

**AGENDA (Amended)**  
**Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting**  
**810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI**  
**Wednesday, August 7, 2019**  
**8:30 AM**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of July 3, 2019
5. Citizen Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Discussion
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Rob Burke
  - a. County budget: calendar, cost to continue, and process - Discussion
  - b. Joint Meeting September 5<sup>th</sup> 1 pm, Peninsular Ag Research Station. - Discussion
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.

**Aerica Bjurstrom**  
Agriculture Agent  
Prepared for August 7, 2019

**Dairy Workers' Training** – A team of educators are working on revamping the Dairy Workers' Training modules. All six modules are National Association of County Agriculture Agents national award winning programs. I co-wrote the cattle handling module in 2008 and am currently the update project leader. The update will include more short videos and added material addressing moving down cows, using cow peer pressure to move cattle without having to touch them, and including additional worker safety topics.\

**Dana Farm Project** – Continued work with the Promotion and Recreation Department on the Dana Farm Project. The project will include an ice skating rink and warming shed donated by contributions from the 2017 Farm Technology Days show. Updates will also be made on the Ransom Moore Cabin. The Farm Technology Days Community Project committee is currently getting bids on the project and plans to present final plans to the Promotion and Recreation Committee in late summer or early fall.

**Kewaunee County Fair** – I attended the Kewaunee County Fair and fulfilled duties mostly helping with livestock shows, entry day, weigh-ins, and where needed. I also serve on the Dairy Futurity committee and assist the announcer at the show. I also evaluate milk production records (and determine the winner) for the junior, open, and futurity dairy shows.

**Youth Programs** – Presented a youth program on carcass evaluation for Oconto County youth livestock participants. The program focused on how live judging and ultrasound carcass judging are different.

I evaluated dairy management projects for Fond du Lac County dairy project members. The youth participate in a year-round project program where they tour several dairy farms and prepare a presentation on what they learned on the tour and how they can implement aspects of different farm management practices on their own farm.

**Mental Health Public Hearing** – Attended a public hearing on farmer mental health. The program was held at the National Farm Medicine Center in Marshfield and included presenters from the Farm Medicine Center, Extension, and the Department of Ag, Trade, and Consumer Protection. It also included a farmer panel. Mental health in agriculture is combatting the stigma of seeking help and Extension is working hard to be part of the group leading the effort.

**Program Planning** – I am actively planning the fall beef cow/calf meetings in four locations in Wisconsin. Corn planting was delayed this year, so corn silage dry down is not planned yet. Once corn starts to silk/tassel, we can set the dates since we usually plan dry down about 45 days after silk/tassel. Unfortunately, corn was planted in a very broad window from mid-May to mid-July, it will be difficult to set a date that works for everyone. We will probably do three dry downs spanning 3-4 weeks.

## Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

August 2019



**Kewaunee County Fair:** I spent a considerable amount of time in July with the Kewaunee County Fair. Approximately, 450 youth displayed their talents by showing around 5000 projects. Everything from cultural arts to animals showcased the hard work and dedication that youth put into their projects throughout the year. In addition, the fair allows the community to see all of the great activities and projects that 4-H youth are participating in all year long.

Furthermore, youth not only show their projects during the fair but also display great sportsmanship and youth

leadership. In many cases, community members can witness youth working together to help prepare the best project possible, even when they are competing against each other. Also, they congratulate each other when someone does really well. This is when you find the difference between blue ribbon projects and blue ribbon youth. Blue ribbon youth represent the best attitudes, teamwork, and sportsmanship that they can offer.



**Leader Orientation:** I continue to provide trainings throughout the summer as there are more volunteers that need to be trained. The state 4-H office requires every 4-H volunteer to attend an orientation, submit to a background check, and sign a behavioral expectation form. The orientation is designed to help new leaders understand the laws regarding child protection and risk management policies, give an overview of how 4-H works within a community, and some general information on child development. I typically conduct these trainings face-to-face either as a group or individual session throughout the year. In addition, I have been working with colleagues to pilot online orientation for the convenience of volunteers that cannot make the orientation training face-to-face due to work or other schedules.

