



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

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

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**April 5, 2023**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee (In Person and Zoom) Meeting that is Tuesday, April 11, 2023:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Amended Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the March 14, 2023 meeting
- 4) Drainage Board Member Qualification Questionnaire and Nomination Form for Rodney Zietlow
- 5) County Library Reports
- 6) Extension Reports for: Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Educator) and Natasha Paris (Regional Crops Educator).
- 7) Fair Coordinator Report



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

## AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

***Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023      Time: 9:00 a.m.***

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

#### ***\*AMENDED AGENDA***

#### **Committee Members**

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

*Kathy Ninneman,  
Secretary*

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Minutes: 3/14/22
6. Public Comments
7. \*Recommendation of Rodney Zietlow for Drainage Board Appointment
8. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
9. Extension Green Lake County Staff Reports – submitted monthly report
  - Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director
  - Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator
  - Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator
10. Fair Coordinator Report – submitted report
11. Fair: 2023 Fair Contracts – Discussion/Approval
12. Fair: Highway Ground / Fairground Improvements
13. Future Fairgrounds Sub-Committee Report
14. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: May 9, 2023
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
15. Adjourn

**Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 249 631 667 974

Passcode: GaCsZV

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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.**

## **AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE**

**March 14, 2023**

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair, Ken Bates, on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 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 Teams. 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  
Nancy Hiestand  
Nancy Hoffmann  
Nita Krenz  
Don Lenz

Staff Present: Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director  
Morgan Martinez  
Natasha Paris  
Kathy Ninneman

Also Present: Jeffrey Mann, Corporation Counsel; Cate Wylie, County Administrator (Teams); Laura Skalitsky, Library Director of Princeton Public Library; Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers (Teams).

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Chair Bates introduced the new Corporation Counsel, Jeffrey Mann.

### **MINUTES**

**Motion/second (Lenz/Krenz)** to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 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. Laura Skalitsky, Princeton Public Library Director, gave a verbal report.

### **EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS**

- **Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director** – Wagner gave a verbal report.
- **Morgan Martinez, 4-H Educator** – Martinez submitted a report and gave a verbal report.
- **Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator** – Paris submitted a report and gave a verbal report.

### **2022 EXTENSION ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2022 Extension Annual Report was represented. It will get forwarded on to County Board.

### **NITRATE WELL TESTING**

Chair Bates reported that the nitrate well testing will be receiving \$10,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds with the hopes of receiving additional funds since there is a definite need for everyone to have safe drinking water.

## **FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT**

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

## **2022 FAIR ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2022 Annual Fair Report was represented. It will get forwarded on to County Board.

## **FAIR 2023 CONTRACTS**

Genesee Depot - \$2,000.00

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

## **HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

Maintenance Director Zach Knoke received a quote for new material to put up around the track.

## **FUTURE FAIRGROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Hoffmann reported they held their first meeting on March 6. Determined their purpose. Discussion points were what is currently working and what is not working. Next meeting is April 3 at noon.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Date: April 11, 2023
- 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 9:46 a.m.

*Submitted by,  
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*

Drainage Board Member Qualification Questionnaire

Name: Rodney A. Zietlow

Address: W2953 County Road F

City: Berlin State WI. Zip 54923

Phone: 920-361-4115 Cell Phone: 920-369-8115

Email: burrodz@gmail.com

1. Number of years you have farmed. 48 since 18 years old. My whole life.

2. If you ever farmed, did you ever conduct, oversee, or implement farm drainage practices with your farming experience? Explain.

Yes, From right out of high school. i worked with my dad to design a drainage system

for the home farm. This included water ways, drainage ditches and culverts.

Then when I purchased my own land tile and water ways were installed on some of the land.

I'm in favor of reinstated Drainage districts and the benefits they can provide to society

land, homes and businesses.. I participated in FFA land judging. Was on Berlin's FFA team that won the WI. State title and competed for the national title in Oklahoma City. So from an early age had excellent understanding how soil and water work together.

3. Have you ever been involved with the engineering of drainage? i.e.: sized proper drainage tiles or pipe to drain or convey water; sized culverts. Explain.

I do not have an engineer license. Schooled at UW Madison earned a Certificate in Dairy Farm Management.

I did gets A's in Farm Management and Ag Engineering. So I know how to gather information.

