



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

February 9, 2023

The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee (In Person and Zoom) Meeting that is Tuesday, February 14, 2023:

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



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 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: 12/13/22
6. Public Comments
7. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
8. Extension Green Lake County Staff Reports – submitted monthly report
 - Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director
 - Regional Agriculture Livestock Educator Position in Posting Process
 - Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educator
 - Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator
 - Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator
9. Resignation by Katie Gellings from position as Human Development and Relationships Extension Educator – Discussion and Next Steps
10. Fair Coordinator Report – submitted report
11. Fair: 2023 Fair Contracts – Discussion/Approval
12. Fair: Highway Ground / Fairground Improvements
13. County Fair Strategic Planning Report
14. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: March 14, 2023
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
15. Adjourn

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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.

AGRIGULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

December 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, December 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 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
Katie Gellings
Kathy Ninneman

Absent: Morgan Martinez (on leave)
Natasha Paris (attending training)

Also Present: Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Shannon Barfknecht, Financial Manager (Teams); Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers (Teams).

MINUTES

Motion/second (Lenz/Krenz) to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tony Daley asked everyone to speak clearly in their microphones.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet.

EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS

- **Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director** – Wagner submitted a report and also gave a verbal report.
- **Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educator** – Gellings submitted a report and gave a verbal report.
- **Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator** – Paris submitted a report.

ELIMINATE THE APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAY ON MEETING

Motion/second (Hoffmann/Lenz) to approve to eliminate the approval of educator out of county days on meeting agendas. Motion carried with no negative vote.

FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

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

RESOLUTION: DISSOLUTION OF FAIR PROMOTIONS SUB COMMITTEE

Motion/second (Krenz/Hoffmann) to amend the resolution on line 2, striking “provide leadership in marketing, to promote the Green Lake County Fair.” Approved with no negative vote.

FAIR 2023 CONTRACTS

International Demolition Derby - \$7,500.00

Motion/second (Krenz/Hiestand) approval pending review of county administrator and legal counsel.
Motion carried with no negative vote.

HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Nothing at this time.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Date: January 10, 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 10:21 a.m.

*Submitted by,
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*

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February 2023 Green Lake County Library Reports

Berlin – 2023 is off to a great start at the Berlin Library. This month we kicked off our Short & Sweet Winter Reading Challenge for the month of February. As of today, February 9, we have 46 participants who have already 11,534 hours of reading recorded! Cold, winter weather is a great time to pick up a good book. Participants who complete the challenge of reading 600 minutes will be entered into a grand prize drawing.

Puzzles and games are also flying off the shelf during the colder months. To go along with this, we are holding two family events coming up. The first is a Family Game Night on Friday, February 17 from 6:30-8:30. And the second is a Family Trivia Night on Thursday, March 2 at 6pm. Both events will encourage family engagement in the library.

Tax season is upon us, and the libraries are once again the only place in the area to pick up tax forms. Although we only carry the basic forms, our staff will assist in printing other forms for our patrons. Our staff also assists if patrons need help getting started with online tax filing. Patrons are very appreciative of this service that we offer.

Submissions are now being accepted for our 8th Annual Quilt show which will be held March 13-24. This year's theme is "Take Flight", however, all quilts are welcome. If you know any quilters, share the event and have them contact the Berlin Library for more information.

A few February programs we have scheduled are:

Digitization Service for conversion of VHS to DVD family movies from Feb. 1-14.

Life-size Candy Land Game: A family event held on Saturday, February 11 from 1-4pm.

A special Valentine's Day Storytime on Tuesday, February 14 at 6pm.

Stitching Together Group on Tuesday, February 28 at 2pm.

One of the projects we are currently starting is digitizing local history files such as yearbooks and newspapers. After seeing the positive results of some neighboring libraries, we know how needed this is in our digital world. Berlin history research will be possible from any where in the world. We are thankful for the local financial support we have already received for this project.

If you are looking for a place to go to get warm and have great entertainment, go to your local library! We would love to have you visit.

Chris Kalupa – Berlin Public Library Director

Green Lake Caestecker – Additions to the collection: Our Library of Things offerings have expanded in the past month to include two Digital Radon Detectors, a buckthorn pulling Extractigator Junior that's smaller and lighter than our classic version, and a Kodak Slide N Scan Digital Film Scanner to turn your negatives and slides into digital images with the click of a button. We've also added more puzzles to our collection, and these cold days are perfect time to enjoy a cozy evening with a fresh puzzle.