**Round Robin Showmanship at the Kewaunee County Fair:** I have been working with a group of 4-H leaders to plan the annual round robin showmanship contest at the Kewaunee County Fair. In a round robin contest, members that have won senior or advance showmanship for their particular species have the opportunity to compete against one another for top overall showman.

This year Kimberly Van Donsel won the contest and was named the top showmen at the Kewaunee County Fair. In addition to their title and ribbon, the top showmen received a \$500.00 scholarship that was donated by a number of groups and area businesses. All other participants received special ribbons and shirts for their achievement. This contest lends itself to some of the best sportsmanship at the Kewaunee County Fair. The youth in this contest aren't necessary friends, show the same species, or even spend time in the same social circle. They help each other because they are exhibitors that know that winning a ribbon or placing first is not the important product of a contest. It is how you treat others and your animals that really matters. I could not be more proud of these 4-H members. They truly embodied the principles of the 4-H program.

**4-H Teen Association:** The teen association is made up of 4-H members in grades 7 -13 and the group works on a number of different projects and activities throughout the year ranging from educating youth, adults, and community member to 4-H promotion and providing opportunities for teens to develop leadership skills in a positive and inclusive environment. In addition, the teens complete fundraisers throughout the year to fund their activities. The group had one of their summer outings where they went to an escape room to try their hand at working together to beat a giant room puzzle in under an hour. This was a great activity that boasted teamwork, communication, creative thinking, and thinking on your feet. The group worked through a number of puzzles and were able to beat the escape room before time was called. It was a great teambuilding experience for the group.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Enrollments:** We are working with the 4-H club to re-enroll 4-H members for 2019-2020. I will be spending time working with leaders and families over the next few months to enroll in 4-H. Re-enrolling members will receive some extra time to enroll in the 4-H program. New members are able to enroll throughout the year. However, new members need to enroll by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to be eligible to show at the 2020 Kewaunee County Fair.

**Kewaunee County Extension Education Committee**  
**Renee Koenig**  
**Associate Professor, Human Development and Relationships Educator**  
**University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension**

**Report for August 2019**

**Statewide Co-Parenting Team-** As the statewide program team leader for co-parenting education, I am writing the annual plan of work, developing curriculum materials, mentoring and training new colleagues and continuing to teach classes to co-parents in Kewaunee and Manitowoc counties.

**Consumer Requests** – Throughout the year, I receive requests for information from families and consumers. The requests include information on food preservation and food safety, healthy home cleaning, financial planning, community resources, family caregiving, self-care, stress management, parenting and grandparenting concerns, phone scams, online safety, identity theft, etc. I connect residents to local resources when appropriate and I disseminate research-based resources from Universities and government websites.

The top five websites I use most are:

1. <https://parenting.extension.wisc.edu/>
2. <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/safepreserving/>
3. <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/>
4. <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/>
5. <https://datcp.wi.gov/>



**Health Literacy Program for Kewaunee County Families** – I am working with Extension FoodWise Educator, Imelda Delchambre to help families learn about healthy living through a Health Literacy Program (photos above). The children and families learn lessons in healthy eating and physical activity. The importance of reading books with children is also part of the program. Families are taught dialogic reading or interactive reading skills as a method for adults and children to read books together and discuss the books to build their language and literacy skills. Research shows that individuals with higher literacy skills are healthier. Kewaunee County Birth to Three and Families First Coordinator, Carol Stuebs, is a key partner in this program and she demonstrates for parents how to read with infants and toddlers using board books and sensory books. We know that early literacy skills predict future success in school and overall health and well-being, that's why this program is so important. The Health Literacy Program is geared toward Latino families and English Language Learners. It is held at a community park in the summer. The families were given story books to take home and keep.