

## GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

## October 10, 2022

The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee (In Person and Zoom) Meeting that is Tuesday, October 11, 2022:

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the September 13, 2022 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Fair Coordinator Report
- 6) Extension Reports for: Katie Gellings (Human Development & Relationships Educator), Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Educator) and Natasha Paris (Regional Crops Educator).



## GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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## Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Time: 9:00 a.m. Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI

## **AGENDA**

## **Committee Members**

Ken Bates, Chair Nita Krenz, Vice Chair Don Lenz Nancy Hoffmann Nancy Hiestand Curt Talma, alternate

Kathy Ninneman, Secretary

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Roll Call
- 5. Minutes: 9/13/22
- 6. Public Comments
- 7. County Library Services/Winnefox Report submitted monthly report
- 8. Extension Green Lake County Staff Reports submitted monthly report
  - Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director
  - Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educator
  - Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator
  - Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator
- 9. Approval of Educator Out of County Days Discussion/Approval
- 10. Fair Coordinator Report submitted report
- 11. 2022 WI Assoc. of Fairs Fall District Meeting Attendance Approval
- 12. Fair: 2023 Fair Contracts Discussion/Approval
- 13. Fair: Highway Ground / Fairground Improvements
- 14. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: November 8, 2022
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
- 15. Adjourn

This meeting will be conducted through in person attendance or audio/visual communication. Remote access can be obtained through the following link:

#### Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81096205167?pwd=RU12bG5saEJHeTAxSGhJWmcxQmxUQT09

Meeting ID: 810 9620 5167

Passcode: 152553

**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.

## AGRIGULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE September 13, 2022

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair, Ken Bates, on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 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. Requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call taken by Ninneman.

Present: Ken Bates Absent: Don Lenz

Nancy Hiestand Nancy Hoffmann Nita Krenz

Staff Present: Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director

Katie Gellings (zoom) Morgan Martinez Kathy Ninneman Natasha Paris

Also Present: Christina Lyons, Caestecker Library Director; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator

(zoom); Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director, Winnefox Library System; Matt

VandeKolk, Chief Deputy; Joe Hollatz.

## **MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Krenz/Hoffmann)* to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Lyons gave a verbal report.

### PAT WAGNER, AREA 14 EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT

Wagner gave a report of Area 14 happenings and the various hiring.

## **UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS**

- Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educator Gellings provided updates along with information from her submitted report.
- Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator Martinez provided updates and information from her submitted report.
- Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator Paris provided updates and information from her submitted report.

### APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS – discussion/approval

*Motion/second (Krenz/Lenz)* to approve all out of county requests. Motion carried with no negative vote.

## FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

Fair Coordinator Kathy Ninneman provided her monthly report from August along with any updates.

## **FAIR SECURITY REVIEW**

Chief Deputy Matt VandeKolk presented a PowerPoint of the aerial views during the days of the Fair. He provided information regarding the safety procedures taken.

## **FAIR CONTRACTS**

• Dizzy D. Balloon Twister: 3 days/4.5 hours per day: \$1,485.00

Motion/second (Krenz/Hiestand) to approve the above contract. Motion carried with no negative vote.

## **HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGOUND IMPROVEMENTS**

The committee discussed the various outdated things at the highway grounds for the fair and will be looking at what is top priority to improve.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Date: October 11, 2022
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion: If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Chair Ken Bates or Kathy Ninneman.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bates adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Submitted by, Kathy Ninneman, Secretary

#### October 2022 Green Lake County Library Reports

**Berlin –** With the air a little cooler outside, it's time to celebrate Fall and Halloween! We started out our October programming with an Incredible Bat program last Saturday, October 1 with 44 people coming to learn about bats. Those in attendance really liked the program.

Our staff is offering an adult movie, Where the Crawdads Sing and a family movie, Hocus Pocus, that is always a big hit. And they have several opportunities for crafting for adults and kids. The children's area has been buzzing with excitement lately. The kid's drop-in crafts have been very popular on the days kids are off school or have early release. Later this month, we are planning an Eerie Escape Room for families on a non-school day. Registration has been open for only a few days, and it is already half full.

Members of the Teen Library Club have been busy planning a family game day including funny one-minute challenges that the teens helped create. It is wonderful to see the teens so involved.

