

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
8:30 AM
Expo Hall, Small Conference Room
625 3rd St, Luxemburg, WI *

** Note change in the usual meeting location*

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of January 2, 2019
5. Citizen Input
6. Dog Damage.
7. Educators Reports – Written and Discussion/Questions with Committee
8. Department Head/Area Director Report
 - a. New branding, name, logo of Extension
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.

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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 February 13, 2019

Producer Meetings – Attended the Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times meeting in Manitowoc County. The program is geared towards agriculture professionals who work with farmers. The agenda includes finances, mental and emotional well-being, and herd nutrition. I am on the planning committee for similar meeting will be held in Green Bay in March. Agenda and registration can be found at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/dairy/events/supporting-farmers-during-challenging-times-5/>

Program planning – Programming planning for 2019 continues. Besides working on the Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times, I am also on the planning committee for a goat AI course that will be held in Fond du Lac County during the summer. The dates are not set yet, we are waiting for the instructor to let us know those details. I have hosted a goat AI course individually in Kewaunee County, but this year we are taking a team approach to hosting the meeting so we can share the workload. I am also working on a new program with four educators on improving the quality of a cull cow. The program will include fact sheets, a PowerPoint, and worksheets/decision tools to help farmers make a decision to cull a cow based on his or her best options.

As a member of the three-person beef team, I will be planning the beef cow/calf meetings for early summer. Currently I am also planning the spring sixth grade Conservation Tour, working on securing locations and communicating with schools. The conservation tour is set for May 15. I am also working on Rural Safety Day details, securing speakers, grant writing, and organizing other details of the event. Rural Safety Day is set for May 22.

Master Gardeners – Started a new Master Gardener Volunteer class this month with 11 participants. Class will take place Tuesday nights through the end of May. I have guest speakers lined up for some of the classes and some classes will take place off site for “field trips” including an apple orchard for the fruits class and a soil pit for the soils class.

Farm Technology Days – Work continues on Farm Technology Days profit distribution. Grants have been awarded and the scholarship committee is currently evaluating submissions. Work will continue on the Dana Farm project with hopes of opening the ice skating rink and warming shed for the 2019-2020 winter season.

Kewaunee County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Renee Koenig
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Report for February 2019

Brain Health – I am presenting a workshop on Brain Health for the Kewaunee County Association for Home & Community Education on February 13. I am bringing in a guest speaker from the Alzheimer's Association for a segment of the workshop.

Rural Safety Day – Planning has already begun for the annual Rural Safety Day for 3rd grade students. The event will be held at the fairgrounds on May 22.

Check Your Credit Report - Because credit reports are so important to everyday life (they can affect obtaining an affordable loan or insurance policy, getting a job, or renting a home), Federal law gives everyone the right to request three free credit reports each year. And yet the Federal Trade Commission reports that only one out of every three Wisconsin adults checks their free credit report each year, making Wisconsin the sixth lowest of all the states. The University of Wisconsin-Extension's "Check Your Free Credit Report: 2/2, 6/6, 10/10" campaign wants to turn those numbers around by making it easier to remember to order a free credit report. Anyone can sign up to receive an email reminder from UW-Extension three times a year—on 2/2, 6/6, and 10/10—on the campaign's website: fyi.uwex.edu/creditreport. You can request the reports from AnnualCreditReport.com—one each from the three credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

Parenting Education – I am partnering with my colleague in Clark County to offer an 8-week class for parents of 4-8 year olds. The learning objectives focus on teaching children how to problem-solve to reduce tantrums and other behavior concerns. The class is delivered via Internet technology so that parents can participate and interact with each other from their own homes.

Raising Caring Kids – The Raising Caring Kids program is a new family-friendly resource from the University of Wisconsin Extension. The resource is free for schools to deliver to parents of 1st-5th graders that offers ways to build children's social and emotional learning. I have contacted several schools to share this resource.

Farm Stress event – I will be presenting on the topic of mental health at the event for Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times in Green Bay on March 20th. Aerica and her Ag colleagues have been planning for additional presentations at this event.

Resiliency for Families and Communities – The topic of resilience has been discussed at numerous meetings that I attend locally and statewide. Research shows that resilience leads to a better quality of life for individuals and for the communities where they live. I have planned to focus my work in 2019 on promoting resilience for families and our communities. I have started to add educational information on this topic to our website <https://kewaunee.extension.wisc.edu/mental-health-awareness-and-education/>.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Children with Special Needs – This 6-week class is designed to support parents or grandparents who are caring for a child of any age (minor or adult) who has special health or behavioral needs. The curriculum focuses on the unique challenges that these parents face. Caregivers who attend the program experience better emotional well-being, increased use of self-care behaviors, and increased awareness and use of community resources. The classes are held in Luxemburg on Thursday evenings in partnership with the ADRC of the Lakeshore.