

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
County Board Room
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Rob Burke
8. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates.
9. Adjourn

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Renee Koenig
Associate Professor, Human Development & Relationships Educator
Report for April 2020

Resources for Families During COVID-19

With all of the cancellations and postponing of educational programs, you might think that the Extension workload has decreased and the pace of work has slowed down. This is not the case. Instead we are racing to stay ahead of potential family and community problems with prevention education delivered electronically. In just the past three weeks, I have quickly adapted my programs to online formats, I am responding to new family education needs, finding new ways to connect with consumers and colleagues. I am involved in several work teams with my colleagues around the state and we are working quickly to get helpful resources into the hands of families. Here are a few examples of Extension resources for families during this unusual time (you can click these links to see the webpages):

[Parenting and Family Relationships](#)
[Finances in Tough Times](#)
[Emergency Financial Resources](#)
[Free Meals for Children & Food Pantry Lists](#)
[Mental Health and addressing social isolation](#)
[Exercises](#) -videos for at home
[Food Safety](#) and [Home Cleaning & Disinfecting](#)
<https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus>
[Resources in Spanish](#)

[Home Alone Safety Program for Children](#) - The online parent and youth videos proved to be very helpful during this time. The local schools were grateful to receive this resource from me right before schools closed so they could share it with families.

State Leadership of Co-Parenting Education Team - I continue to lead Extension's statewide Co-Parenting Education Team. The courts continue to mandate our classes for divorcing parents. I have led a process to continue to offer this education in video formats, teleconferences and through mailed workbook assignments. I also manage our state team budget, communicate with colleagues in twenty counties, and identify needed changes to the program and curriculum. We have adapted quickly to keep this education program available and effective during this time of stay-at-home orders.

Reaching Out to Agency Partners - In addition to my efforts to reach families and consumers with the latest resources, I have reached out to nearly 45 agency partners in the community to help disseminate and distribute these resources. There is a lot of information being shared from several sources and I have encouraged families and consumers to use resources from Extension and other credible sources. Here is an email that you should have received from me with ten helpful resources. (See below)

From: Renee Koenig <renee.koenig@wisc.edu>

Subject: Kewaunee UW-Extension COVID-19 Resources for Families

Good afternoon,

I am sharing several links below that you might find helpful as we learn more about coronavirus. Here's my top 10 list:

1. Is There Enough Food? <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/safepreserving/2020/03/30/food-safety-in-the-time-of-covid-19-is-there-enough-food/>
2. Cleaning & Disinfecting - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/safepreserving/2020/03/26/food-safety-in-the-time-of-covid-19-cleaning-disinfecting/>
3. Exercise At Home Video <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/strongbodies/for-participants/>
4. Financial Resources to share with your family and friends- <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/toughtimes/covid-19-financial-resources/>
5. A Doctor Visit from Home: What is Telemedicine? https://ac72af76-3ad0-4b89-8504-21f337a04378.filesusr.com/ugd/c73b28_c61436b0d58e4314ac5e4023258d68f0.pdf
6. Coronavirus Scams to Avoid <https://www.ncoa.org/blog/4-coronavirus-scams-to-avoid/>
7. Resources for Older Adults & Caregivers <https://www.ncoa.org/covid-19-resources-for-older-adults/>
8. Being Calm and Prepared for COVID-19: <https://kewaunee.extension.wisc.edu/being-calm-and-prepared-for-covid-19/>
9. Connection During Social Distancing https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/news/2020/03/27/social-distancing/?fbclid=IwAR3mVt_JBzKCr-kMKySNx8d9ex7IbkQYw_uZ39VsAQJmQCxltkc6qa8dzus
10. Talking to Kids About COVID-19 https://news.wisc.edu/talking-to-kids-about-covid-19-uw-madison-expert-offers-tips/?utm_source=Center+for+Healthy+Minds&utm_campaign=d552d1adf1-Mar2019_DNewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cce2315563-d552d1adf1-8793269&fbclid=IwAR2YnUh1ZtAusDupZO0yQQkxfUzmz5rs67QWYcNRZyxxUe-1uxX3kxtlHK

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If you find these resources helpful, let me know.



