attending department head and committee meetings mostly virtual, however there are a couple of counties that are still meeting in person.

On State side I have started to work the Program Management system with educators and plan to finish those in March. There are nine educators in the area that I will be evaluating along with a few support staff. I have continued serving on the Volunteer Management Systems Advisory Committee, and the Area Extension Director Workgroup for the Agriculture Staffing Plan. The Human Development and Relationships Educator in Marquette County has worked it way through the system and I expect it to be posted soon.

Sincerely,



Adam A. Hady



**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Katie Gellings  
Green Lake County  
Health & Well-Being Extension Educator  
February 2021

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Health & Well-Being Institute in February of 2021. During the reporting period, the educator made 336 direct educational and professional contacts.

**Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community**

*Green Lake County Circuit Court Financial Literacy Workshops via Zoom*

I have continued to teach a number of budgeting lessons via Zoom to drug court, child support, and circuit court participants this month. These lessons are mandated by Judge Slate and if participants fail to complete the required number of lessons, they receive an increased sentence and/or jail time. In February I completed a total of 4 more lessons. The lessons are 1-2 hours each and also include a follow-up.

During the initial lesson, participants learn:

- How to set a financial goal
- How to track spending
- Importance of having a spending plan (budget)
- How to create a spending plan

During the follow-up lesson, participants walk me through their completed spending plan and we discuss ways to improve it.



*Strong Bodies – Coffee Chat Lesson on Mindfulness*

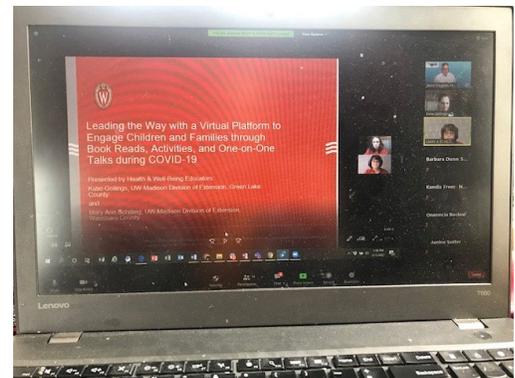
Again in February, I taught a lesson following the Strong Bodies class. I taught a lesson on healthy sleep to 291 participants following their Strong Bodies class via Zoom. The class is open to all WI residents and the lesson topic was selected by majority vote. I will be teaching to this large group during their Coffee Chat in March as well. The participants learned about the importance of sleep, factors in a sleep disorder, and how to get better sleep. There were many questions and great discussion among participants.

**Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities**

I made 19 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of February. 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.

*“Leading the Way with a Virtual Platform to Engage Children and Families through Book Reads, Activities, and One-on-One Talks during COVID-19” - Extension Leadership Conference Presentation via Zoom*

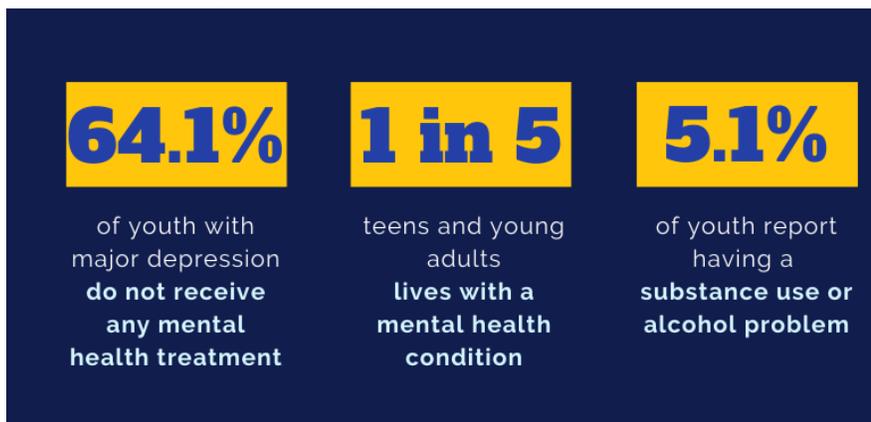
A few months ago I submitted a proposal to co-present at the national Extension Leadership Conference with the Waushara County Health & Well-Being Educator. The conference was supposed to be held in Kansas City but due to Covid it was held virtually via Zoom. Our proposal was accepted, and we presented in mid-February to 13 Extension staff from all over the country. We spoke on our work with the Money As You Grow Book Club program which is something I have helped develop at the state level as well as implemented at several locations in Green Lake County.



*Youth Mental Health First Aid Training*

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. The course introduces common mental health

challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. I completed a half-day training to become Youth Mental Health First Aid certified and will complete a follow-up training in May. I am excited to be able to continue to my work with youth and better serve them in Green Lake County.