Able to place a group of people together to have the highest possible success for a farm project.

I was elected to Alto Board of Directors, just to find out most involved wanted to sell the Coop.

So I was part of 23 person team that put 91 million dollars back in the community.

Yes, I designed my own drainage system for my own land to account for storm water running onto the land from an growing adjacent business. It redistributes some of the water to help improve yields. Charts and info were used.

Return by to: Green Lake County  
Department of Land Conservation  
571 County Road A  
Green Lake, WI 54941

Nomination Form  
Green Lake County Drainage Board

Date 03/14/2023

We would like to nominate the following person for a position on the Green Lake County Drainage Board.

Name: Rodney A Zietlow  
Address: W2953 County Road F  
Berlin, WI. 54923-8775  
Phone: 920-369-8115

Printed Name

Signature

Joan Alf

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Donna Mae Zietlow

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## April 2023 Green Lake County Library Reports

**Berlin** – This month we will be celebrating our 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Carnegie Library during National Library Week. The celebration will take place on Saturday, April 22 from 1-3pm, with a ceremony at 1:30. Refreshments and hors' d'oeuvres popular in the early 1900's will be served.

It is quite an honor to have served the community's needs for so many wonderful years. Being the only Carnegie Library left in the Winnefox Library System and one of 22 left in the State of Wisconsin is also something very special to celebrate! We have displays in the library showcasing some of the historical items from the 1903 Carnegie Library. If you are in the area, please stop in to celebrate with us.

Another exciting event this month is the Green Lake County Reads program, which will be on Saturday, April 15 at 10am. This year's event will be held at the Caestecker Library. Our County Reads theme is kindness in the community and our keynote speaker, Krista Sobieski founder of Unimaginable Hope, is a perfect fit for this theme. Please join us to celebrate kindness with refreshments and good company.

Kids have plenty of fun things to do at the Berlin Library this month. We have an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt, Life-size Board Game Day, and a few drop-in craft events.

Adults can sign up for a Charcuterie Class, craft night, and our knitting group. In honor of Money Smart Week, we have a program titled, Passing It On or Passing the Buck scheduled for Tuesday, April 18 at 10am.

Several other projects are taking place as well. Our roof was replaced with a portion coming from ARPA funds and our building fund. We have a group of volunteers helping create our Monarch Library Garden, which is showing signs of life already! And an exciting outside project that will be unveiled soon!

We never know what is around the corner or what the future holds, but one thing is for certain, the library will always provide services to meet the changing needs to better serve the community.

Celebrating 120 Years in the Berlin Community, Berlin Public Library 1903-2023.

Happy Spring,  
Chris Kalupa – Berlin Public Library Director

**Green Lake Caestecker** – A sweet story from Margie Roti Roti, assistant director of the Caestecker Public Library and Storytime champion:

"I read books to kids.... at the library and at our local school. This story is from last week's visit to our 4K classroom:

I start my class visits with some little quips about why books are important. Last week was the song "How do I know? I read it in a book." And I briefly taught the kids the chorus. Then we read the book *Say Hello Like This* by Mary Murphy which showcases how different animals greet each other. When we got to the beetle saying hello, I said I was surprised because I thought they'd communicate their tap tap tap with their feet (they have so many), but it was their antennae instead! So now I asked the children, "how do I know?" And the classroom shouted, "I read it in a book!"

One of the 4K children is deaf (she has an interpreter, amplification system, and the teacher uses sign language a lot with the whole class). But I don't know sign language, so I wear the microphone that runs through the amplification system, and she bears with my verbal stories. Thursday, she recognized when we were ending storytime, (I always end the class with the song Read a Book with Me) and she spontaneously led the song while vocalizing with sign for the whole class. It was a tear-up moment for me. So proud of her!"

Margie weekly reads to almost 100 children at the Green Lake school from 4K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She also leads our Storytime at the library by the boat in the children's room, which has been averaging 34 attendees in the past month (our highest storytime on record is 45 people in July of last year). The power of stories to teach, inspire, and build community is alive and growing with Margie's efforts!

In other service updates at the library, movie nights are now even easier because of your Caestecker Public Library card! You can now watch free streaming movies with Kanopy, the best video streaming service for quality, thoughtful entertainment for free! With an expertly curated collection of favorite, easy watching, and documentary films we think you'll enjoy, we're pleased to bring this streaming service to our community. Go to our website to get started today or download the Kanopy app to stream on your phone, tablet, or TV. Have your library card and pin number handy for logging in.