For the kids, we have updated our collection of Wonderbooks to include new titles and sing-alongs! After singing along with the music track, kids can switch to the read-along mode and hear the narrated version of the book. There are also a new batch Launchpad tablets ready to hit the shelves. Launchpads are loaded with learning apps, videos, games, and more for interactive learning and play on a wide variety of topics. Pair Wonderbooks and Launchpads with headphones for car trips or at home use.

Building updates: Two new exterior doors have been installed and both stairwells are now more airtight. Two major benefits of this update are reducing our heat bill and having doors that are easier to open in an emergency. A plaque has also been installed by the portrait of Tom Caestecker to commemorate his life and commitment to the success of the library and Green Lake community.

Programs:

- Book Signing with Author Mark Moore, Saturday, February 18th 10AM – Noon: local author F. Mark Moore has written about his time in the medical corps as a surgeon during Vietnam. Visit the library to purchase a signed copy of his book Grunt Surgeon and hear stories about his experience.
- Blind Date with a Book-- Stop in and grab a date for Valentine's Day. "Rate Your Date" before Feb 28th for a chance to win a gift card for local sweets and treats!

- Road to the Oscars, Tuesdays @ 6PM & Thursdays @ 2PM-- Join us in watching films nominated for the 95th Academy Awards. Stop in and watch it with us on the big screen while enjoying some provided popcorn.
 - Everything Everywhere All At Once - 1/31 & 2/2, Elvis - 2/7 & 2/9, Top Gun: Maverick - 2/14 & 2/16, The Fabelmans - 2/21 & 2/23
- Bug Tussle University, FREE classes on the following topics:
 - Facebook for Beginners, Friday, February 10th 11AM-Noon
 - Computers 101, Sunday, February 19th 2PM - 3PM
- Spice of the Month Club Release, Monday, February 6th - Italian Flat Leaf Parsley
- Roasts & Reads, Tuesday, February 7th @ 10AM
- Constant Reader Book Club, Wednesday, February 8th @3PM—The Overnight Guest by Heather Gudenkauf is our pick of the month.
- Sit & Stitch, Thursday, February 9th 10AM-3PM
- Knit Wits (Knitting Group), Mondays 10AM – Noon
- Play & Build, Tuesdays 10AM- Noon
- Crafternoon, Friday, February 10 @ 1PM--Learn how to create book page roses just in time to give to your sweetheart for Valentine's Day. Due to limited supplies, we are requesting sign up for this Crafternoon. Call 920-294-3572 or stop in to secure your spot.
- Tax Forms Now Available—although we're still waiting on Federal instruction booklets.
- Seed Library seeds have been ordered and will be available early this year!

Christina Lyon – Caestecker Public Library Director

Kingston Mill Pond – It took many years of marathon fundraising, hundreds of hours of donated labor, and thousands of dollars in contributions from faithful supporters to make a community's dream become a reality. On Dec. 21, 2002 the "old" Mill Pond Public Library, located at the end of Doc Meyer's Park, closed its doors. Everything was unplugged, boxes were packed, and shelves were emptied. The day after Christmas volunteers arrived at 9am to begin the move. Things went very smoothly until the 3 largest shelves were moved. They came out of the old building but were an inch too tall to fit into the new one. After much debate a saw was found and an inch was cut off the large base on each shelf and the move continued. Everything was finally moved, the old building was vacuumed, and the doors were locked for the final time.

Plans then began for the Open House that would be held on Jan. 1, 2003. Over 300 people came to view the new library and enjoy refreshments. Of great interest was the tin ceiling which had been meticulously restored and was a marvel to behold. Much more space, plumbing, and a meeting room were things that were not present in the old library. And here we are today, 20 years later in the "new" library building. Won't you come help us celebrate this milestone anniversary? And what better day to do that than on Valentine's Day. So join us, on Tuesday, Feb. 14th from 1pm to 6pm and enjoy a slice of cake celebrating our community's dream come true!

Sara Wilson – Mill Pond Public Library Director

Markesan – We are currently doing a Valentine's Library Bingo. There are hearts placed throughout the library that patrons must find and then cross off on their bingo cards. The idea of this is to make patrons aware of all the items available to check out or things to do that are offered by the library.

