



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

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

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**June 12, 2023**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee (In Person and Zoom) Meeting that is Tuesday, June 13, 2023:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the May 9, 2023 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) 2024 Green Lake County Library Funding Request
- 6) Green Lake County Libraries County Funding Information
- 7) Extension Reports for: Adam Hartfiel (Regional Livestock Educator) and Natasha Paris (Regional Crops Educator).
- 8) Fair Coordinator Report
- 9) Fairs Structure handout from Extension



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

## AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

***Date: Tuesday, June 13, 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: 5/9/23
6. Public Comments
7. County Library Services Report - submitted monthly report
8. 2024 County Library Preliminary Budget
9. Extension Green Lake County Staff Reports – submitted monthly report
  - Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director
  - Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator
  - Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator
10. County Fairs Structure and Extension Educational Roles -- Presentation (Pat Wagner) – Discussion
11. Fair Coordinator Report – submitted report
12. Fair: 2023 Fair Contracts – Discussion/Approval
13. Fair: Highway Ground / Fairground Improvements
14. Future Fairgrounds Sub-Committee Report
15. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: July 11, 2023
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
16. 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.**

## AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

May 9, 2023

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair, Ken Bates, on Tuesday, May 9, 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  
Natasha Paris (Teams)  
Kathy Ninneman

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

### **MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Lenz/Hiestand)*** to approve the minutes of the April 11, 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.

### **WINNEFOX LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Bates reported that Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director, will replace Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, as the Executive Director. The plan is to not replace Sommersmith's position.

### **EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS**

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

### **RESIGNATION BY MORGAN MARTINEZ FROM POSITION AS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION EDUCATOR**

Pat Wagner, Area Extension Director, answered questions related to this vacant position. Consensus was to move forward to a rehire per the contract with UW-Madison Division of Extension.

### **FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT**

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

## **FAIR 2023 CONTRACTS**

Nothing at this time.

## **HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

See Future Fairgrounds Sub-Committee Report.

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

Hoffmann reported most committee members were in attendance for the May 1 fairgrounds tour. It was noted the number of items stored in all the barns that need to be removed for the fair. Some concerns in the barns included: rotting wood, electrical needs for the number of fans at the fair, plus the need for ceiling fans for circulation and outdated sound system. The track area, which is in a floodplain, is very wet and muddy when it rains.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Date: June 13, 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 9:50 a.m.

*Submitted by,  
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*

## June 2023 Green Lake County Library Reports

**Berlin** – Our exciting Summer Reading Program, *All Together Now*, has begun! This week we are encouraging all ages to sign up for the 2023 Summer Reading Program to have a chance to win prizes. After having our Youth Librarian, Sam, go to the schools to raise excitement, kids have been very eager about signing up. One kid picked up a reading card and returned a few hours later with her 1<sup>st</sup> card already filled. Her goal was to be the 1<sup>st</sup> one. We, of course, had a bonus prize to reward her.

In addition to the reading incentive program, we are also encouraging families and friends to partake in a Berlin Community Scavenger Hunt, where clues found in public parks and other areas around Berlin will lead to a final “X” on the map. Once solved they return to the library for a special prize. Also, through a program with Wisconsin State Parks, we are offering free one-day passes to our library patrons. Fitting our theme of *All Together Now*, we are encouraging togetherness through these fun activities.

Kindness is also being recognized with Kindness hearts, where patrons share an act of kindness and this fun photo op.

June Summer programs include an outdoor game kick-off party, On the Wing bird presentation, a Sidewalk Chalk Contest, and a family sing along. At the end of the month, we are collaborating with the Boys & Girls Club and the Berlin Park & Rec departments for a Teambuilding Field Day.

Adults can participate in a basket weaving class and a Crafternoon project where they can make friendship bracelets using secret codes. Our Friday Matinee is June 9 at 1pm where we will be showing the movie *80 for Brady*.

The Berlin Dept. of Public Works has been busy changing over a few more lights to LED for more energy savings and adding a larger wheelchair platform in front of the library.

I have been working with Fox River Industries to give adult challenged individuals an opportunity to volunteer at the library. They are very enthusiastic to help us out and are very proud of their accomplishments. We will be rewarding them with a movie and popcorn later in the summer.

With schools out and a few more people traveling about, the library foot traffic has picked up and we are nearing full summer mode. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and assisting with their needs.

Watch for more exciting happenings at the Berlin Library on our website and Facebook page. And thank you all for your continued support of the libraries.

Happy Spring,  
Chris Kalupa – Berlin Public Library Director



**Green Lake Caestecker** – As summer brings our community All Together Now, visit the Caestecker Library to enjoy reading rewards for all ages, daily drop-in activities, weekly Activity Packs, large group programs, and other fun opportunities provided by Thrasher Opera House, Green Lake County educators, Green Lake Festival of Music, and the Green Lake Association. Activities typically start at 10 am on weekdays from June 19—July 31. For the full lineup of programs and opportunities visit our calendar at [greenlakelibrary.org](http://greenlakelibrary.org).