There are plenty of events scheduled this month that can be found at [greenlakelibrary.org](http://greenlakelibrary.org) or on our Facebook page. The library will close at 1 pm on Friday, April 7 and be closed Sunday, April 9 for the Easter holiday. We will be open regular hours on Saturday from 9 am-1 pm. New materials are hitting the shelves every day and with access to apps like Kanopy, Hoopla, Libby, and Mango for digital materials there are options to keep you entertained and educated all year long no matter if our doors are open or closed, or from your couch to any vacation destination in the world.

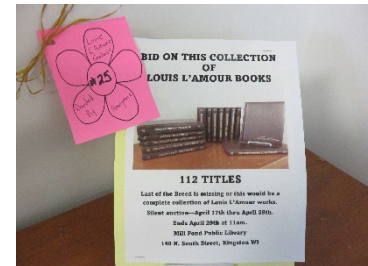
Christina Lyon – Caestecker Public Library Director

**Kingston Mill Pond** – April is a super busy month for our library. Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> starts our 6-week program “Planning Ahead for the End of this Life” which is being done in partnership with Green Lake County Extension. Topics covered will be handling financial changes, advance medical and legal directives, estate planning, choices in end-of-life care, final wishes, and understanding grief. This is a great program to help folks plan for the end of life to make things easier for family members.

Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> we'll be doing a children's program for Money Smart Wisconsin week. Money Smart Wisconsin is a statewide awareness and educational campaign held in partnership with the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy and Capability. Story hour is every Thursday at 4:30pm and all ages are welcome.

We are also in the middle of our County-wide Read with the final program happening on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The books that were picked for this Read are “The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride” by Joe Siple and “A Drop of Hope” by Keith Calabrese. Both books remind us of the kindness we are all capable of. All five Green Lake County libraries have multiple copies of the titles available so stop in and check one out. Then join us on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am to hear Krista Sobieski, founder of Unimaginable Hope, a Berlin based non-profit focused on bringing random acts of kindness to life. The program is sponsored by the 5 Green Lake County libraries and is being held at The Caestecker Library in Green Lake. Refreshments will follow the program, along with copies of the books being raffled off.

Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> starts a two-week silent auction for our “Spring Has Sprung” fundraiser. As of this writing there are 50 items to be bid on, with more coming in daily. There are some unique things this year. A set of 112 Louis L'Amour books is item #25, missing only the title “Last of the Breed” or this would be a complete collection of his works. Item #33 is a basket with everything you need to raise chicks, including a coupon for 4 to 6 live chicks that will be hatching around April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Photos of the items can be found on our website and also our Facebook page. Check back often to see the new additions.



We are also helping promote the Let's Get Growing food pantry contest. We have set up a display with seeds and the registration forms that people can take. And we've been collecting lots of community health surveys for the Dept. of Health and Human Services department which will end on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you'd like to learn how to play bridge, the bridge club meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1pm and is always looking for new players. And our Loosely Bound book club will be reading Lost City of the Monkey God by Douglas Preston this month and will meet to discuss it on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

Sara Wilson – Mill Pond Public Library Director

**Markesan** – With the arrival of Spring and a little warmer temperatures, we have seen an increase in patrons at our library. For this we are thankful.

All the various programs we had in March were a success. The children who attended the Marshmallow Rocket Program given by Morgan Martinez (Green Lake County 4-H Coordinator) were very happy with the rockets they constructed. Our Bunny Pageant brought in 21 decorated bunny entries. The library had many people coming in to look at the bunnies and vote. Danielle Boerson provided very good information and help at the Seed and Garden Program. Now we are ready to disperse the seeds that were ordered for the “Seed Share Program” to our patrons.

Students and teachers from Faith Lutheran School outside of Markesan came to tour the library on March 28. They then searched for books to help them with reports they were working on. It was nice to see so many children exploring all the library has to offer.