*The Play and Learn group meets every other Wednesday here at the library. We have had more families attending since the start of the new year.

*We continue to do Take and Make craft kits geared toward adults. Each time a craft kit is available we have 12-20+ people sign up for them.

*Seeds have been ordered for the Seed Saver program. A program is in the works for showing people how to start seeds in their homes for spring planting.

*We have tax forms available again this year. We get a lot of people into the library seeking forms. If we don't have actual form available we help assist the person in printing off what they need.

Nancy Stellmacher, Acting Director

Princeton – We received a letter stating we have been chosen to receive a grant from the Webster Foundation! We don't know how much it's for until the award ceremony on February 14th, but we had asked for several thousand dollars to help fund our 2023 Summer Reading Program "All Together Now" which will allow adults as well as children to participate.

We have a new staff member, Janet Buraczewsky from Neshkoro, and she is learning fast. State and Federal tax forms are in.

Luke Ladwig fixed the leaky fixture in the utility closet, and says that he believes the damage was caused by freezing during the severe cold snap we had.

During staff in-service on the 16th, we cleaned, organized, painted touch-ups, decluttered, trained, and had a pop quiz. The lobby and front counters look much better.

Successful programs this month included How to Avoid Scams with Jeff from the WI Bureau of Consumer Protection, and Heal Your Space (Decluttering) with Nicole Overbeck from Markesan Library.

We finally received the book display stand we ordered from the American Rescue Plan Act funding, more than a year after it was promised as "pandemic relief."

We had an encounter with a mentally disturbed individual that was "interesting" enough to warrant an Incident Report.

I have been working hard on the Annual Report for the DPI.

2022 Statistics Overview

We had 23,005 visits in 2022, which works out to an average of 74 visits each day we're open (we're open 6 days per week). That's up from 20,459 visits in 2021.

We added 1,536 items to our collection, which contains 21,266 physical items (of which 14,908 are books). That number is actually down from last year, when we had 21,225 physical items.

This means we're doing a good job of keeping the collection fresh by removing materials that don't circulate. "Weeding" can be controversial because some people believe a library should never get rid of anything, but it's critical. People can't find the most up-to-date information or popular titles when our shelves are cluttered with outdated material. In addition, unless we continuously build higher shelves and more wings, we can't grow the collection much.

We are able to run reports that show us which items haven't circulated in a year or more, or have circulated less than three times in two years, etc. This isn't our only criteria for whether or not to keep an item, however. We have held on to some classic books that don't get much love, but which are historically or culturally important. We also always keep local history books, no matter how "lonely" they get.

In 2021 we checked out 25,648 items, and in 2022, 25,545 items. The number of people with library cards stayed virtually the same as well. Overall, libraries across the country have been seeing a slow average decline in circulation for the last two or three decades. I believe part of this trend can be explained by the increase of cheap, easily-available media, such as Kindle or other eBooks, Audible, Netflix, Hulu, etc. One way we can test this theory is to look at the circulation of children's materials. Since Kindle and streaming services are largely made for adults, children should remain immune from this trend. If we break out our children's materials from total circulation, instead of a flat or declining rate, we saw a huge jump- 9,426 items in 2022 versus 6,815 in 2021. The fact that we no longer charge fines for children's materials may be a factor in this jump.

Our library continues to be a "net lender" rather than a "net borrower" by a good margin. Of all the items we checked out to people in 2022, 71% of them were owned by us (versus 29% sent from other libraries). This indicates we have a good-sized, healthy collection that meets most people's needs most of the time.

Downloadable book and audiobook circulation has remained fairly flat. 2,149 eBooks were downloaded by Princeton residents in 2022 versus 2,018 in 2021. 2,432 e-audiobooks were downloaded in 2022, versus 2,510 in 2021.

In another area, libraries are seeing a slow increase in patronage: programs of many types are very popular. In 2021 we held 141 programs, with 2,010 people attending. In 2022, those numbers jumped to 161

programs, with 2,703 attendees. This pattern has held for at least the past 3 years. I think part of this trend can be explained by an increase in isolation. In an era where people feel increasingly disconnected from others, libraries offer a place to reconnect. Whether it's at Story Time, Knitting Club, or a gardening class, people are forging relationships at library programs while they're learning.

