

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2019
5. Citizen Input
6. Educators Reports – Written
7. Department Head/Area Director Report
 - a. Madison merger/acquisition updates
 - i. E-MAIL migration issues, county e-mail continuation
 - b. Legislative Days – general discussion/evaluation
8. Travel requests (if any)
9. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates.
10. Adjourn

The Committee welcomes all visitors to listen and observe, but only Committee members and those invited to speak will be permitted to do so. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to attend or participate should contact the County Administrator's Office at (920) 388-7164 prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.

A majority of the members of the County Board of Supervisors or any of its committees including: Finance & Public Property, Personnel, Advisory & Legislative, Health, Child Support, & Veterans Service, Human Services, Aging Services Unit Advisory, Extension Education, County Farm, & Zoning, Law Enforcement & Emergency Management, Land & Water Conservation, Highway & Solid Waste, Promotion & Recreation, and others may be present at this meeting to listen, observe, and participate. If a majority of any such committee is present, their presence constitutes a "meeting" under the Open Meeting Law as interpreted in State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board, 173 Wis. 2d 553 (1993), even though the visiting body will take no action at this meeting.

Kewaunee County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Renee Koenig
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University of Wisconsin-Extension

Report for April 2019

Civility Training – On March 19, Cathy Pabich presented on the topic of civility and how Civility Projects make a positive difference in communities. I planned this educational presentation for the Kewaunee County Association for Home and Community Education, Inc (HCE) and it was open to the public. The program was well attended and participants expressed interest in having the presentation repeated for additional audiences in the county.

Farm Family Stress – I presented on the topic of mental health at the event for Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times in Green Bay on March 20th. Aeric and Agriculture colleagues from surrounding counties planned the additional presentations at this event.

May is Mental Health Month – This year again for national May is Mental Health Month, I will be promoting awareness and education in collaboration with the Live Algoma Emotional Well-being coalition. Our UW-Extension website has resources and information at <https://kewaunee.extension.wisc.edu/mental-health-awareness-and-education/farm-stress/>.

Aging Mastery Program – Another series of the Aging Mastery Program is being offered in Algoma starting April 2, 2019. This is a 10-week program with topics on aging and wellness including financial health, community engagement, and healthy relationships. I am conducting a six month follow up to the class that was held in Kewaunee last fall to measure the impact on quality of life in Kewaunee County.

Parenting Classes for Caregivers of Children with Special Needs – The 6-week program called Powerful Tools for Caregivers was a success. There was excellent participation and the final survey feedback indicates that 100% of participants (grandparents and parents) are more confident caregivers than they were before taking the class. This was the first time the class was offered in Kewaunee County. It is a national evidence-based program. The Brown County ADRC was impressed with our program and called me to see what we did to achieve success. The partnership between UW-Extension, the ADRC of the Lakeshore and other community groups is also a benefit of this program.

Money as You Grow and Money Smart Week – I am developing financial education programming for Money Smart Week, March 30-April 6, to be offered at the public libraries. I will be presenting to parents on the importance of introducing children to money concepts through books they read together.

Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for April 10, 2019

Youth Livestock Programs – I taught the face-to-face Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program to 14 4-H kids in Kewaunee County. YQCA is required by all youth who want to participate in the livestock auction at the fair, showing any species of animal (except horse). YQCA is a national curriculum and I need to get recertified every year in order to teach the program. The program is available online, but face-to-face is made available to youth grades 3-5 or first year members regardless of age.

I served as a judge for the state youth livestock quiz bowl in Madison. I help the youth livestock specialist every March and serve as an official for the quiz bowl portion of the event. This year 44 teams from across Wisconsin participated.



As part of my agreement with Door County, I had the opportunity to hold a youth livestock program for the livestock auction participants. My program focused on what the judge is looking for, carcass quality, and identifying meat cuts. Door Karma farm assisted me with the program and provided several cuts of meat for the kids to identify. I also provided some cuts of lamb and beef. The program was very well received and evaluations showed they improved their knowledge on live evaluation, carcass quality, and meat cut identification.