With April comes National Library week. The Markesan Library staff is busy planning various activities for the week. The Tuesday of that week is National Library Workers Day. It is a day to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. As the Acting Director at the Markesan Library, I know I am very



thankful for the wonderful staff that works here. All are very pleasant to work with, enjoy the people contact with patrons and are very dedicated to making the library a success.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden/Home Art auction will be coming up in May so we are actively seeking donations for this fund raiser. It has been successful in the past in raising funds needed for the children and adult programming at the library. The library is grateful to anyone who would like to contribute to this.

Nancy Stellmacher – Acting Director

**Princeton** – This month, all Winnefox system libraries got a new free movie streaming service, Kanopy. Patrons need to create an account to use Kanopy with their library cards.

Successful programs this month included our Dr. Seuss birthday party, Spring Break Crafternoons, Incubation Station, Smartphone Basics, and Planning Ahead for the End of Life. We still have our Incubation Station up and running, with egg candling on March 29<sup>th</sup> and hatching due to happen during the week before Easter. All 24 eggs had candy bets within two weeks, so we know families like this event and are participating. This month we also hosted an election training webinar, Bill's birthday, and Friends of the Library meeting.

At their meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Friends of the Library voted to give us \$1,000 for five cedar planters for the front of the library and \$250 for flowers. They also agreed to pay \$250 for patriotic decorations for Princeton's 175<sup>th</sup> celebration and \$450 for a summer reading program performer (Dino Dimensions).

The Friends will hold a book sale on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> & Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> during open hours. They are seeking donations of items for this sale and running a \$5/bag sale to clear out old inventory. The Friends and other volunteers will gather to work on our backyard project on May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>. The next Friends meeting will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, DRS Sound installed our new hearing loops at the front desk at in the presentation area (teen section). These devices will help anyone with a T-coil equipped hearing aid hear much more clearly.

All library directors attended the WALS meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We discussed tech issues, cataloging, and standardizing labels, data entry and cataloging records, especially graphic novels.

On Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, I closed the library due to the snowstorm. The late morning snow was thick, and plows did not come through until 11am.

Also in March:

- We just announced our May Day Tree Giveaway, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. 150 trees (white pine, red oak, and silver maple) will be available for adoption on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The front flower bed got bedazzled with Easter Eggs
- Preparations for our April 22<sup>nd</sup> Sturgeon Celebration are ramping up! The Chamber is donating a ton of prizes this year, many of them cash (Chamber Bucks)
- Lots of people are checking out puzzles
- We announced our Ugly Sturgeon Contest and Sturgeon Celebration!

Laura Skalitsky – Princeton Public Library Director

# Events at the Princeton Public Library

## April 2023

### PRINCETON LIBRARY

424 W. Water St.  
Princeton, WI 54968  
920-295-6777  
princetonpublib.org

Mon-Thurs 9am-7pm  
Friday 9am-5pm  
Saturday 9am-1pm  
Sunday Closed

### STORY TIME

Every Monday at  
9:30am. Songs, stories,  
crats and snacks, free!

### KNITTING CLUB

Monday 10th &  
Monday 24th 4-6pm  
Join us on the second  
and fourth Monday of  
each month. All levels  
of experience are  
welcome, crocheters,  
quilters, and kids too!

### ASK US ABOUT:

Faxing, copying,  
scanning, lamination,  
tech assistance,  
downloadable eBooks  
and audiobooks,  
and more!

### Wednesday 5th, 9:30am: Mystery Book Club

Join us in discussing "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles.

### March 3rd- 7th: Ongoing Easter Egg Hunt & Chicks Hatching

Eggs are hidden throughout the library this week! Only some have candy or stickers—the fun is in the finding. Kids can write their names on our leaderboard to see who finds the most eggs. Stop by our Incubation Station to see the baby chickens hatch! We are placing bets (candy) on which one will hatch first. Suggest names for chicks!

### -----Saturday April 8th: Closed for Easter Weekend-----

### Saturday 15th: Green Lake County Reads at Caestecker Library 10am-Noon

The theme of our annual county-wide book club is friendship and random acts of kindness. Pick up books "The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride" and "A Drop of Hope" any time and join us at the Green Lake (Caestecker) Library on April 15th from 10am—noon for a presentation by Krista Sobieski of Unimaginable Hope.

### Also Saturday 15th: Smartphone Basics, 11am—Noon

Learn what you can do on a smartphone and how to use it.  
Free class sponsored by BugTussell. Please RSVP!