**Monday:** Large group programs and new Activity Packs are released. Our presenters this year include music with Stuart Stotts, a live amphibian program from J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue, animatronic dinosaurs with Dino Dimensions, singer Tom Pease, a live animal learning opportunity with Nature's Niche, Anne Moser from the UW Water Library presenting on All the Water in the World, and accordion player extraordinaire Micah Sommersmith. All programs are paid for by the Caestecker Library Foundation and we are always grateful for their generosity.

**Tuesday:** Stroll & Play—walking group starts at 9:30, snacks and play back at the library side yard until noon. Come and go as your schedule allows.

**Wednesday:** Storytime with Ms. Margie and Tia the Reading Therapy Dog

**Thursday:** Puzzles & Prizes

**Friday:** Cooking with kids!

In addition to our standard daily events above we will be hosting community programs, concerts, and presenters:

- Two workshops put on by Missoula Children's Theatre in partnership with the play they put on at Thrasher Opera House. Students and children are invited on June 21 at 9:30am to Missoula Drama Quest and June 22 at 9:30am to Non-Verbal Storytelling.
- Derek Kavanaugh from the Green Lake County Land Conservation Department, Tuesday June 27 presenting a hands-on workshop on water bugs.
- Green Lake Festival of Music concerts at the Library are free and enjoyable for all ages. Visit the lower level of the library on the below times and dates to enjoy two professional quartets: Saturday, June 10 at 1 pm, Iowa-based string quartet Kaydenn and Thursday, June 29 at 10 am, Boston-based Balourdet string quartet, a Thomas E. Caestecker Free Family Concert.
- The Dartford Historical Society presents: Powell Spring. In advance of the July 1st open house at Powell Spring Conservancy, Tom Schultz will share about the history and natural beauty of Powell Spring in the lower-level Burr Oak room at the library. Light refreshments will be provided. Sunday, June 18 from 2-3pm.
- Friends Book Sales are Saturday, June 10 from 9am-1pm and Wednesday, June 21 from 1-4pm.

The library is joining in the local pickleball craze with the newest addition to the Library of Things. We now have two pickleball sets with paddles and indoor/outdoor balls in a handy carry case that checkout with your library card for a week at a time. The Friends of the Library are to thank for the new Pickleball sets, summer reading program supplies and prizes, and hospitality at all our events. They are the best kind of Friends for a library to have!

Christina Lyon – Caestecker Public Library Director

**Kingston Mill Pond** – We are busy gearing up for our Summer Reading Program. We are using the theme "People in Our Neighborhood" this year. Our program will run for 4 weeks and each week we will have a different speaker come in and talk about his/her job. Lined up are a farmer, police officer, someone who shoe's horses, and a funeral director. Children can earn prizes by reading 20 minutes a day, or being read to if they are younger each week and filling out a reading record. Sometimes the programs go long, depending on how many questions the kids might have, and we don't have time to do our craft, so we send it home with them that week. Bringing back a completed craft also earns them a spin on the prize wheel. The crafts are displayed in the library on the ends of our bookcases, and I can't tell you the number of times a child will come in with someone and take them directly to their artwork and show it off, which we love to see! Children can earn a grand prize of a trip to the Waupun Aquatic Center if they turn in all 4 weeks of reading records. It's a fun program for all involved and our goal is to keep the children reading all summer long!

Sara Wilson – Mill Pond Public Library Director

**Markesan** – We had our Kick Off Party on Monday, June 5 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. The Markesan chief of police, Will Pflum, started the party with a special story time that the kids enjoyed. Then, kids and families could see the prizes on display upstairs, spin the prize wheel and get their reading raffle tickets. We had lawn games, provided by WCTS, and snacks and drinks. We also had blank canvases and markers that kids could color. We gave them the options to take them home or to let us display them in the library for the month.

Our first Summer Storytime had a Pete the Cat theme and had a great turnout with 21 kids attending! We'll have another one in the afternoon on Thursday, June 22, with an ice cream theme. One of our library staff reached out to the school to coordinate and arrange weekly visits during summer school for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades. She's also doing story times this summer for a group from the local daycare, Young Stars. Our story time programs had a brief hiatus this spring, so hopefully this will build momentum for continued story time programs in the fall.

Rebecca Weiss of AVES Wildlife Alliance will lead a program, "Aerial Predators" on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm, with live raptors. Dinosaur Dimensions will be here on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:00 pm. The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:00 pm to talk about "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes. Kids will get to make friendship bracelets on Thursday, June 29 at 4:30 pm.

.Vanessa Meyer – Markesan Public Library Director

**Princeton – May has been all about preparing for summer!**

- We had a volunteer backyard work day where we shoveled dirt into our new flowerboxes, weeded the backyard, and planted lots of red, white, and “blue” petunias.
- Our Summer Reading Program prize store was set up, and the library decorated in a groovy 60s/70s theme.
- Lots of effort is going into preparing for Princeton’s 175<sup>th</sup> celebration in July, which is also Wisconsin’s 175<sup>th</sup> year of being a state. We’re stocking up on patriotic décor and planning some great events!