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Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator

April 2020

Livestock Judging Meeting with State Specialist: I worked with Bernie O'Rourke, state youth livestock specialist to have a zoom with our livestock judging team and cover some topics that needed special training that were not able to provide locally. I invited members to come to our office (this was at the beginning of the month before Covid directives were put into place) and we were able to interface with her using Zoom. Youth learned about several topics including beef grading, percent muscle, giving reasons, and some general judging information. It was a great session of learning for both youth members and volunteers.

Project Day: Project Day was not able to be held as scheduled. All the events being cancelled for 50+ people due to Covid-19 began the week that Project Day was scheduled to happen. It was disappointing to cancel the day for the youth participants, presenters, volunteers, and myself. However, safety and following state office directives needed to remain at the forefront of this experience. Therefore, on a very short turn around, I spent time connecting with all of the volunteers and families, ensuring that they knew that the day was cancelled – this happened through e-mail, follow-up phone calls, social media posts, and additional signage the day the event was set to happen. Prior to the day I had communicated with every family and arranged for any needed participant and volunteer reimbursements with the Leaders Association treasurer. This event will be arranged again for next year.

Statewide Online Zoom Training: Zoom is the platform that we are using to conduct many of our virtual meetings and teaching opportunities. However, two colleagues and I noticed that there was a missing piece - Do participants know how to use this new platform? The state 4-H office asked us to create videos for 4-H volunteers and families on how to use this tool. At the end of March, we created and edited scripts for two videos, one on the basic features of Zoom and the other on how to conduct an online meeting using Zoom. We also began the recording process for the videos and getting them ready to be reviewed. We hope that this will be released in April for 4-H volunteers, families, and anyone in Extension that needs help with basics of Zoom.

Virtual Swine and Sheep Nutrition Meetings: We were able to partner with Lance Miller from Land O'Lakes Inc. to provide nutrition meetings for both sheep and swine. The meetings were originally scheduled to be "in person" but he was able to adapt his presentation to a virtual format and was still able to work with our county project members. He was an interesting and engaging speaker that the kids responded well to, even in an online setting.

Virtual County Project and Club Meetings: The directives due to Covid 19 brought an opportunity to collaborate, meet, and teach in different ways. We needed to change some of the meeting requirements for the year and it gave the opportunity to creatively offer education in different ways. I am working with volunteers and community partners to continue offering meetings and educational experiences for young people and volunteers in Kewaunee County and have offered other counties to join our offerings as appropriate. We have held several meetings already and more are planned for the upcoming month. While this has been a transition for family 4-H families and volunteers, they have taken it in stride and are readily participating in the educational offerings and meetings.

Facilitating Achieving the Extension Mission through Volunteers Online Training: I completed this online course facilitating this online course in March. As a reminder, I was selected to facilitate this online course focused on training Extension professionals from throughout the country on the subject of working with volunteers using the ISOTURE model. 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. This has been a great opportunity to both use my skills and build new ones.



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Agriculture Agent
Prepared for May 2020

During the Safer at Home directive, my methods of reaching my audience has changed to exclusively online for the foreseeable future. Extension professionals are not to meet with any clients in person and must adhere strictly to the UW-Madison's quarantine guidelines. The Zoom online meeting platform is UW-Madison's preferred method of communication, therefore anytime "Zoom" is referenced in this report, it means it was an online video meeting.