### **Newspaper Articles**

“Healthy Eating on a Budget” Berlin Journal Newspapers. February 1, 2021. By Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Educator

### **Out of County Days**

0 Out of county days for February

0 Out of county days planned for March

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension



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**Ben Jenkins**  
**Green Lake County**  
**Agricultural Educator**  
**February 2021**

*This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in February of 2021. During the reporting period, the educator made 98 direct educational and professional contacts plus*

*other unknown contacts through relevant social media postings.*

## **Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community**

### *Marketing with Confidence!*

Starting in September my colleagues and I worked on building a webinar series titled Marketing with Confidence! The objective of the series is to give producers of Agricultural commodities the tools they need to be successful in the marketplace. The series started on January 5<sup>th</sup> and will finish with the last session on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Grain is every other Tuesday at 7:30 AM and Livestock is every other Thursday at 1PM. This month's topics included hedging, forward contracting, dairy culls, and beef strategy.

### *General County Outreach*

In February I wrote a focus article on Regenerative Agriculture. The focus of the article was to emphasize the role that Regenerative Agriculture can play in revitalizing soils and communities. I've been posting to the county Facebook page any and all upcoming programs coming from UW Extension and its partners. As this is the winter programming season there are many topics that anyone with access to a computer can take part in. partner programs included Senator Baldwin's Workshop on Farmers and the PPP, The Midwest Manure Summit, Find Your Farm CSA Event, Golden Sands Webinar on Exploring the Roots of Regenerative Agriculture. I'm still fielding calls on the latest DATCP policy for Pesticide Applicator License Renewal. Applicators up for license renewal in 2020 will be extended through 2021 although applicators who get a brand-new license this year will have to renew again next year. Other concerns coming in in February included new landowners, land leases, and ideas for new enterprises.



### *Winter Programming*

I have been working to promote upcoming webinars offered by UW-Madison Division of Extension with our county stakeholders. This being the time when most of the educational programming gets presented. The COVID-19 pandemic has given us a unique opportunity to collaborate in ways that were not possible prior. It has also given us the ability to reach a wider audience than ever before. By going to a ZOOM format, I am now able to work with colleagues around the state and both help them build programming but also promote programs to our stakeholders that will be of value to them but aren't necessarily in my area of expertise. Webinars from February included: Confessions of a Black Thumb, Alfalfa Grass Mixtures for Dairy Forage, Legal Workshop for Farmers and Ranchers, Farm Succession: Addressing Fair vs. Equal, On Farm Technologies, Getting the Most Out of Your Forage, Hairy Heel Wart, Ethnic Marketing, Getting the Most out of Your Farm's Data, Guarding Your Equity, and Animal Care on the Farm and Beyond.

## Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

### *Food Finance Institute Farm Financials Boot Camp*

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of the month I participated in the first half of the Farm Financials Bootcamp offered by the Food Finance Institute a division of the Small Business Development Center of UW-Madison. The course was for farms looking to add a value-added enterprise to their current operations. Participants learned basic principles of marketing to the public as well as how to set up a budget, do basic accounting, and market research. Much of the course was review for me but I will be recommending this course to anyone who in the future wants to branch out.

### *UW-Madison Division of Extension ZOOM Meetings*

I tune in to the Monthly 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. I also tune in once a month to the Ag Institutes updates so stay abreast of policy and news related specifically to the Ag Institute. I also participate in the monthly area 14 ZOOM to stay current with our surrounding counties. I have been keeping up to date with the other program areas by attending the Friday morning ZOOM meetings. This allows me opportunity to see what the program areas that are not in my designation are working on. Without this I won't be aware of any collaborative opportunities that may be coming up.

### *ZOOM Training*

In an attempt to keep up with the changing pace of how programming gets delivered I participated in a 3-part series on ZOOM co-piloting. I learned about the broad array of tools that ZOOM offers hosts and co-hosts to make meeting and webinars run smoother. They also taught us basic camera and sound tips as well as how to spot a potential ZOOM bomber. They also taught us how to deal with a ZOOM bombing in progress.