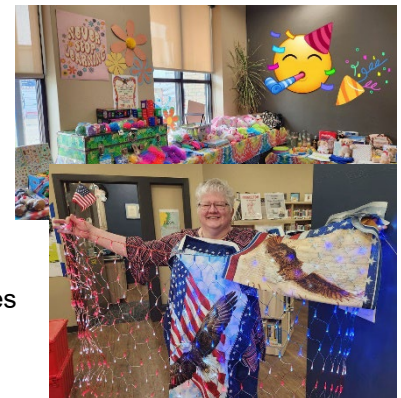
**Successful programs this month included:**

- Our May tree giveaway, which was extremely popular. We had 6 people lined up at the front door on May 1<sup>st</sup> to adopt trees, and all 150 maples, oaks, and birches found homes.
- Drop-in Tech Help with Bug Tussel University
- Mystery Book Club
- A Summer Reading Program rally at Princeton’s school
- Princeton’s Sip’N’Shop on the Fox, organized by the Chamber of Commerce. We act as the registration station and provide outdoor games, T-shirt sales, and a first aid station.



**We owe thanks to many people this month:**

- The Grand River Marsh Turkey Club for their generous yearly donation of \$500!
- Pastor John Dolan for his donation of an out-of-print local history book we are very pleased to have!
- Rich Gorr for a donation of good black topsoil for our flower planters.
- All the volunteers who helped during our yardwork day.
- All those who have donated decorating materials, prizes, and craft supplies for our summer programs, especially Whimsy Mountain (an art store in Princeton).
- The Friends of the Library, for purchasing lots of petunias and patriotic décor for the library.
- Bug Tussel University, for giving us so many free tech classes!



**Happenings and Meetings:**

We continue to hear great stories from people using our digitized newspaper archive. A local ice cream parlor, the Germania Historical Society, the Rosendale Historical Society, Pastor Dolan, and others have personally thanked us for providing this window into local history. We could not have accomplished this without the Winnefox Library System, so thank you to them too!

I continue to meet with the Princeton Historical Society to plan more activities for Princeton’s 175<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are hoping to host an antique appraisal event similar to “Antiques Roadshow,” with a dinner lecture to follow. If anyone knows of antique appraisers who may be interested in joining us, please contact me.

On May 16th, the Green Lake County librarians met to prepare for the County Fair, budget talks with the county, and our summer reading programs. Because of all of the programs we are all doing this summer, we decided not to hold a Penny War this year. However, Kingston and Berlin may still do a penny collection fundraiser. Two Winnefox staff members and both WCTS staff were also present, to further discuss standardizing our cataloging system and other topics.

At our staff meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, we went over a new security camera operating procedure, assigned summer chores, discussed scheduling, and made sure everyone was on the same page for magazine cataloging.

We were invited to participate in the Senior Fair in Green Lake on September 14<sup>th</sup>. It should be a great event!

Laura Skalitsky – Princeton Public Library Director





# Events at the Princeton Public Library

## June 2023



Sign up for "All Together Now," our back to the 60s/70s Summer Reading Program! All ages can earn prizes for reading.



### 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 12th &  
Monday 26th 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!



Tues. 6th, 10am-7pm: Beads! Drop in all day. Jewelry or cool mini bead curtains. All supplies provided.

Wed. 7th, 9:30am: Mystery Book Club Discuss "Arsenic & Adobo" with us!

Thurs. 8th, 3-5pm: Collecting Your Stories

In cooperation with the Princeton Historical Society, we are collecting stories of Princeton's past to preserve for posterity. Please come and share your memories!

Fri. 9th: Nail & String Art Kids 1:30-3:30, Adults & Teens 4-7pm

Games & activities too! We provide all supplies, bring a hammer if you can.

Sat. 10th, 9am-Noon: Volunteer Yardwork Day Could you help us? Free lunch!

Wed. 14th: Paint Owls & Mushrooms Kids 1:30-3:30, Adults/Teens 4-7pm FREE

You need some funky art for your pad? Make it here! Games and activities too.

Fri. 16th: Tie-Dye & Pet Rocks Kids 1:30-3:30, Adults & Teens 4-7pm

Groovy! If you can bring a rock and/or white cotton object, cool. If not, we got you!

Sat. 17th, 10-11:30am: Smartphone Basics

Learn to use a smartphone, from appsto internet searches, camera features, etc.. Please RSVP: Call 920-295-6777. Free.

Tues. 20th: Shrinky-Dinks Kids 1:30-3:30, Adults & Teens 4-7pm

Mellow out with us and trace designs to create cool wearable art. Free

Thurs. 22nd, 6pm: Live Music! "Blowing in the Wind"

Live guitar music! Sing along with David Drake's 1960s folk music. See photos, slogans, and headlines from days gone by. There is no charge to attend.

Tues. 27th, 1:30-3:30pm: Movie & Water Games

Chill indoors with a movie (The Hobbit, 1977) and snacks, or get wet outside. Free

Wed. 28th, 1-3pm: Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Refreshments, prize raffle, presentation on scams, and county resources. RSVP!

Thurs. 29th, 6pm: Dino Dimensions: Meet the Dinosaurs!