Professional Development – I attended the annual Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin conference in Madison and attended programs on calf care and antibiotic resistance. I also networked with agriculture professionals on upcoming projects and programs in 2019. The Extension Dairy team is an exhibitor in the trade show and as part of the registration, members of the dairy team can attend seminars and learning opportunities. The Extension Dairy Team was also an exhibitor at the Wisconsin Public Service Farm Show. I worked the show on day and made several contacts with people from Kewaunee County I have never worked with before, which is a positive outcome. I am following up with those people on their questions and will probably work with them more in the future.

September -- May the eastern Wisconsin agriculture agents meet monthly for professional development. The March meeting was held at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center and at a local dairy in Manitowoc County. The time was also used to discuss upcoming programming.

Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times – The Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times meeting is a program developed and held by the agriculture agents in Manitowoc, Calumet, Fond du Lac, and Ozaukee/Washington. There was local interest to hold the meeting in our area, so a planning committee developed to hold a meeting in Green Bay. The meeting had about 25 attendees and speakers included Renee Koenig (Taking Care of You), GreenStone Farm Credit (current lending and financials on farms), and Rock River Laboratories (addressing winter kill and feed quality issues). The program will probably be held again next winter, but earlier in the season to coincide with the meeting held in the southern part of the region.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

May 2019

Legislative Days Youth Team: Ten youth, an adult chaperone, and I had the opportunity represent Kewaunee as the youth delegation during the 2019 Door/Kewaunee Legislative Day. Prior to the event, I provided four training sessions that with information, tools, and tips that would be pertinent to meeting with legislators. I worked with the teens on expectations for the day, basic information for meeting with legislators, we discussed in depth the topics that will be on the



agenda, created speaking points, practiced delivering the agenda topics, talked about basic Kewaunee/Door information, and prepared them to work in their teams. As we worked through the topics, you could see how the teens have personal experiences with a number of these topic areas and are excited to meet with the legislators. This is a great experience for the teens to work in partnership with adults on topics that can have a direct impact on Kewaunee County. They are able to see the democratic process in action and have the opportunity to use their voice to make a difference. Talking to the students after the event, it was clear that they had gained confidence in their abilities, had made new connection to the community, and knew that they could make appointments to talk with legislators as citizens in their district. Others learned valuable lessons on opposing viewpoints and how to communicate about a topic succinctly. Throughout the years, I have taken a number of students on this experience and have observed few common threads. Often they are intimidated when we first start but the more we practice, their comfort level increases – by the time it is over, it is one that they always want to participate in again. The youth that take part in the experience look at what is happening in the community in a different way and seem to feel more connected to the adults they interacted with throughout the experience. Last, by maybe most importantly, they feel more confident using their voice as a catalyst for change, are better speakers, and often volunteer to lead in different capacities than they have in the past.



Project Day: The Kewaunee County annual Project Day was held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 9:30am until 2:45 pm. Approximately 100 participants plus their parents took part in this fun, educational day. Youth (both 4-H and non 4-H members) participated in four hands-on project classes throughout the day. Youth could choose from the thirteen available classes based on their interests. Older 4-H youth members and adults conducted classes on topics ranging from wildlife activities and learning about chickens to crafty science and cake decorating. This low cost program provides a safe, fun, and interactive day of activities for the youth. Not only does the program provide the youth with new life skills, but it also is a good method for promoting the 4-H program in Kewaunee County.

Facilitating Achieving the Extension Mission through Volunteers Online Training: I was selected to facilitate the online course focused on training Extension professionals from throughout the country on the subject of working with volunteers. This is a multi-week training started at the end of January and ran through the March. During the course, members are part of a training cohort and facilitators use a variety of online learning methods and tools to work with the learners. Additionally, I presented two webinars for the course in March with two colleagues from the upper Midwest.

STAR (Students Talking About Respect): In March, we had our third meeting with 6th grade girls at a local middle school on the topic of relational aggression/bullying and leadership. We talked about being change markers in our communities and worked on two projects with the girls – one on the attributes they had to make change and other great traits others thought they had and a group project that focused on a positive change they would like to see in their school or community. I work in cooperation with Carol Stuebs from Human Services while the staff from the Violence Intervention Project (VIP) work with the boys in 6th grade on similar topics. In February, we worked through an activity on characteristics of leaders the girls would like to emulate and random acts of kindness.