### *Farm Startups*

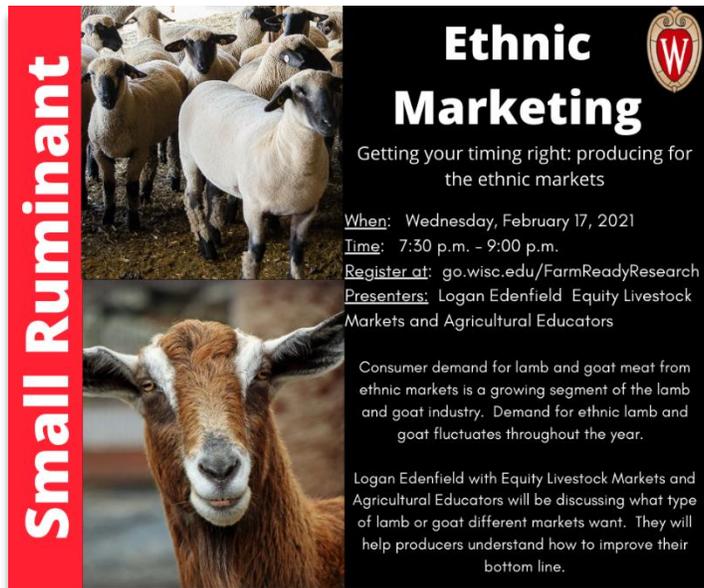
I have been working with a group of colleagues from the small business institute as well as the Agriculture Educator in Racine/Kenosha and the Farm Management Outreach Program Manager and a Farm Business Specialist to produce a program on farm business startups. The focus of which being around alternative agriculture and the lean startup method.

### **Out of County Days**

0 Out of county days for February

0 Out of county days planned for March

\*Denotes that it was paid for by UWEX



**Ethnic Marketing**

Getting your timing right: producing for the ethnic markets

**When:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**Register at:** [go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch](http://go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch)  
**Presenters:** Logan Edenfield, Equity Livestock Markets and Agricultural Educators

Consumer demand for lamb and goat meat from ethnic markets is a growing segment of the lamb and goat industry. Demand for ethnic lamb and goat fluctuates throughout the year.

Logan Edenfield with Equity Livestock Markets and Agricultural Educators will be discussing what type of lamb or goat different markets want. They will help producers understand how to improve their bottom line.



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

February 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](#)
  - Current enrollment by county: Adams (17), Green Lake (6), Juneau (2), Marquette (13), Waushara (13)
- 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; 7-lesson series; conducted via Zoom to in-person students
- Indirect Ed:
  - Providing healthy recipes to local pantries.
  - Maintaining Facebook group for StrongBodies participants to share healthy tips and encouragement.

### Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change (PSE) Efforts

- FoodWise Harvest of the Month Committee
- Healthy Schools PSE Work Team
- Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt
- Working within Healthy Communities Grant Team
- Health, Well-Being and Food Security coalitions
  - *Reach Waushara*
  - *Chronic Disease Action Team Waushara*
  - *HEAL Team Marquette*

### Training and Professional Development:

- FoodWise Online Training (ongoing)
- New Cohort Onboarding (ongoing)
- Webinars:
  - Newly updated USDA Dietary Guide
  - AAERG Sessions

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# HEALTH & WELL-BEING



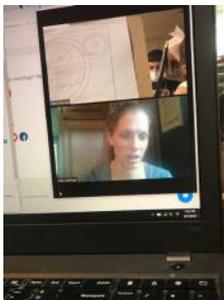
Katie Gellings  
Health & Well-Being Educator

## Mindful Moments Education— Green Lake County Covid-19 Response

In March, as the Covid-19 pandemic began, a lot of individuals and families were put under immense stress. Fear and anxiety about a new disease and what could happen can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Additionally the necessary social isolation and distancing can increase depression and mental health issues. To help combat this, I began sending emails called Mindful Moments to Green Lake County employees as a way to share how to cope with stress in a healthy way. These emails are continuing in 2021 as the feedback has been very positive from many individuals. In 2020, 97 Mindful Moments emails were sent to Green Lake County employees.

## Kids in the Kitchen with United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) and the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area

A nutrition program called Kids in the Kitchen was taught by Katie Gellings via Zoom with UMOS and in-person at



the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin. Due to Covid-19 programming restrictions and limited partner supplies, this program was shortened in length. Children learned how to cook simple, healthy snacks and meals by learning basic cooking skills and healthy eating habits. Participants made fruit and yogurt parfaits, granola bars, and black bean salsa with homemade tortilla chips. A total of 112 youth were able to take part in this program in-person and via Zoom.