If you think the 60s and 70s was a while ago, step back to the Jurassic era with us! These dinos move, make noise, and make explorers of all ages laugh.





To: Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee  
From: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Director, Winnefox Library System  
Date: 15 May 2023  
Re: 2024 library funding request

Winnefox Library System, on behalf of the public libraries in Green Lake County, contracts with the county to reimburse those libraries for services to county residents who do not live in the Cities of Berlin, Green Lake, Markesan, Princeton, the Village of Kingston, or the Town of Brooklyn: areas that have not established a municipal library.

With a goal of providing high-quality library service to all county residents, the contract and funding formula is founded on these principles:

1. Libraries should be adequately reimbursed for providing services to county residents living outside the library-establishing municipalities
2. Library support should be fairly distributed among county residents

Under the terms of the 2022 - 2026 agreement between Green Lake County and Winnefox Library System, the directors of the public libraries in Green Lake County are directed to submit a reimbursement request formulated according to the following methodology:

- a) Using the latest Annual Reports filed with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the public libraries in Green Lake County shall determine what percentage of the previous year's total circulation is to residents of Green Lake County residing outside of the municipalities which maintain libraries (county rural residents).

Of the 201,078 items checked out by the libraries in 2022, 54,926 or 27.32% were checked out by rural residents. This a 2% increase over the circulation statistics of 2021.

- b) The percentage of circulation to county rural residents shall be multiplied by the total operational expenditures of the libraries for the prior year. This figure shall constitute the libraries' request for reimbursement for services to Green Lake County rural residents.

The combined 2022 operational expenditures for the five county libraries was \$974,513. This is multiplied by 27.32% to give us \$266,237 as the amount of library resources spent serving rural residents.

This funding request uses statistics from the *preceding* year to request funding for the *next* year. Funding received in 2024 will reimburse libraries for service provided in 2022.

- c) Funding for Winnefox Cooperative Technical Services (WCTS) is then added to this figure to determine the total request.

WCTS is funded by Green Lake, Marquette, & Waushara Counties. Each county's funding is determined by a per-capita amount. For 2024 we are requesting \$66,092, or \$3.438 per person living in the county.

- d) Stated in the 2022-2026 Agreement, "nothing in the funding formula shall preclude the libraries from requesting grant funds or special project funds from the County for a specific purpose. Approval of such a request shall be at the County's discretion."

Using the funding formula, the total Library Funding, \$257,752, is distributed among the five libraries based on their cost per circ and their individual percentage of rural circulation in the past year.

The 2023 budget request includes a 10.87% cut for Markesan Public Library and a 3.89% cut for Berling Public Library. The Green Lake County Libraries would like to request special project funds in the amount of \$9,752 to compensate for these libraries' anticipated deficit. This contribution from Green Lake County would save the libraries from making significant cuts to either their collection or their hours.

On behalf of the libraries in Green Lake County and using the formula specified in the Green Lake County Library Service Plan Winnefox Library System is submitting a 2024 library reimbursement and WCTS funding request of **\$332,331**. The potential special projects request will bring the total Green Lake County Library ask to **\$342,083**

This request does *not* include billing from libraries outside of Green Lake County. Those reimbursements total **\$34,816** for 2024.

	2024	2023	Change	
Library Funding	266,239	264,989	1,250	0.5%
WCTS	66,092	64,881	1,211	2%
Special Request	9,752			
Act 420	34,816	33,444	1,372	4.1%
Total Library Funding	376,899	363,314	13,585	3.7%

### Calculating the 2024 county funding request

Library	Total Rural Circulation including Electronic	Rural Circulation as Percentage of Total	2022 Expenditures for Operations	Library Resources spent serving Rural Residents
Berlin	12,813		367,851	
Green Lake	10,372		238,359	
Kingston	10,212		79,537	
Markesan	10,016		137,644	
Princeton	11,513		151,122	
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,926</b>	<b>27.32%</b>	<b>974,513</b>	<b>266,237</b>

### Distributing the 2024 county funding request

**\$266,237** Reimbursement to individual libraries for service provided to county residents living outside municipalities with libraries:

Library	2024 Request	2023 Funding	Difference	23-24
Berlin	53,324	55,485	(2,161)	-3.89%
Green Lake	50,973	46,125	4,848	10.51%
Kingston	44,130	41,426	2,704	6.53%
Markesan	62,275	69,866	(7,591)	-10.87%
Princeton	55,537	52,087	3,450	6.62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>266,239</b>	<b>264,989</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>0.47%</b>