We applied for an After-School Dungeons and Dragons kit and received confirmation that we were selected to receive one. We are anxiously awaiting the kit to arrive so we can start up a teen D&D program.

The Berlin Library participated in the Senior Center Visual Technology Fair held this week. Our adult librarian, Danielle, represented the library and handed out literature with all our library has to offer those visually impaired. We offer a variety of services such as audio books, a Video Magnifier, connection to Talking Books, homebound delivery, technology assistance, and much more.

Friends of the Library will hold their Fall book sale from October 17-22. With a generous donation of children's books, it is bound be very busy during the sale.

A few of our October programs for all ages are: (full event list can be found on our website)

- Adult craft night, Dragon Eye Pendant on Tuesday, October 18 at 6pm
- Stitching Together Club meets next on Tuesday, October 25 at 2pm
- Halloween Costume Drive & Swap from October 3 22.
- Dungeons & Dragons event will be on Saturday, October 22 from 1-4
- Eerie Escape Room on Friday, October 28 from 2-6.

Our Monarch Library USA garden is in the planning stages with gardening volunteers. Our plan is to plant various butterfly friendly plants this fall so they will be attracting butterflies in the spring and next summer.

Several repairs were completed on the outside of the library, including refacing our pillars in front of the library, more roof repair, and a few overgrown bushes removed. We have a group of volunteers who have been sprucing up our gardens and getting them ready for winter. They will be planting milkweed in our Monarch Library USA garden. We can't wait until Spring to see them grow!

Chris Kalupa – Berlin Public Library Director

**Green Lake Caestecker –** The Friends of the Caestecker Library Harvest Fest book sale was a resounding success, with over \$3,400 in sales. Thank you to everyone who stopped in, donated items for us to sell, and made this past weekend so very much fun for the Friends.

So, what will the Friends do with the money raised? Well, every year they pay for the library's magazine and newspaper subscriptions. The Friends also pay for the prizes we give out during the summer reading program and for some of the cost of the entertainment and programs we provide throughout the year. Our Friends' volunteers are a hardworking bunch, and the library wouldn't have the same level of services and opportunities available without them.

Upcoming new events at the Caestecker Library:

- Stroll & Stay: Mondays at 10AM. Parents and caregivers from newborns to toddlers to meet at the library for a stroll around town anywhere from 15 minutes to a half hour depending upon the choice of the group. After the stroll we will have a light snack and open play time available for the littles.
  - Stroll & Stay will eventually transition in the chillier months into a Stay & Play type of event held in the lower level of the library. At the request of local caregivers and with the help of the Friends of the Library, the plan is to furnish the Burr Oak room with a wide variety of openended play opportunities for the age range of newborns to 6-year-olds. There will be large and fine motor skill developing toys along with color identification and shape sorting opportunities to allow a child to learn the skills of negotiation, problem solving, sharing, early literacy concepts, and working within groups in a safe environment outside the home.

Children practice decision-making skills, move at their own pace, and discover their own interests during play. The large area in the Burr Oak room also provides space for the little ones to burn off some energy in the winter months.

- Children's Coat and Costume Swap on Thursday, October 13 from 4-5:30 pm. Kids are always outgrowing their clothes so quickly! Bring your child's gently used outgrown costumes and accessories along with coats, hats, and gloves to swap for new-to-you costumes, coats, and accessories at the Caestecker Library. We will be accepting donated costumes and coats at the front desk from October 10-12 in advance of the program in exchange for a ticket to have everything setup for the event the next day. Items will still be accepted at the start of the event. There will also be a small craft and snacks during the event.
- On October 15 starting at noon, local author Dave Jankowski will be at the library to share stories and sell signed copies of his book *The Venerable Fly Tyers*. Born and raised in Green Lake, Dave Jankowski is now a retired U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and Northwest Airlines captain. He is an ardent fly-fisherman, fly tyer, and bamboo rod maker. Light refreshments will be provided at the event.

Most of our regular adult and children's events will continue through their rotation during October. More details on all library events, programs, services and more can be found at greenlakelibrary.org.