Although it's a big of an apples vs. oranges thing, because each library is funded differently and has a different population base, it's fun to compare statistics between libraries. Here's how we stack up versus some of our neighbors in number of items circulated in 2022:

Berlin: 71,831

Green Lake: 37,333

Kingston: 16,379

Markesan: 17,706

Montello: 24,276

Neshkoro: 1,787

Princeton: 25,648

Wildrose: 20,509 (I include Wildrose because although it's not nearby, it is very similar to our library in terms of population, size, and funding.)

Our most-circulated adult non-fiction books were, as usual, cookbooks and gardening books. Our most-circulated adult fiction books were as follows:

"Where the Crawdads Sing" by Della Owens "Death of

the Black Widow" by James Patterson

"Run Rose Run" by Dolly Parton and James Patterson "The

Investigator" by John Sandford

"Mercy" by David Baldacci "Sparring

Partners" by John Grisham "22 Seconds"

by James Patterson "Autopsy" by Patricia

Cornwell" "Nightwork" by Nora Roberts

Bonus data:

Between the 30 libraries in the Winnefox Library System, in 2022 we circulated 1,976,993 items



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424 W. Water St.
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Mon - Thurs 9-7

Fri 9-5 Sat 9-1

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

Story Time
Mondays
at 9:30 am

Mystery Book Club

Wed. Feb. 1st, 9:30AM:
Let's discuss "When No
One is Watching"
by Alyssa Cole. Copies
available at the library.
Join us each month!

Knitting Club
Mon. Feb. 13th
AND 27th, 4-6PM

ASK US ABOUT:

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

CHECK OUT:

Puzzles, eBooks,
PS4 Console & Games,
Wonderbooks,
DVDs, and More!

Events at Princeton Library February 2023



Thurs. 2nd, 1-2pm NYR: Avoid Identity Theft

This free class is part of a series on New Years Resolutions!

Let us help you achieve your goals for 2023.

An agent from the WI Bureau of Consumer Protection will teach you what kinds of scams are most common, how to lock down your personal information, and what to do if you think you may be a victim of ID theft. Please RSVP.

Wed. 8th, 9am—4pm NYR: Memory Checkup

This free class is part of a series on New Years Resolutions!

Let us help you achieve your goals for 2023.

Do you have concerns about your memory? If so, chat with Lisa Zimmerman, Dementia Care Specialist for the Aging and Disability Resource Center. She will be here at the library today. Please call 920-294-4070 to schedule a time slot.

Sat. 11th, 9am-Noon Heartsaver CPR Class

Certified Instructor Beth MacGowan will be holding a FREE Adult and Infant/Child CPR course here for up to 12 participants. Although the course is free, if you need CPR certification for your job, the fee is \$20. Please RSVP! 920-295-6777

Tues. 14th, 4-5pm Medicare Class

Are you confused about Medicare? Attend this free class.

Wed. 15th, 1-2:30 pm (1st of 6 sessions)

NYR: Planning Ahead for the End of Life

This class is part of a series on New Years Resolutions!

Let us help you achieve your goals for 2023.

Planning Ahead for the End of Life is a **FREE** six-session course which focuses on a different subject each day. This course is taught by Katie Gellings from the Green Lake County Extension office, but features visits from local experts. Get help with financial planning, medical decision making, and more!

**Classes will be held every Wednesday from 1pm- 2:30pm
from February 15th through March 22nd.**

Please RSVP by calling 920-295-6777.



Art by Juliette Oberndorfer

Fri. 17th, 1pm NYR: Healthy Cooking Potluck

This event is part of a series on New Years Resolutions!

Let's eat better this year! Bring a healthy dish to pass and swap recipes with others. Together we can find more delicious ways to eat healthier.

This event is free, but please RSVP.