**\$66,092** Winnefox Cooperative Technical Services (WCTS)

**\$332,331** Funding for Green Lake County Libraries and WCTS

**\$9,752** Special Projects Request

**\$342,083** **Total Green Lake County Libraries Funding, 2024**

## Required Minimum Funding: 70%

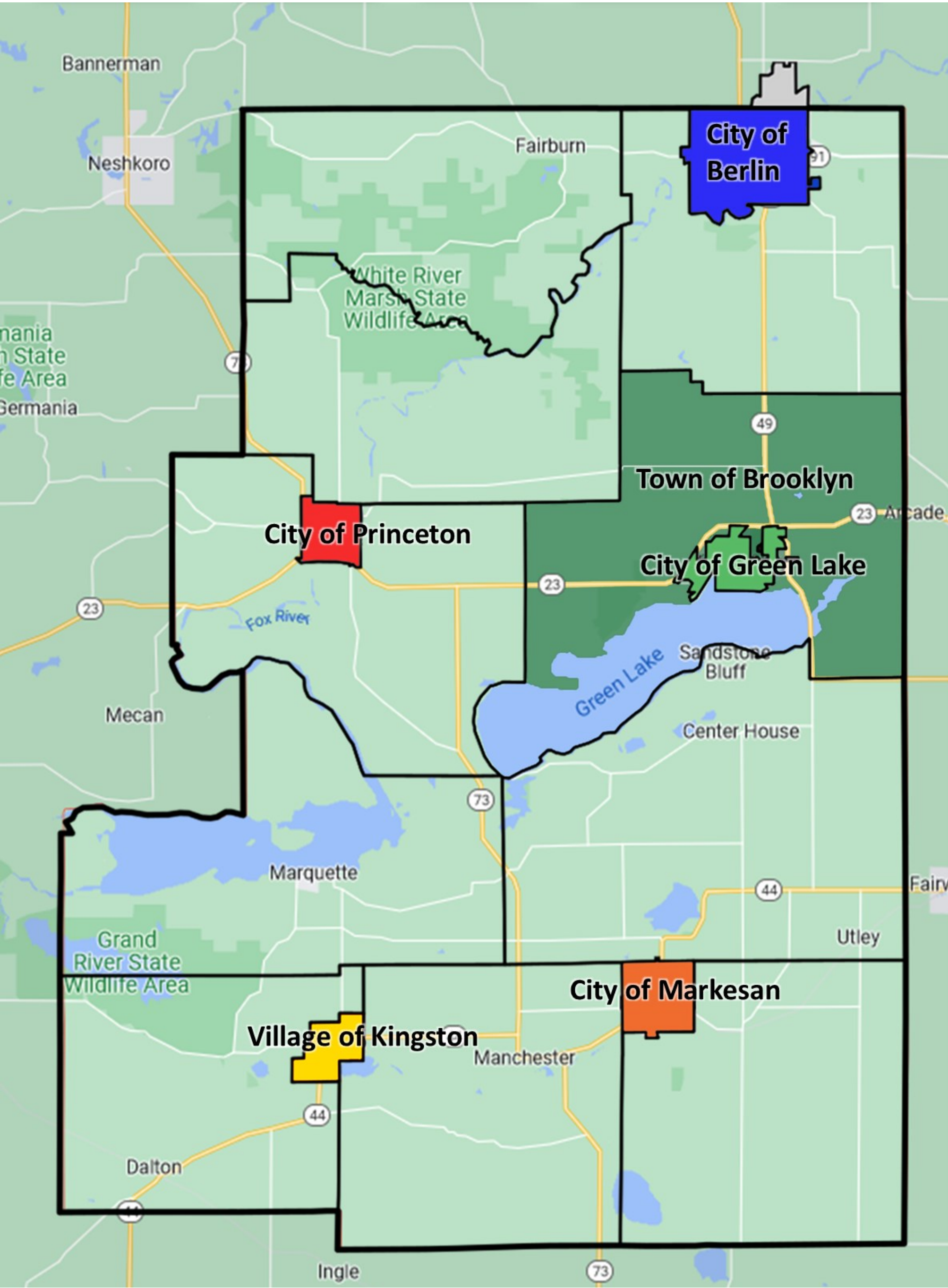
Library	Current Request	70%	70% Financial Cut
Berlin	\$ 53,324	\$ 38,746	\$ 14,578
Green Lake	\$ 50,973	\$ 37,101	\$ 13,872
Kingston	\$ 44,130	\$ 32,311	\$ 11,819
Markesan	\$ 62,275	\$ 45,012	\$ 17,263
Princeton	\$ 55,537	\$ 40,296	\$ 15,241
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 266,239</b>	<b>\$ 193,466</b>	<b>\$ 72,773</b>

## Use of County Libraries by County Rural Residents in 2022

Library	Circulation to Rural Residents	Rural Electronic Circulation	Total Rural Circulation
Berlin	10,849	1,964	12,813
Green Lake	7,260	3,112	10,372
Kingston	9,059	1,153	10,212
Markesan	8,051	1,965	10,016
Princeton	8,767	2,746	11,513
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,986</b>	<b>10,940</b>	<b>54,926</b>

## 2023 Municipal & County Support

Library	2023 Municipal Appropriation	2023 County Appropriation	Percentage of funding from County	County representatives allowed
Berlin	277,646	55,485	20%	1
Green Lake	213,904	46,125	22%	1
Kingston	8,600	41,426	482%	5
Markesan	69,389	69,866	101%	5
Princeton	62,184	52,087	84%	4
	631,723	264,989	42%	



Municipalities that directly support libraries account for 11,102 of the population in Green Lake County.