 **26** individuals acquired food resource management skills during education of **food preservation**

**112** Green Lake County youth learned how to prepare healthy meals and snacks increasing **nutrition education** 

 **19** seniors participated in nutrition education at Healthy Cooking for 1 or 2 at Kingston Library increasing **wellness knowledge**

## Financial Literacy Workshops at Green Lake County Correctional Facility (GLCCF)

The level of financial literacy among inmates is much lower than that of the typical American consumer. Katie Gellings offered a series of Financial Literacy Workshops to inmates at GLCCF. The four week series was offered one time during 2020. Generally this workshop

 **149** Green Lake County residents learned to improve their financial capability through **financial education**

**19** Green Lake County Circuit Court participants obtained valuable financial skills through **budgeting workshops** 

 **55** Berlin and Green Lake area youth gained money concepts and skills with a program called **Money As You Grow**

series is taught at least twice per year but due to Covid-19, programming with this population was limited to one series. Gellings taught budgeting/money management, Rent Smart, credit and debt, and banking basics, and utilized various activities and discussion points to reinforce the learning objectives of each class. Gellings partnered with Horicon Bank to teach the banking basics workshop which included a specific lesson on loans. Participants wrote a financial goal, created an individualized spending plan, read the details of a rental agreement, learned about the importance of checking credit reports, and completed reconciling a checking account.

Following the lessons:

- 79% of participants were confident in their ability to use the spending plan they developed
- 86% of participants learned new ways to track spending
- 100% of participants plan to use the information they learned in their personal life

A total of 14 inmates were educated during the hour-long workshops in 2020. This program will continue in 2021 once in-person programming is allowed at GLCCF and for Extension.

# AGRICULTURE



Ben Jenkins  
Agriculture Educator

At the start of 2020 the Agriculture educator held an afternoon informational meeting for producer interested in value added grain. The 8 attendees were able to listen to representatives from Delong talk about opportunities in value added grain production.

An all-day winter grazing meeting covering the ins and outs of bale grazing was held at the end of January. Topics covered were the aspects of soil health from moving cattle feeding areas around the pasture, bale feeder efficiency, as well as how to apply these theories on a practical level. There were 18 in attendance.

The Agriculture Educator also hosted no less than three Pesticide Applicator trainings. In total 34 people were able to renew or obtain a license through the training sessions.

The Agriculture Educator of Green Lake County teamed up with the Agriculture Educator from Dodge County to offer a tractor safety course. 35 students attended the course and received certificates. This now allows them to get employment on area farms.

At the start of 2020 the agriculture educator had three hemp peer group meetings planned for the growers who held hemp licenses. The meetings had to be cancelled due to COVID and the UW-Madison Division of Extension Policy on gatherings.

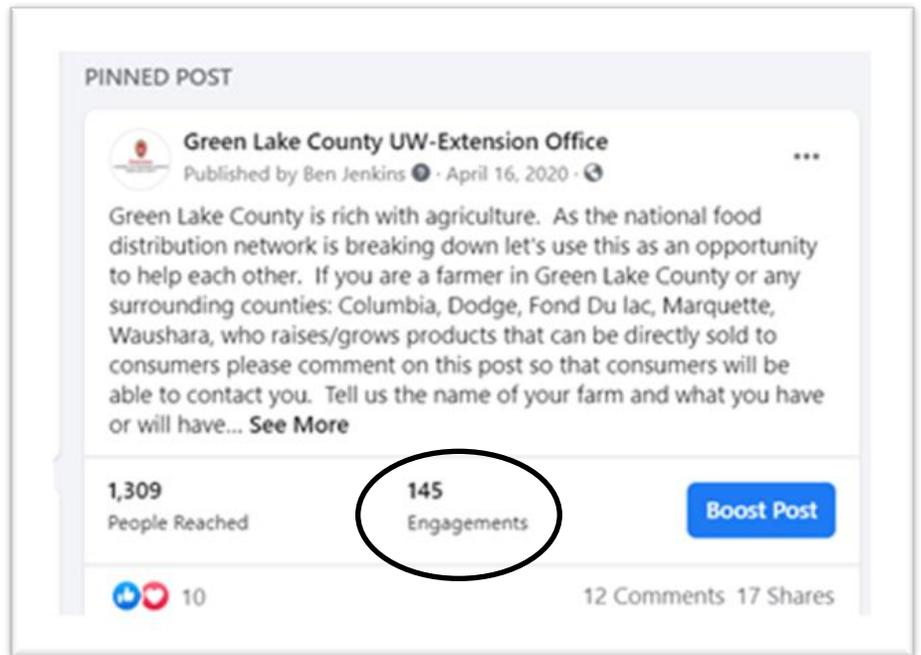
In March a Needs Assessment was mailed out. Participants could fill out the assessment either online or via mail. In all 20 people responded. Of the those that responded the majority indicated that they would appreciate more programming on Integrated Pest Management. The next most popular response were topics of farm management.