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Katie Gellings
Human Development & Relationships Extension Educator
Green Lake County
January 2023

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Human Development & Relationships Institute, as well as the Health & Well-Being Institute in January of 2023. During the reporting period, the educator made 176 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Reentry Ready – Green Lake County Correctional Facility (GLCCF)

In January I taught 6 sessions of Reentry Ready at GLCCF to two groups. Each session is 2 hours in length. This curriculum focuses on teaching individuals the financial literacy knowledge and skills needed to be successfully reentered into society. This is only the second time I've taught this curriculum and the results were very successful. The curriculum is as follows:

Introduction: Self-Assessment

Module 1: Choosing Financial Products and Services

Module 2: Tracking Income and Benefits

Module 3: Paying Bills

Module 4: Saving

Module 5: Budgeting and Getting Through the Month

Module 6: Dealing with Debt

Module 7: Understanding Credit

Module 8: Protecting Your Money, Insurance, and Retirement

Additional Resources

Evaluation data showed the following:

- How much did you learn about tracking money? – 89% (a lot)
- Do you understand how to get and read your credit report? – 100% (yes)
- How much did you learn about the first steps to take to deal with your debt? – 100% (a lot)
- What's something from class that you plan to use?
 - The tools to help me build my credit and maintain it; How to be smarter with money; Taking care of my credit history; Credit reports/keeping track of spending; I plan to use the debt resolving sheets as well as general information about credit to benefit myself; Credit card use; How to improve my credit score and save money and budget better; I will use the budgeting tools; I plan on doing a budget and getting a credit report



Money As You Grow (MAYG) and Healthy Habits – Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area

In January, I taught a total of 5–60-minute sessions at the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin. Four of the sessions were MAYG programming. We read a different children's storybook for each grade level and did an activity associated with that particular book. All of the books had the same key money concepts, and we focused our discussion and activity on saving money. The other session was a healthy habits program for the teens at the Boys & Girls Club. We talked about daily habits we each have in all the parts of our lives, and how we can make sure we are making healthy choices in each area. We also talked about how making unhealthy choices can have a domino affect on other areas of our lives. Each participant got to make a healthy trail mix snack following the discussion. They each got to make choices as to which ingredients they used for their own trail mix. Both programs were well-received by the participants and I appreciated the feedback that I was given as a result.



Upcoming Scheduled Programs

February 1, 6, – 4:30pm-5:30pm – **Money As You Grow** – Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area
February 2 – 11:00am-12:00pm – **Making Reading Memories** – Green Lake County Correctional Facility
February 6, 13, 20, 23 – 10:00am-12:00pm – **Re-entry Ready Workshop** — Green Lake County Correctional Facility
February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 – 1:00pm-2:30pm – **Planning AHEAD** – Princeton Library
February 20 – 2:00pm-4:00pm – **Wellness Group** – Green Lake County Correctional Facility
March 14 – 2:00pm-2:45pm – **Cooking with Katie/Senior Nutrition Program** – Berlin Senior Center
April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 10, 17 – 9:30am-11:00am – **Planning AHEAD** – Millpond Library, Kingston

Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 41 contacts within the UW Madison Division of Extension system during the month of January. I continue to have a number of professional meetings scheduled with colleagues to continue to network and learn from other Extension educators.

Resignation from Green Lake County Extension:

As noted in the agenda, I submitted a letter of resignation to Pat in late January. My official last day will be Friday, February 24, 2023, with my final day in the office being Thursday, February 23, 2023. Thank you so much for the opportunity to partner with individuals and families in Green Lake County on programs for the past eight and a half years. I've greatly enjoyed working with all those who have served or currently serve on the Ag, Extension and Fair Committee, and the residents that live in Green Lake County. I've appreciated the opportunity you've given me in this role, to help individuals access resources and tools needed to become and/or continue to be thriving members of the community. I wish you all the best! My email address will remain the same if you need to get in contact with me following my departure: katie.gellings@wisc.edu

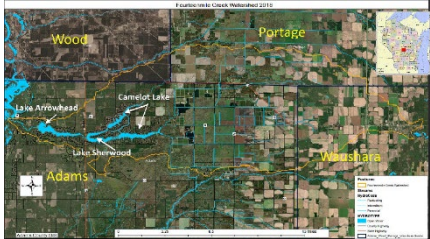
Natasha Paris
Regional Crops Educator
 Adams, Green Lake,
 Marquette, Waushara





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Report Nov 23 – Dec 22, 2022


Outreach/Needs Assessment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attended Processing Crops Conference of the Midwest Food Products Association ▪ Attended WI Farm Bureau and WI Farmers Union annual meetings to talk to producers
<p>Other Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted article to local papers. • Created articles and videos about tools for optimizing soybean production