- Weekly Zoom updates and correspondence with program area
- Weekly Zoom with the Dean of Extension
- Weekly Zoom with Area 12 (Door, Kewaunee)
- Weekly Emergency Operations Center Brief
- Twice weekly program planning Zoom (Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times)
- Weekly Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times Webinar
- Weekly Reduction in Milk Production Workgroup Zoom
- Every other week Dairy Workers' Training Workgroup Zoom
- Monthly Master Gardener Program Zoom
- Other planning meeting Zooms/webinars I have participated in during the month of April
 - Epsilon Sigma Phi scholarship meetings (2)
 - Dairy Beef workgroup planning meetings (2)
 - Considerations for land spreading of milk
 - Wisconsin Association of County Agriculture Agents Meeting
 - Epsilon Sigma Phi annual meeting
 - Livestock auction meeting
 - Kewaunee County Dairy Promotion
 - Kewaunee County Dairy Futurity

Land Rent Survey – I completed the land rent survey analysis and presented a webinar on March 31 and another on April 16. I developed a PowerPoint presentation and recorded it so those who were not able to attend the webinar could watch it at their convenience. It was equipped with closed captioning before being posted the Kewaunee County Extension website. I also wrote a fact sheet that was also posted on the Kewaunee County website at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/kewauneeag/farm-asset-rental-rates/>

Reporting – Extension educators need to report weekly on work they've been doing, plus COVID-19-specific work. I spend approximately 1-3 hours a week working on reporting into the Extension's online system. I also report weekly to the USDA on the crop progress report.

Media Interviews – I have done multiple media interviews via Zoom and phone during the month of April for TV and radio. Typically the interviews focus on how farmers are faring through the COVID-19 pandemic and how the dramatic drop in commodity prices have impacted their businesses.

Webinars – I am participating on three workgroups who are focused on developing and sharing information for farmers during the COVID-19 Pandemic and beyond. Webinars I was part of planning and carrying out in April are:

- Growing and feeding alternative forages
- Dairy Policy & Supply Chain Disruption
- Crop Update & Feeding Byproducts
- Marketing grain and beef during Covid-19
- Reducing Milk Production

New Materials Developed – In the month of April, I developed two new fact sheets (one on land rent, and one on marketing cull cows). The cull cow fact sheet is part of a series of fact sheets developed for farmers to manage milk production during COVID-19. During this time, dairy farmers have seen milk prices decline by almost half since January and some have been forced to dump milk because of the disruption in processing. I also wrote two PowerPoint presentations and presented one and will present another in the month of May.

Dairy Workers' Training revision – The Dairy Workers' Training series of learning modules are being revamped to include a new look, material, and videos. I am working with a small subgroup focusing on Cattle Handling. I originally wrote the module in 2008, and am working now with the Animal Well Being Specialist and another county agent to revise and update the module. Once travel and on-farm bans are lifted, we will work with a Kewaunee County farm to film the new videos that will be included in the revised module.

Media and social media program promotion – I am working with another county agent to keep the Dairy Team social media account updated with program promotion from around the state. We have developed a consistent look for all COVID-19 posts, program series posts, and we are promoting programs happening in all parts of Wisconsin related to dairy. The increased traffic on the page has increased page likes by approximately 20 new people a week.

Other projects in April – The Kewaunee County Fair livestock auction lamb weigh in was canceled, so auction lamb submissions needed to be done electronically. I developed a submission form via Qualtrics that was sent to all potential participants, it was accessible via smartphone or computer. The form made uploading photos of the lambs easy and quick for all the participants without having to leave home!

I continue to meet with groups I met with before Safer at Home, but by Zoom. Dairy Promotion continues to meet even though Breakfast on the Farm has been canceled for 2020. We have hosts set through 2023 and are working to get dairy products to school children and provide coupons for each of the local grocery stores.

The Kewaunee County Dairy Futurity met in April to discuss the 2020 show, which would happen during the county fair. The group is waiting to hear whether or not there will be a fair, and if there is, in what capacity. After the fair makes a decision, the group will meet again via Zoom and move forward with the necessary plans.

Farm Technology Days projects continue to move forward. The ice skating warming shed at the Dana Farm site is under construction and will continue through the summer. If weather is favorable for construction, the ice skating area should be ready for the 2020-2021 winter season. The scholarship submission deadline was mid-April and a good pool of applications were submitted. The committee will evaluate the applications and select winners in the coming weeks. I will follow up with the winners and do a media push to announce the winners to the public. I will also follow up with each of the winners to mail their checks to them.