

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
County Board Room
810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, June 2, 2021
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Narrative/Q/A (VIA REMOTE/ZOOM)
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Judy Knudsen
 - a. Extension Updates
8. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates.
9. 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.



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Prepared for June 2, 2021

Scissor Clips – The first crop harvest is the highest yielding and highest quality crop harvested each year.



Timely harvest and proper storage is critical for dairy operators to guarantee top quality forage to feed the herd throughout the year. The scissor clips project is an annual project that monitors quality and height of alfalfa in pre-determined sites in Kewaunee, Door, and an added site in Brown County in 2021. Host sites provide a field of new seeded alfalfa (within the last two years). I select sites that represent different microclimates found in Kewaunee County. I always have a lakeshore site, an inland site, and a site in Door County. Since the Brown County agriculture educator position is vacant, I added a Greenleaf site this year to represent the dairy-heavy area of the county. I collect

samples twice a week and host farms received a complete analysis of the sample. Basic results that include Protein, Acid Detergent Fiber, Neutral Detergent Fiber, and Relative Feed Value are shared with a mailing list that reaches over 300 farmers and agriculture professionals.

Walking Strong Hoof Health Series – The Walking Strong Hoof Health Series is a series of three webinars featuring Dr. Dorte Dopfer from the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Dopfer is an expert in digital dermatitis, a chronic contagious hoof health disease in cattle. The program consisted of two programs presented in Spanish, and one presented in English. I presented on footbath management during one of the sessions. Proper footbath management is a critical aspect of hoof health and the prevention of spread of digital dermatitis. The program I presented had attendees (via Zoom) from Wisconsin, Germany, and Ukraine.

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) – The annual JCEP conference was held virtually again this year and I attended general sessions, presented a session, and attended the annual Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) meeting and the Wisconsin Association of County Agriculture Agents (WACAA) annual meeting. I am on the ESP as a county representative through spring 2022 and am the president elect for WACAA (2022-2023). I received a WACAA Communication award for Computer Generated Slides, my submission was a state and regional winner.

Pesticide Applicator Exam – I proctored Pesticide Applicator Exams for five people in May. The program was not taught in person this year and has transitioned to an online format. In the case where someone has poor internet access, I can proctor the exam for them and submit the forms to the Department of

Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection. The exam was held on a local farm and people from another farm were able to also take their exam with the host farm employees.

Program planning – I am working on my 18-month plan of work, which is due at the end of June. I will focus on dairy programming and dial back my typical co-focus on dairy and livestock. I will continue my work with the dairy X beef cross calf research and will begin follow-up weighing and measuring of groups of calves enrolled in the project over winter. I will also start surveys at farms who use beef sires on their herd. Other dairy programming will focus on herd health and I will continue my Five Minute Farm Focus videos through the summer.

Weathering the storm: Preparing for the 2021 financial and climate unknown – The Zoom webinar

replaced the Ag Lenders Update meeting that would have normally been held in May. The program featured speakers Katelyn McCullock, “Dairy and Crop Outlook: Key Drivers”, Director and Senior Agricultural Economist, Livestock Marketing Information Center, Denver Colorado; John Shutske, “Brain Fitness for Top Performer Decision-Making” Extension Biological Systems Engineering Specialist UW-Madison; Jerry Clark, “Wisconsin’s Changing Weather Impact on Agriculture” Extension Chippewa County, Kevin Jarek, Extension Outagamie County, and Scott Reuss, Extension Marinette County “Eastern Wisconsin Crops and Stored Crops Situation Update. The program was attended by 55 people and will be available as a recording will be available online after it is prepared for general release. The annual fall meeting is scheduled to happen in September at Liberty Hall in Kimberly.