### Tuesday 18th, 4-5pm: Medicare Class

Are you confused about Medicare? Attend this free class!

### Thursday 20th, 6pm: Backyard Chickens

If you've always wanted to have chickens, this class is for you!  
Learn all about basic chicken keeping from our panel of three experts. Pet a rooster and chicks! Free.

### Saturday the 22nd, 1-4pm: Sturgeon Celebration

Join us to celebrate the huge "dinosaur fish" that spawn in Princeton every spring. Family activities include prize giveaways, craft projects, Ugly Sturgeon Contest, DNR presentation and more! No fee to attend, no need to RSVP.

### April 24th—29th: National Library Week Crafts, Food for Fines Drive, Book Sale

All week long, donate nonperishable food or hygiene items to reduce your fines by \$1.50 for each item (applies to overdue fines only). Benefits the Green Lake County Food Pantry. Monday, Tues, and Wednesday, visit our big conference room for upcycled book crafts, including blackout poetry, origami, and junque journals.

### Friday 28th 9-5 and Saturday 29th 9-1: BOOK SALE

Hardcover & large paperbacks \$1, DVDs & Audiobooks \$2, children's books & paperbacks .50, magazines .25, vintage/antique items priced as marked.  
Donations of items gratefully accepted in the week before the sale.  
On Saturday at 11am, everything goes to \$5 per bag!

Save money,  
eat healthy,  
and help  
pollinators:  
grow your  
own food with  
our free  
SEED LIBRARY!



**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Morgan Martinez  
Green Lake County  
4-H Program Educator  
March 2023

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in March 2023.

## **Program Highlights**

### ***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 March 2, 2023 meeting I provided education on the topics of 4-H summer camp and upcoming 4-H educational county and state opportunities.

### ***Dalton Doers 4-H Club Visit***

I attended the March 12, 2023 Dalton Doers 4-H Club meeting and served as one of the foods evaluator for their baking challenge. Throughout the afternoon I provided direct and written feedback to youth regarding their baked items while asking them reflections questions about their project and questions to spark exploration for future baking.



### ***Five-County 4-H Summer Camp***

I met with 4-H Educators in Area 14 (Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, Waushara counties) to continue planning overnight 4-H summer camp June 11-14, 2023 at Camp Lakotah in Wautoma. During this meeting we reviewed camp counselor applications, camp chaperone applications, and began planning the educational and interactive camp sessions as well as camp counselor training session. 4-H Camp is for youth in grades 3-8 as campers and youth in grades 9-13 to serve as camp counselors.

### ***Marshmallow Rocket Program***

I facilitated this program on the following dates and locations:

- March 15, 2023- Markesan Public Library; 8 youth participants
- March 21, 2023- Berlin Public Library; 2 youth participants
- March 28, 2023- Caestecker Public Library; 5 youth participants

Utilizing curriculum from National 4-H Council, Marshmallow Rockets program was designed for youth in grades 5K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade as an introduction to the basics of rockets, astronauts, and space exploration and included building a rocket out of marshmallows.



After participation in this workshop:

100% of participants can name the three parts of a rocket (fins, body tube, nose cone); 71% of participants can share what a rocket is used for; 100% can share with others how to build an edible rocket; and 71% shared this program helped them explore something new.



## 4-H Cooking & Healthy Living Program

On March 28 2023, seven youth in grades 3-6 participated in this program utilizing the 4-H Cooking 101 Curriculum to learn the basics of cooking skills, following a recipe, and exploring healthy eating. Youth worked in groups to explore the MyPlate, handling and cutting fruit, following a recipe to make a magical fruit salad, and most importantly tasting and reflecting upon what they made.

After participating in this workshop:

- 86% of participants shared they wanted to learn more about cooking and healthy living
- 71% of participants shared they will be able to take the information learned and feel confident to do it at home or in their 4-H Club
- 86% of participants felt they played an important role in their group
- 71% of participants indicated they strengthened their cooking & healthy living skills or knowledge



Youth working collaboratively to correctly label food items to the MyPlate food groups.