To keep up with the public the Agriculture Educator submitted frequent updates to Toney Daley of the Berlin News as well as wrote 12 Focus Articles mostly centered around personal food security. It was the hope of the educator that the readers would take the information provided in the articles and apply that knowledge to grow their own food or find local growers to connect with. In continuing in that vein the Agriculture Educator created a space on the Facebook page for consumers and growers to find each other. The space is shown below. As one can see it reached 1309 people and had 145 engagements by year end.

. By the time of the COVID-19 pandemic the agriculture educator had

of the participants in the monthly group made the decision to hire a broker to help them market their 2020 grain crop. A decision that will no doubt add to their operation's bottom line. More could have been done in this area had more face to face meetings been approved. The producers have indicated that they will not attend these meeting via ZOOM.

The agriculture educator also worked to collaborate and promote as many webinars as would be helpful to producers in Green Lake County. Most



already held three grain marketing meetings attended by local grain producers. Through the efforts of the

specifically the Badger Crop Connect.

The agriculture educator organized a team of colleagues to update 38 vegetable crop budget calculators to be put up on the new Farm Management Topic hub.



agriculture educator and Grain Marketers Kasey Baker of Landmark and Brenda Oft of Midwest Marketing two

## 4-H Program



Morgan Martinez  
4-H Program Educator

### Edible Science Workshop

Green Lake County 4-H youth explored food science



through hands-on learning of how pineapple enzymes keep Jell-O from setting, how the senses of taste and smell work together when eating food, how temperature of water affects the rate at which sugar dissolves, and the endothermic chemical reaction that takes place when making homemade ice cream.

Following the workshop:

- 76% of participants felt they played an important role in their kitchen group
- 67% of participants want to explore the subject of food science to learn more
- 45% of participants were confident in taking the skills learned and sharing it with others at a 4-H club meeting or event

### 5-County 4-H Camp In A Box

Due to COVID-19, we unfortunately were unable to hold an in-person camp experience. To provide 4-H'ers a camp experience, 4-H young people were provided the opportunity to participate in a Camp In A Box! Camp In A Box included six hands-on learning activities for young people to complete at home which explored social-emotional health, STEAM, engineering, and gardening. Young people were provided materials, instructions, and learning resources to

complete each activity. In collaboration with Adams County, Juneau County, Marquette County, and Waushara County 4-H programs, a total of 102 Camp In A Box experiences were mailed out, with 25 of them being to Green Lake County youth.



### Cooking Away with 4-H Challenge

A four-week virtual cooking challenge for Green Lake County 4-H members to learn new cooking skills, practice newly learned skills in developing a food dish, and applying communication skills in a recorded presentation of food dish to strengthen and explore Foods & Nutrition 4-H project area life skills.



### Experiential Learning

Green Lake County 4-H provides youth the opportunity to participate in hands-on learning in over 60 project areas where youth not only build confidence, creativity and curiosity, but also life skills!

### At Home Learning Series

At Home Learning Series offers hands-on virtually guided activities for youth. Each session focused on a new activity that can be done with materials found at home.

During Spaghetti Engineering session participants explored the Engineer Design Process, how different polygons impact strength of structures, and then applied this knowledge in hands-on learning of creating a free-standing spaghetti tower using limited supplies!



Too Many Tees session explored recycling, upcycling, and how to turn an old t-shirt into a reusable bag.

### Life Skills in the 4-H Program

Youth build life skills through hands-on learning opportunities. Adult leaders provide a positive and safe environment where youth learn by doing. These skills learned can be used in many ways throughout lifetime. In 4-H, life skills that members learn are:

- Learning to learn.
- Strengthening and using decision-making skills.
- Critical thinking.
- Developing a positive self-concept.
- Problem solving.
- Communicating with and relating to other people.
- Goal setting.
- Responding to the needs of others and the community.
- Record keeping.
- Resiliency.
- Planning and organizing.

4-H'ers are...



### 4-H Cloverbud Club



A series of virtual workshops designed for youth in grades 5K through 2nd grade to explore the Wisconsin 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum through hands-on learning. Some session

topics included introducing participants to mixing colors and color theory and exploring the science of wind.

### 4-H Membership in 2020





Adam Hady  
Area 14 Extension Director

### Area Extension Director Update

Adam Hady started serving as the Area Extension Director in Area 14 on July 1, 2019. Area 14 includes five counties (Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette and Waushara Counties). Adam works with each county in Area 14 to help ensure effective extension programming is being delivered, working with county-based educators and county oversight committees. Adam's primary office location is at the Juneau County Extension Office in Mauston; however, he rotates through the five counties. Prior to becoming the Area Extension Director, Adam was the Agriculture Educator in Richland County where his major programming efforts centered around livestock production and non-traditional agricultural producers.



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