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Weathering the Storm: Preparing for the 2021 financial and climate unknown
Part of the Eastern Wisconsin Ag-Business Update Meeting
May 21, 2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Agenda:

- Dairy and Crop Outlook: Key Drivers**
Katelyn McCullock, Director and Senior Agricultural Economist, Livestock Marketing Information Center, Denver, Colorado
- Brain Fitness for Top Performer Decision-Making**
John Shutske, Extension Biological Systems Engineering Specialist
- Wisconsin's Changing Weather Impact on Agriculture**
Jerry Clark, Extension Chippewa County Agriculture Educator
- Eastern WI Crops and Stored Crops Situation**
Kevin Jarek, Extension Outagamie County Agriculture Agent and Scott Reuss, Extension Marinette and Oconto Counties Agriculture Agent

Register by 5:00 PM May 20: <https://u.wisc.edu/5/21>

This program is being sponsored by the Wisconsin Division of Extension offices: Brown, Calumet, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Outagamie, Oconto, Shawano, Trempealeau, Washburn, Winnebago, Wisconsin.

In the news –

News stories or articles I appeared in during the month of May:

Soil is dry right now, but one Kewaunee farmer says conditions are better than years past (May 21, FOX 11)

<https://fox11online.com/news/local/soil-is-dry-right-now-but-one-kewaunee-farmer-says-conditions-are-better-than-years-past>

Stress continues to grow for farmers (May 2021, Door County Daily News)

<https://doorcountydailynews.com/news/571495>



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Associate Professor, Human Development & Relationships Educator
Report for June 2021

Rural Safety Day- Although we were unable to offer the traditional educational program at the fairgrounds this year, I worked with Aerica and Jill to provide activity booklets to the students and teachers along with web-based learning resources.

Mental Health First Aid for Adults Assisting Youth- I continue to instruct this full day course for adults. It is an intense topic and requires a great amount of preparation to teach but it continues to be in large demand by the public.

Community Partnerships - In the past few weeks, I have initiated meetings and traveled to re-introduce myself to new employees or meet again with old familiar faces in the community who were unable to meet in person during the pandemic. I am working with community agencies and partnering with organizations to extend the educational outreach of my Extension programs. Examples of partners include: VIP, schools, libraries, food pantries, churches, daycares, etc.

Awards and Scholarly Work- In May, I attended the Joint Council of Extension Professionals annual conference and I received two awards of recognition for my work this past year. One of the awards that I received was a Diversity Team award from the Epsilon Sigma Phi Wisconsin Chapter for professional excellence related to my work in reducing ageism. I also received the Wisconsin Extension Association Family Consumer Science award for my aging diversity program work in partnership with my colleague, Mary Ann Schilling, from Waushara County.

Regional Outreach: Supporting Farm Families - To the right is a copy of an article in the Door County Daily News along with my recorded radio voice clip from earlier this month. I worked with Aerica to provide farm families with resources to support positive mental health. I also worked with Erin Dahle in our office to promote social media outreach during May is Mental Health Awareness Month. We reached Door, Kewaunee and Manitowoc County farms with this information.



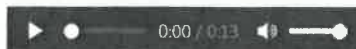
Stress continues to grow for farmers

Posted About A Week Ago by Tim Kowols

They are good at caring for their animals and their land, but even some farmers admit they are not so good at making sure they are okay.

Webinars and pocket guides are just some of the ways UW-Extension is reaching out to farmers to make sure farm families take care of themselves mentally and emotionally as well as physically. The Wisconsin State Farmer reported last year that farmers were among the most likely to kill themselves compared to other occupations. Falling commodity prices, growing farm debt, and the everyday pressures of farming are to blame for the jump which inspired similar stress and mental health awareness efforts for farmers nationwide.

Kewaunee County UW Extension Human Development and Relationship Educator Renee Koenig says farmers are resilient, but they often need to be told that they need help.



Koenig advises farmers to take a little time for themselves every now and then despite the hustle and bustle that comes with busy times like the planting and harvest seasons. You can find more resources below.



Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator

June 2021

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Virtual Conference: I had the opportunity to attend the State JCEP virtual conference which focused on *Vision To Action: Extension Programs Across Cultures*. I had the opportunity to learn from keynote speakers and colleagues from across the state about expanding access to programming and providing new opportunities for program participation.

At the conference and during our association awards celebration, I was honored to receive a number of awards, including: WAE4-HYDP Distinguished Service Award (honored at the 2021 Fall national conference as well), WAE4-HYDP Excellence in Club Support (Team) for the 2021 Annual Leader Training, WAE4-HYDP Communicator Award - Video Program for the Clover Connections series, WAE4-HYDP Specialty Award Denise Miller Innovator Award - Discover/Explore 4-H program, and the ESP Team Award for Achieving the Extension Mission through Volunteers team.

Calm and Re-center with 4-H Kits: May is Mental Health month and to round out the end of this campaign, I worked with educators from Brown, Door, and Shawano counties to provide free kits that included hands on activities and an instructional video with re-centering approaches. We had 14 young people from Kewaunee County register to receive the kits. We have extra kits that we will be providing for free to any county agency or youth that would like them.

Virtual Positive Youth Development (PYD) Academy: I attended the inaugural academy which is designed to raise awareness and knowledge of the 4-H Thriving Model and to empower 4-H professionals with practical, research-based strategies for helping youth attain a thriving orientation. This was an excellent learning opportunity that had relevant information that we will be able utilize in the county and throughout the state.

Statewide Animal Science Workgroup: I was asked to be a member of the statewide animal science workgroup that is coming together to provide opportunities for young people to participate in statewide 4-H animals science events coming out of this year of Covid preparedness. We are working to give safe, educational experience to young people while following the guidelines to make them happen. Additionally, this group is helping the state office recalibrate the State Animal Science Outreach position description as they are working to re-fill that role.

Virtual, Hybrid, and In-person club and project meeting support I continue to work with several clubs, project groups, and committees to host their meetings by zoom. However, due to the updated guidance and larger group meeting capacity, I am working with several groups to hold in-person meetings and activities as appropriate. This involves preparing the plan, communicating expectations to participants, often pre-registering, and following through with the plan. Groups also complete contact tracing sheets. In addition, I am providing opportunities for groups to meet hybrid with some members present in-person and others connected by zoom. Auction committee for example, has continued to meet by zoom throughout the year and met in person for the first time in May. The 4-H auction committee is moving forward with their event for this year that is held during the Kewaunee County Fair. They will be following 4-H safety guidelines and will provide enhanced safety measures as needed.

Upcoming Events - 4-H Time and Talent Fundraiser: I have been working with a dedicated group of volunteers to plan for this year's event for June 6th. It will look similar to last year and have enhanced safety procedures including having prize pick-up be completed by drive through. New this year, we are offering food pre-orders and carry-outs, an online silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and more. The public will be able to view the prizes through an online Facebook event or in-person through a walk-through prize area. There are some awesome prizes that have been donated by generous community businesses, 4-H clubs and groups, families, and volunteers. For more information about the event please see the website at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/kewaunee4h/2021/05/10/2021-kewaunee-co-4-h-time-and-talent-fundraiser/> or the Facebook event at: <https://fb.me/e/4ZND8oqZd>

<p>KEWAUNEE CO. 4-H</p> <h1>TIME & TALENT RAFFLE</h1> <p>Location: Kewaunee Co. Fairgrounds</p> <p><small>*Please note, we will be using social distance practices for ticket drop off, the raffle drawing, food orders and prize pick up. Please see post below for details.*</small></p>	<p>TICKET DROP-OFF</p> <p>June 5, 10am-1pm</p>
	<p>June 6, 10-11:30am</p>
	<p>FOOD PREORDERS CARRYOUTS - SUN, JUNE 6TH</p>
	<p>ONLINE SILENT AUCTION</p> <p>Closes June 6, 12:00pm</p>
	<p>SOCIALLY DISTANCED RAFFLE DRAWING</p> <p>June 6, 12:30pm</p>