That leaves 7,890 of rural population to account for within the county.

The rural population of Green Lake County checked out 54,926 items from our libraries in 2022.

That’s approximately **7 items per person** of our rural population!



Our County Funding  
agreement is based on:

**Circulation  
to Green Lake  
County Rural  
residents.**

**Which was 27.32%  
of our total  
circulation in 2022.**

Other services libraries provide  
that are not included in the  
funding formula:

- Job Search Resources**
- Resume Assistance**
- Tech Help**
- Free Wi-Fi**
- Printing**
- Wi-Fi Printing**
- Faxing**
- Scanning**
- Laminating**
- Research Assistance**
- Database Access**
- Meeting Rooms**
- Programs**
- Early Literacy Initiatives**
- Storytime**
- Makerspaces**
- Resource Sharing**
- Networking**
- Community Building**
- Shelter During Extreme Weather**
- Education**
- Accessibility**
- Curbside Pickup**
- Homebound Delivery**
- Local History Repository**
- Disc Repair**
- Entertainment**
- Book Sales**
- Open-ended Play Opportunities**
- Activity Packs**
- Drop-in Activities**
- Workshops**
- School Partnership**
- Language Learning**
- Book Clubs**
- Tutoring**

**Adam Hartfiel**  
**Regional Livestock Educator**  
Adams, Green Lake, Waushara Counties



## **Report May 15th-May 26**

### **New Employee as of May 15th:**

- My name is Adam Hartfiel, I attended UW-River Falls and earned a degree in Animal Science in 2019.
- I previously worked for the USDA-National Center for Animal Health. There, I worked to assure that pure, safe, potent and effective veterinary biologics are available for the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of animal diseases and outbreaks.

### **Outreach/Needs Assessment:**

- Working on developing ideas to assess producer's needs.

### **Producer Education:**

- Writing an article for WI Agriculturist on pasture options during late fall and supplementing cows and calves on pasture
- Assisted in finding a resolution for a community member having trouble with his lilac bushes.

### **Professional Development/Activities:**

- Meetings with AED and Program Manager
- Getting to know Adams, Green Lake, and Waushara County staff.
- Getting to know Adams, Green Lake, Waushara Counties
- Trainings with UW-Madison HR and others




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




**Extension**  
 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON


**Report Apr 24-May 30, 2023**

**Outreach/Needs Assessment**


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Visited Tri-County Produce Auction</li> <li>▪ Attended meeting of the Farmers of the Roche-a-Cri Producer Led Watershed 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>• Revising a publication on herbicide restrictions in crop rotations</li> <li>• Hosted fourth Badger Crop Connect webinar of the season</li> <li>• On Badger Crop Connect planning committee</li> <li>• Assisted in implementing Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program projects</li> </ul>
<p><b>Forage &amp; Pasture</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning committee for Golden Sands Grazing Conference in August</li> <li>• Planning pasture and soil walks for this season</li> </ul>

<p><b>Commercial Vegetable</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updating and editing a book on insect management in organic vegetable production.</li> <li>• Planning series of events at Hancock Research station</li> <li>• Assisted farmers in diagnosing weed and pest issue, including consulting a state specialist</li> </ul>
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### Professional Development/Activities

<p><b>Professional Development</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crops &amp; Soils/Regional Educator Meetings</li> <li>• Attended Joint Council of Extension Professionals Conference</li> <li>• Attended Emotional Intelligence Training</li> <li>• Attended New Colleague Cohort Meetings</li> <li>• Attended Civil Rights Training</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension &amp; Agriculture Institute Meetings</li> <li>• Met with senior staff</li> <li>• County Extension Committee Meetings</li> <li>• County Staff Meetings</li> <li>• Planning meetings for upcoming events</li> </ul>



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May Report for the June 13, 2023 meeting

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

### 2023 Fair

- Fair Books are online, posted on Facebook and paper copies are available in the office, upon request.
- On Thursday, May 4, I was invited to present at the Green Lake Rotary luncheon meeting. The Rotarians are a wonderful supportive group and were very interested in hearing what was happening for the 2023 Fair.
- Finalizing contracts with signatures and certificates of insurance.
- Received donation from Kwik Trip for the bike give away at the Fair. They have been a faithful sponsor of one of two bike give aways at the fair for several years.
- Fair maintenance schedule has been communicated with Highway Commissioner Mashuda and County Administrator Wylie.
- Commercial Space contracts continue to come in. WI Poison Center being a new vendor this year.
- Ordered and received the antigen for the poultry superintendents to conduct pullorum tests prior to the fair.
- Tuscumbia Country Club was very gracious and will be donating the use of 3 golf carts during the fair.
- I assisted one of the award sponsors for rabbits and poultry since she wanted to purchase something different for the youth in ordering backpacks instead of the traditional trophies.
- Each county library was mailed a master copy of the fair book for patrons to use.
- Updated our Blue Ribbon software program with all of the new additions and changes.
- Worked with Hometown Broadcasting on advertising options and also a donation sponsorship.
- All county fairs were asked to contact their senators and representatives to support the state aid prizes awarded to local fairs. I contacted Senator Ballweg and Representative Dallman's office for support.
- Hired two judges for Communication Arts Day, which is a pre-fair event and will be held on June 28 in the Training Room.
- Contacted the Piggly Wiggly in Markesan for their round up program. I'm still waiting for the form to arrive. We should be on for the first week in August.
- There will be two fair interns this summer. Their offer letters will be sent out soon by County Administrator, Cate Wylie.