I will be attending the Annual Wisconsin Library Association conference in Lake Geneva from November 1-4. Since the conference is during our regular library board meeting date, our Assistant Director Margie will be presenting at the library board meeting.

Christina Lyon - Caestecker Public Library Director

**Kingston Mill Pond** – The first week of October is National 4-H week, an opportunity for local clubs to showcase their programs. The Dalton Doers 4-H Club has done just that, with a new display at our library, which will be up for the next month. The display showcases some of the projects the club members took to the Green Lake County Fair this summer. And there is also a table by the display that has a project kids can take to do, along with stickers and an activity book. The Dalton Doer's meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, at 3pm at the Town of Kingston Hall. New members are always welcome.

Our "Baskets of Fall Fun" silent auction will start Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. The auction will run for 2 weeks, ending on Saturday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am when the library closes that morning. Pictures of the baskets that have already been donated can be found on our Facebook page, with more added as they come in. Never been to a silent auction? The baskets are set out on tables. Each basket has a bid sheet beside it. Simply write down your name and phone number, and then a bid that is at least \$1.00 higher than the last bid on the sheet. The highest bidder, at the end of the auction, wins the basket. You don't need to be present to win, and all proceeds benefit the library. We are lucky this year to have a Thrivent Action Team involved, with Thrivent offering resources and \$250.00 in seed money for the fundraiser. Need help with a basket you are working on? Bring it in and we'll be glad to assist. Stop in often during the 2 weeks of bidding to keep an eye on baskets you may want.

We were honored to hold a Winnefox board meeting at our library on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. The members were given a tour of the library before beginning their meeting and served refreshments. Winnefox is holding their board meetings at various libraries to give the board members a better understanding of varying sizes and differences of the libraries in the system.

Sara Wilson – Mill Pond Public Library Director

**Markesan** – There is so much fun to be had at the Markesan Public Library this October it is scary. Not only do we have our wonderful collection of books, audio books, movies, magazines and music (in print and digitally) to offer but we have some fantastic programs coming up:

**Storytime/Play and Learn – Wednesdays 9:30 am**. Build your little one's early literacy skills while you make memories together at Storytime or Play and Learn. Hear stories, play games, create, dance, sing, learn. New members always welcome.

**Make & Take Showdown** – Show up & Show off for the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Markesan Public Library "**Make & Take Showdown**!" on **Thursday**, **Oct. 6**<sup>th</sup>. Arrive **any time after 5pm**. Choose whatever craft supplies you want. We will have tables full of craft supplies from wood boards to colorful paper to vinyl words of inspiration to paint to feathers to frames to on and on! We have lots of extra supplies from previous crafts for participants to choose from. First come, first serve.

Then let loose with the glue guns and create your masterpiece. Towards the end of the evening about (6:45pm) crafters will be asked to drop everything and the voting will begin. Each participant will be allowed to vote on the creations of their peers and small awards/prizes will be given to the fan favorites!

We will also have fantastic conversation and light refreshments. This one is geared towards adults and teens but older children are welcome to come with a helping family member. Can't make the showdown but love to craft? Then watch our website and Facebook page for release dates of upcoming craft packets to reserve and enjoy at your convenience.

**Hocus Pocus Mystery Week** – **Oct. 24**<sup>th</sup> – **Oct. 31**: Stop the Hocus Pocus Witches from returning to Markesan to cause havoc. Solve the puzzles and challenges. Then earn a sweet reward for your efforts. This is a drop- in activity all week long.

**Trick or Treat at the Library – Mon. Oct. 31:** Dress up or don't but stop in the library to get a treat all day long.

**Book Club – Wed. Oct.26 -** New members are always welcome to join our Book club for light refreshment and lively conversation. Books will be available at the library for check out. This month's read is "The Language of Flowers", by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

In other library news, we had over 60 votes for our Pet Election. Our new pet is going to be an Axolotl. An Axolotl "is a paedomorphic salamander related to the tiger salamander. The species was originally found in several lakes, such as Lake Xochimilco underlying Mexico City. Axolotls are unusual among amphibians in that they reach adulthood without undergoing metamorphosis." Look for our pet to arrive late October.