## Upcoming Scheduled Programs

April 18 – 3:45pm – **4-H Intro to Paper Circuits** – Berlin Public Library

April 21 – 1:00pm – **4-H Intro to Paper Circuits** – Caestecker Public Library

April 22 – 8:00am – **Super Saturday Workshops** – Training Room, GLC Govern. Center

April 25 – 5:30pm – **4-H Candy Company Workshop** – Training Room, GLC Govern. Center

## Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

### *Identifying and Welcoming New Volunteers Professional Development*

On March 22 I participated in a professional development opportunity through University of Minnesota Extension focused on identifying and welcoming new volunteers within the 4-H Program. 4-H relies on volunteers to deliver quality programming that helps youth participants thrive. New research in volunteerism indicates that while the intention to volunteer is higher than ever, current and prospective volunteers are also experiencing record-high stress. From participating in this session, I gained information on how to convert intention to volunteer into action, with an eye toward equity and belonging while also learning practical tools to grow and sustain a thriving volunteer program, as well as to equip new volunteers to work with community members of all identities.

## Out of County Days

- 0 Out of county day planned for April

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension


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





**Extension**  
 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**Report Feb 18-Mar 24, 2023**

### **Outreach/Needs Assessment**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attended and assisted with Nutrient Management training</li> <li>▪ Took calls regarding Pesticide Applicator Training, apple orchards, and manure management in small production systems related to water quality</li> <li>▪ Recruited participants for Nutrient Management Trainings</li> <li>▪ Held Soil Compaction focus group</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Outreach</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted article to local papers.</li> </ul>

### **Producer Education**


<p><b>Field Crops</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted multiple farmers with paperwork after initial approval for the DATCP Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program grants to perform on-farm research about nitrogen technologies</li> </ul>
<p><b>Forage &amp; Pasture</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advised a farmer on a grazing-related Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program grant process</li> <li>• Facilitated sessions and helped run the Grassworks grazing conference</li> <li>• Advised a farmer on pasture renovation</li> <li>• Working on a fact sheet on pasture renovation and frost-seeding</li> </ul>

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




**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

<p><b>Commercial Vegetable</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyzed data from sweet corn nitrogen trials</li> <li>• Spoke at and MC'ed the Processing Crops Growers Meeting</li> <li>• Updating and editing a book on insect management in organic vegetable production.</li> <li>• Wrote article on Vegetable Disease &amp; Insect Forecasting Network</li> </ul>
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### Professional Development/Activities

<p><b>Professional Development</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with grazing workgroup</li> <li>• Crops &amp; Soils/Regional Educator Meetings</li> <li>• Attended Extension New Colleague Cohort Onboarding, virtual and in-person meetings</li> <li>• Ag Institute 2-day planning meeting</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension &amp; Agriculture Institute Meetings</li> <li>• Met with mentor &amp; senior staff</li> <li>• County Extension Committee Meetings</li> <li>• County Staff Meetings</li> <li>• Planning meetings for upcoming events</li> </ul>



## Green Lake County Fair Office

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

### 2023 Fair

- All judges' agreements have been received with the exception of three.
- Award sponsor letters were mailed out and have received several confirmations.
- Fairest of the Fair crown and sashes were ordered and have been received. The new coronation date will be Sunday, April 30 at 1 pm in the Training Room. Judges have been confirmed for the event.
- The Sponsorship donations continue to be received. The Fair is truly grateful for all who have continued to support the "biggest 4-day event" in the county.
- The Green Lake Federated Church has been contacted and will again be holding their outdoor service on Sunday at the Fair.
- The Stars in the Spotlight was a wonderful new addition to the Fair last year. Sadie Goettl will be coordinating it again for this year.
- The privacy fencing was ordered for the track and has been received.
- I worked with Corporation Counsel and the County Administrator on entertainment contracts.
- Heidel House has been very gracious to sponsor the hotel rooms for The String Showdown.
- Jenni Piontkowski, Food Pantry Coordinator, contacted me regarding the contest that she is starting. It's to encourage the residents of Green Lake County to grow and donate produce to the GLC Food Pantry. We have worked together to have a special "weigh-in" of produce at the Fair on Thursday, August 3 for a chance to win ride tickets and food coupons. Jenni put seed packets together and I made cards for her to include regarding the weigh-in at the Fair.

### Out of the County

- April 12, 2023 – Spring District 3 Meeting - WI Association of Fairs, WI Dells - Chula Vista.



**See you at the Green Lake County Fair**  
**August 3-6, 2023**

*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.*