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

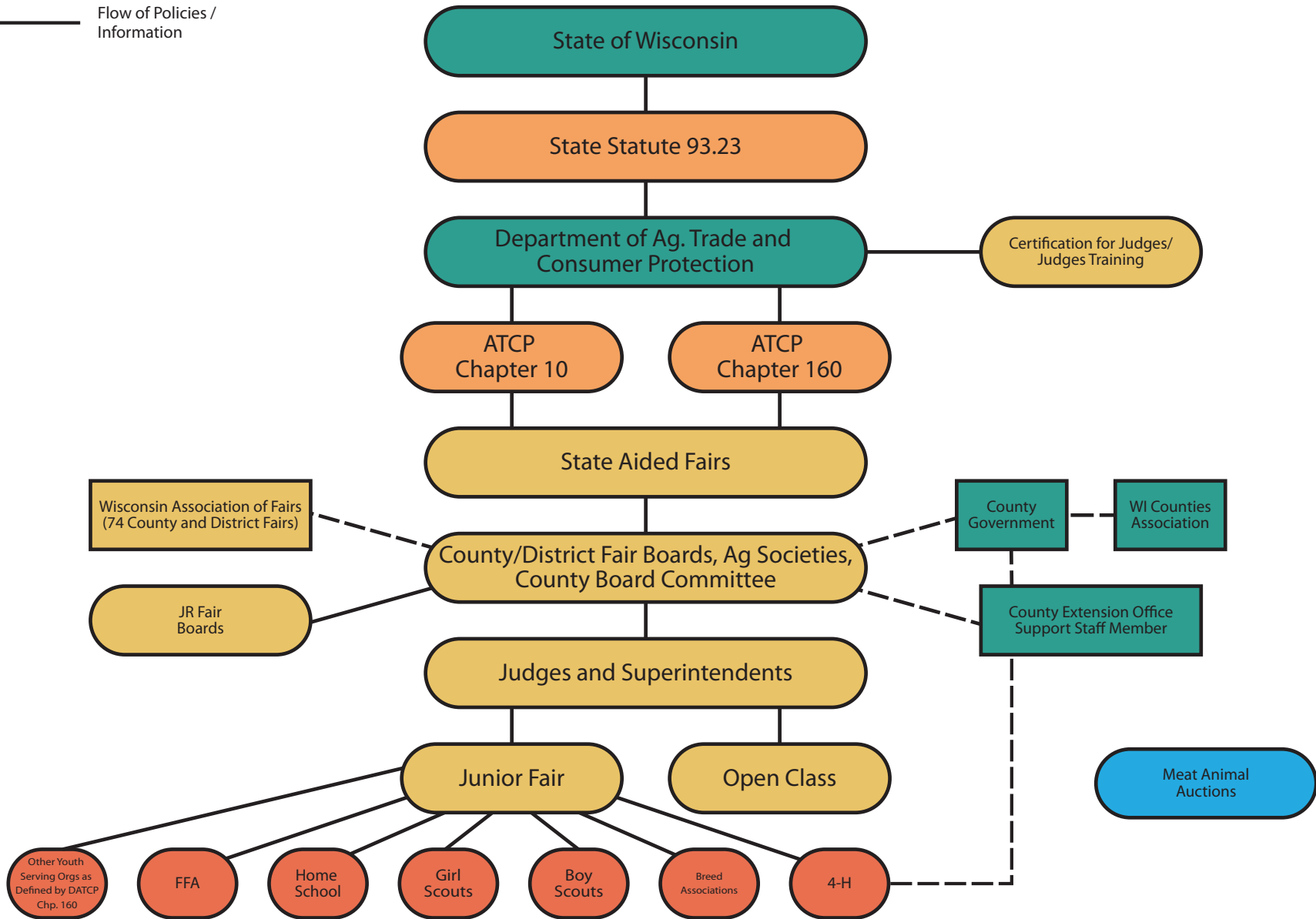
*The mission of the Green Lake County Fair is to provide positive youth development and leadership skills, along with promoting family and community involvement through education and tradition.*



# Wisconsin State Aided Fairs Structure (with Partner Organizations)

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**Note:** All youth organizations have their own governing rules pertaining to who can represent that organization at county/district fair. Other than that, the Fair Board and the DATCP Junior Fair rules govern the rest (registration, show structure, etc.)

**Meat Animal Auctions** are open to all eligible youth exhibitors who meet established criteria. Criteria is not outlined in any state statute or policy.