We also are continuing to update our library by rearranging our collection to make our space more user friendly and accessible to play and relaxation. We will continue these efforts throughout the month. Likewise, we continue to purchase items for the children's refresh. ARPA grant items are arriving as well. We already received a new projector screen, a new projector, a meeting Owl, and come mid-October we should have a new adult book display.

Below are a few pictures of our Fall Market. It was a really beautiful day and a lovely event. We had a pretty good turnout and hope to do it again perhaps in the mid or late summer.

Nicole Overbeck – Markesan Public Library Director









#### Story Time: Every Monday at 9am

Join us for songs, stories, crafts, and a snack. No fee.

# Events at Princeton Library OCTOBER 2022

#### Mystery Book Club Wed. 5th, 9:30AM

Join us in discussing "Mexican Gothic" by Silvia Moreno-Garcia- pick up a copy at the library. This groups is led by Vickie Duhr and meets monthly.

#### Silhouette Cameo Class Sat. 8th 10-11:30am Free

Learn how to use one of the hottest crafting tools out there today! . The Silhouette machine can make just about anything from any 2D material. Learn to cut out stickers, greeting cards, cupcake wraps, business decals for signs or trucks, wall decor, and more! Please RSVP by October 3rd.

Knitting Club 5-7pm Monday 10th AND 24th Join us for yarns and a chat. All experience levels are welcome-- we'll teach you. Kids too!

Medicare Class Tues. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> AND Tues. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm Do you need some help looking at your options? Attend this free class.

Election Training Wed. 12th 10-11am Training for poll workers and volunteers, via a webinar from the WI Elections Commission.

#### Paper Crafting: Punk That Book! Halloween/Steampunk Junk Journals Thurs. 13th, Drop in any time from 4-7pm Free

Transform a damaged or outdated old book into a spooky or elegant art piece. We'll show you how! Use our gems, keys, stickers, specialty papers, paint, and other craft materials. No charge. Please RSVP by Thursday, October 6th.

#### Foster the Future: Learn About Foster Care Thurs. 20th, 6-8pm

Do you have any interest in becoming a foster parent? Do you have questions about how the foster care system works?

Come to this free event and learn from experts, support staff, and current foster parents! Featuring speakers and resources from Community

Care Resources, Children's Wisconsin, WI Dept. of Children and Families, and the Coalition for Children, Youth, and Families.

#### Family Pumpkin Painting Sat. 22nd, 11-1 Free

Come on down to the library for an afternoon of family fun! From 11am-1pm, kids can paint a pumpkin using our supplies at no charge. Limit 25 participants. In order to ensure that we have enough supplies, you MUST RSVP by October 8th.

#### Trick or Treat on Water Street Fri. 28th, 3:30-5:30pm

Bring your family downtown for a safe, fun afternoon! Some local businesses are passing out candy, and some are participating in a Halloween window decorating contest. Stop by the library for tricks and treats!

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Mon-Thurs 9-7

Fri 9-5 Sat 9-1 Free Wi-Fi, Faxing, Copying, Scanning, Guitars, Tech. Help, Resume Help, Audiobooks, eBooks DVDs, CDs, magazines, and more!



Green Lake County Fair Office Kathy Ninneman, Fair Coordinator 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941 fair@co.green-lake.wi.us 920-294-4032

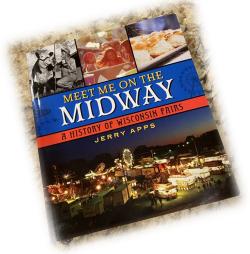
October 11, 2022

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

## Fair Report for September 2022:

- The Fair Award invoices were mailed out and have been coming in steadily.
- The Fair Exhibitor checks were mailed out.
- The Fair Promotions Committee met on September 12. Items discussed pertained to the Fairest of the Fairs' upcoming event at Focus on the Farm they would be attending and the 2023 Fairest of the Fair Application process. The Chair and Vice Chair gave verbal resignations and the Chair will continue until after the WI State Fairest of the Fair competition in January.
- The recent publication of "Meet Me On The Midway" a History of Wisconsin Fairs book by Jerry Apps was released. This is a book that's been three years in the making by one of Green Lake County Extension's 4-H educators who served from 1957 -1960.





See you next year

AIRYTALES

August 3 - 6, 2023













Thank you to Jenna Konrad for your suggestion!