Producer Education

<p>Field Crops</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing participation in soybean research project: surveying farmers and discussing cropping plans • Gave talk on soil biology at Golden Sands event • Met with farmer about crop budgets for 23 • Working with multiple farmers to submit applications for the DATCP Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program grants, designing trials and compiling needs
<p>Forage & Pasture</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote a short article on birdsfoot trefoil in pastures • Planning a course on grazing for conservation professionals and beginning farmers
<p>Commercial Vegetable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with researchers to plan for upcoming vegetable industry conferences

Professional Development/Activities

<p style="text-align: center;">Professional Development</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended All Colleague Extension Conference • Attended Cover Crop Conference • Attended Discovery Farms Conference • Met with grazing workgroup • Crops & Soils/Regional Educator Meetings • Worked on Individual & Program Plan of Work
<p style="text-align: center;">Other Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension & Agriculture Institute Meetings • Met with mentor & senior staff • County Extension Committee Meetings • County Staff Meetings • Planning meetings for upcoming events


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





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Report Dec 23-Jan 23, 2022-23

Outreach/Needs Assessment


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attended WI Agribusiness Commodity Classic ▪ Based on requests, scheduled Nutrient Management training for February
<p>Other Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted article to local papers.

Producer Education

<p>Field Crops</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing participation in soybean research project: surveying farmers and discussing cropping plans • Held South Central Winter Soybean Meeting which was well attended. Farmers said they valued the information on fungicide, planting dates, and varieties among other things, and that they weren't being sold a product and just presented with the science. (see pictures on next page) • Working with multiple farmers to submit applications for the DATCP Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program grants, designing trials and compiling needs
<p>Forage & Pasture</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning a course on grazing for conservation professionals and beginning farmers • Reviewed articles on bale grazing and fertility management in grazing systems • Working on a Nitrogen Optimization grant related to bale grazing on corn stubble.

<p>Commercial Vegetable</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote article on crop rotations and pest management in vegetables for Crops & Soils Topic Hub
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Professional Development/Activities

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Green Lake County Fair Office

Kathy Ninneman, Fair Coordinator
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January 2023

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

WI Association of Fairs Convention, Chula Vista, WI Dells (January 8-11)

Consumer Protection Plan Workshop: I participated in the Consumer Protection Plan Workshop presented by Technical Solutions International, in association with the International Association of Fairs & Expositions. The agenda for this related to understanding pathogens, analyzing your facility grounds, improving operational procedures, contact zones and corrective actions, planned contact areas, managing influenza, record keeping and creating a consumer protection plan. I had a site review follow-up a week later via zoom where I uploaded a diagram of our fairgrounds and we discussed the various contact zones.

Prepare2Respond Program: Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Livestock Specialist, presented on this online training specifically designed for folks who are managing or volunteering at livestock events on how to respond to an animal emergency.

Keynote Speaker Jerry Apps: Jerry was a former 4-H agent for Green Lake County (1957-60). He's the author of "Meet Me On The Midway," after his extensive research, interviews, and personal experience as a 4-H leader, county extension agent, fair judge, and lifelong fairgoer.

Fairest of the Fair Auction: Green Lake County Fairest of the Fair, Sadie Goettl, was at the convention competing for the state title. One of the requirements was for the fairests to put together an auction "basket" and it was auctioned off on Monday night. State Fair was one of the contending bidders, but the winning bid came from Kewaunee County Fair.

Networking for Fairs that are County Run/Owned: This was a great session where counties shared and talked about all the challenges and struggles that they are facing.

Insurance: Covered contract reviews including entertainment, contractors, vendors and renters.

UW-Madison, Division of Extension Resources and Updates: Jason Hausler and Jessica Jens spoke on how fairs can tap into their Extension resources for programs at the fair.

Awards Banquet & Fairest of the Fairs Finals: This was held Wednesday night. We were very proud of our Fairest of the Fair, Sadie Goettl. This was a wonderful leadership experience that she gained along with some great friends around the fair industry.



2023 Fair

- Starting to hire judges
- Carnival Contract: A&P – met with them at the convention
- Entertainment: Have a couple in the works
- Updated Fairest of the Fair applications and are seeking applicants until March 1st.

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