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## **Guidelines on the Educational Roles of County/Regional Extension Educators at County Fairs**

*Approved May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by the Division of Extension Leadership Team  
Revised Spring 2022*

*This document has been reviewed and endorsed by the  
Wisconsin Association of Fairs (WAF) Board of Directors. We  
look forward to future conversations to benefit the relationship  
between UW Extension and the Wisconsin Association of Fairs*

### **Introduction**

The University of Wisconsin System has a three-fold mission in resident instruction, research and extension. In 1973, and again in 1982, the UW Board of Regents affirmed the historic commitment of all its institutions to public service and the public good. Concurrent with this reaffirmation was the assignment of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension to lead, coordinate, plan and administer the extension function of the UW System.

Over the years Extension has demonstrated its strong support for county fairs. This is appropriate because county fairs can offer numerous educational opportunities for participants and the general public. Participating in educational initiatives at the fair also provides extension educators and program coordinators an opportunity for relationship building and interaction with the public. Fairs have also added a special dimension and focus to a variety of educational programs involving individuals of all ages as well as local organizations.

### **The Role of Extension Educators in County Fairs**

The role of all extension educators working in county and regional settings is **education and educational service**. Extension educators are often the first point of contact with

the University of Wisconsin System for people throughout the state. Extension educators teach, learn, lead and serve connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.

Extension's educational purpose is accomplished in many ways – through seminars, workshops, information meetings, tours, demonstrations, exhibits, field studies, teleconferencing, Facebook, twitter, web sites, publications, and the mass media, both public and commercial. Extension educators work with personnel from other agencies, organizations, institutions and elected bodies to develop educational programs and provide professional expertise based on the research and knowledge foundation base of the University. Extension educators are also charged with upholding the integrity, policies and guidelines of Extension, the Wisconsin 4-H Program, and other Extension programs.

Area Extension Directors, in cooperation/consultation with Fair Boards and/or County oversight Committees, will review/consult on the roles and responsibilities of educators. Increasing and strengthening the involvement of local residents, through volunteerism, in planning and conducting county fairs will help the fairs achieve their goals as major educational, cultural, economic and social events.

There is a need for extension educators across institutes to work closely with county fairs, whether the county fair is an official county event, or sponsored by a private organization. However, it is the responsibility of Extension administration and individual educators to monitor the job descriptions and day-to-day responsibilities to ensure that services provided to county fairs are directly related and relevant to our educational mission.

Adequate clerical staff ought to be employed by county fair organizations specifically to assist with fair responsibilities, so that support for ongoing extension programs can be maintained without disruption. We expect county extension educators to focus on educational and educational service roles at county fairs. Examples of these roles may include:

1. **Direct educational programming, outreach, and teaching** with youth and volunteers related to 4-H Projects, and with adults and other general public audiences, through workshops, demonstrations or exhibits. This may also include pre-fair events. Examples include:
  - a. Programs that provide residents direct access to specific UW resources, such as drinking water testing/education, horticulture booth, Strong Bodies
  - b. General Extension outreach promoting access the breadth and depth of services provided by Extension to all residents
  - c. Targeted education or outreach related to local programming goals and plans and activities
  - d. Program and outreach activities for which there are readily/easily accessible and useable materials (e.g. displays, flutter flags, brochures)

2. **Capacity building to support Fair success** – such as coordinating trainings for fair boards and superintendents; particularly in the areas of decision-making, leadership, strategic planning, and organizational stewardship.
3. **Capacity building for volunteers** – such as instructing volunteer leaders in how to conduct a demonstration, prepare an exhibit, improve displays or supervise others.
4. **Providing advice and counsel to fair boards**, managers and various other fair committees to ensure that the educational dimensions of the fair are strengthened. Members of the county/regional extension staff may serve as a non-voting liaison to the fair governing board. Examples of advisory roles:
  - a. Advise on the development of job descriptions for paid and volunteer leaders working directly with the fair board;
  - b. Advising fair boards and various fair committees on state premium list recommendations;
  - c. Advising on publicity, promotion and display arrangements;
  - d. Advising on selection and scheduling of judges and training and evaluation of judges.
  - e. Advising on youth development and youth protection practices, related to age of youth handling animals, for example
5. **Promote and positively represent** the Division of Extension and UW-Madison during Fair activities
6. **Provide temporary general help and support for Fair operations.** The nature and level of this service will need to be determined (by Extension staff) locally based on staffing capacity and alignment with educational roles described above. For example, this could be temporary or limited general support as a result of a fair staff illness.

Administration or organizational roles in connection with county fairs are **not appropriate** for county/regional extension educators. Examples of such inappropriate roles include:

1. Serving as fair secretary or manager or superintendent
2. Serving as a voting member of the fair board
3. Booking, contracting, and/or setting up for carnivals or other non-educational entertainment

4. Scheduling or supervising the maintenance and upkeep of the fairgrounds or its buildings
5. Handling fair receipts and/or disbursements, or selling tickets at the fair
6. Employing and/or supervising paid personnel for the fair, including judges and departmental superintendents.

Specific questions regarding roles or responsibilities (and what may or may not be appropriate at each given fair) should be discussed between the Extension Educator(s), the Area Extension Director and the Fair Board.