Katie Gellings Human Development & Relationships Extension Educator Green Lake County September 2022

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Human Development & Relationships Institute, as well as the Health & Well-Being Institute in September of 2022. During the reporting period, the educator made 236 direct educational and professional contacts.

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

Berlin Farmers' Market, Berlin

I attended two farmers' markets in Berlin with a food preservation demo and information on food safety and preservation. In August, I did a food preservation demo on salsa, and in September, I did an apple butter food preservation demo. I had 7 people attend the demo in August and 6 attend in September. I was able to hand out Extension branded apple slicers in September as well which people really enjoyed.



## Re-entry Hub for Justice-Involved Audiences

I have been working with a team of Extension educators to develop a topic hub of educational information for justice-involved individuals as they re-enter society outside a correctional facility. Topics include: how do I apply for jobs, how do I get my driver's license, where do I find healthcare, how do I open a bank account, how can I get housing, and how can I get my GED/HSED. Our current plan is to work with correctional facility staff to incorporate this re-entry topic hub into re-rentry protocol as individuals are released from facilities. We have been working on this for almost a year and we plan to have it complete by the end of October. We will be sharing the materials at our next Institute meeting so that other Extension educators can utilize them as well.

## **Upcoming Scheduled Programs**

October 4 – November 8 (Tuesdays only) – 9:30am-11:00am – Planning AHEAD – Berlin Library (in partnership with Waushara County Extension)

October 4 – October 20 (Tuesday/Thursdays only) – 11:30am-12:30am – Encouraging Financial Conversations – virtual via Zoom

October 10 – 9:30am-11:30am – Read and Connect Workshop – Green Lake County Correctional Facility

October 17 – 2:00pm-4:00pm – **Wellness Group** – Green Lake County Correctional Facility
October 21 – 10:00am-10:45am – **Money As You Grow** – Lambeau Field (Economics WI Conference)
\*\*I also have 3 court-mandated financial coaching sessions scheduled in October in Markesan, Princeton and Green Lake.

## Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 98 contacts within the UW Madison Division of Extension system during the month of September. I continue to have a number of professional meetings scheduled with colleagues to continue to network and learn from other Extension educators.

National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) National Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina

I attended the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) National Conference in Raleigh on September 12-15, 2022. The theme of this year's conference was "Take Flights, Reach New Heights." I learned a lot through presentations about innovative programming taking place in other communities. I also was able to engage in networking with Extension colleagues from all over the US. And I was able to gain professional development opportunities that will strengthen my current skills in Green Lake County. I attended the following concurrent sessions which will enhance my programming in

Green Lake County: Money Ninja Warrior: Managing Money Using Smartphone apps, Lessons Learned for Engaging Latino Families in Community-based Programs, Make Every Bite Count, Using Forums to Engage Community in Creating Collaborative Solutions, and Financial Education Program to Improve Financial Literacy Among Economically Disadvantaged Youth. I was able to gather new resources and learning opportunities that I can utilize with the individuals and families I work with in Green Lake County. I also co-presented a concurrent session titled "Encouraging Financial Conversations (EFC) Builds Skills for Those in Helping Professions". Two other Extension colleagues and I shared about our statewide efforts to help frontline staff empower clients to reach financial goals. We had 27 attendees from all over the US.





## **Out of County Days**

- Out of county days for November
- Additional day for October (10/24 Flyte's Fieldstones for an Area 14 Staff Retreat)

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension



This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in September 2022.

## **Program Highlights**

## 4-H Project Take & Learn Kits

Nearly 100 4-H project kits were assembled and distributed to youth in Green Lake, Adams, and Marquette County to provide hands-on project exploration. Project kits included nearly all materials needed for self-paced learning following the created 4-H workbook for that project. Through the project kits youth:

- Expanded baking skills, explored why grains are important for health, and how to adjust a quick bread recipe for a more healthful result
- Learned and applied different techniques and styles of art in paintings
- Discovered the different processes of the rock cycle, learned about geodes and what makes them unique, and explored the different layers of soil
- Learned about the fundamentals of airplanes and the components of forces acting on an airplane in order to design and assemble their own airplane.

## Annual Financial Report

All 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must annually completed and submit the Annual Financial Report and supporting documents to their county 4-H Educator. This process allows the 4-H Club or Group to qualify for federal tax-exempt status under the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents General Exemption Number (GEN) for Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups.

Because 4-H funds are public funds, it is important that finances for each Club or Group go through an audit each fiscal year. This practice of auditing protects the Club or Group, the treasurer themselves, and the public.

All Green Lake County 4-H Annual Financial Reports were turned in for review at the county program level and then submitted to Wisconsin 4-H for review.

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### 4-H Leaders' Association

Organized at the county level, the 4-H Leaders' Association works closely with the 4-H Program Educator. The group 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. At their September 8, 2022 meeting I provided education on the topics of 4-H Charter applications, 4-H enrollment, and 4-H educational travel opportunities.

The 4-H Charter is a legal document that indicates a 4-H Club or Group is organized in accordance with the policies and objectives of the Wisconsin 4-H program. It authorizes the Club or Group to use the 4-H Name and Emblem for educational purposes in accordance with laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. All Green Lake County 4-H Charter applications are due by November 1, 2022.

## 4-H Needs Assessment

On September 14, 2022 I met with a group of five 4-H youth and adult leaders to begin planning a review of the Green Lake County 4-H program with a needs assessment survey. The purpose of this survey is to gather data identifying areas of strength and areas of focus for the Green Lake County 4-H program. Data from this survey will be used to create a plan of action for working towards meeting the identified needs.



## Archery Project Meeting

I met with the Green Lake County 4-H Archery Treasurer on September 20, 2022 prior to the annual meeting to support them in planning for the new year. At the annual meeting that took place that evening I provided educational support of providing knowledge on the WI 4-H Shooting Sports policies and Wisconsin 4-H Financial policies to support those in attendance in creating a tentative shooting schedule, draft budget, and beginning the 4-H Charter application.

## Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

## 4-H Regional Meeting

September 15, 2022 I gathered with 4-H colleagues from across the state at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center, Wisconsin Dells to partake in a day of learning and collaboration. Through participation in this meeting I have gained knowledge in regards to volunteer development and management which I will apply when working with volunteers as well as learning ways to expand access to 4-H opportunities beyond current 4-H membership.

## Leadership Matters

I attended a four-week online professional development course to strengthen my volunteer leadership and supervision skills. Through participation in this course I gained knowledge on supervision and leadership issues in youth work organizations to develop supervision practice, assess management and supervision styles, and engaged in conflict management and team strengths learning. *Leadership Matters* course was led by staff from University of Minnesota Extension.

## **Out of County Days**

0 Out of county day planned for October

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension

Natasha Paris Regional Crops Educator Adams, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara



## Report Aug 24-Sept 22, 2022

### **Outreach/Needs Assessment**



- Attended Adams County Fair and distributed handouts about me/my role and collected emails.
- Participated in Adams-Friendship FFA's Middle School Ag Career Day, taught students about the university and biotechnology



- Attended Soil Health Event in Montello hosted by Fox-Wolf Demo Farms to meet farmers and stakeholders.
- Attended Farmers of the Roche-a-Cri event in Adams to meet farmers and discuss soil health
- In talks with groups regarding Nutrient Management trainings for the fall/winter.



- Attended Waushara County Annual Meeting
- Attended Green Lake County Annual Meeting
- Attended Marquette County Annual Meeting



- er Outreach 

   Did interview with Berlin Journal Newspapers.
  - Submitted article to local papers.
  - Attended Green Lake Sanitary District Farmer Appreciation Dinner

# Natasha Paris Regional Crops Educator

Adams, Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara



## **Producer Education**

## **Field Crops** Ongoing participation in soybean research project: collecting soil samples and scouting fields. Took calls on setting up an organic veggie farm, addressing tar spot, cover cropping, herbicide resistant waterhemp, etc. Forage & Pasture Visited a farm to consult about pasture and hay management Completed a literature review of grazing research for other educators Took calls on grazing Commercial Vegetable Worked with Amish farm and UW specialist on disease in cauliflower. **Other Activities** • Spoke at Soil Health Training in Berlin, taught farmers and professionals about the main principals of soil health

