

**AGENDA**  
**Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting**  
**Highway Department Meeting Room**  
**E4280 County Road F, Kewaunee, WI**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**  
**8:30 AM**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the February 3, 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
  - b. Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days
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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### Report for March 2021

#### **Parenting Classes**

I am continuing to offer workshops for parents and caregivers. These families are in complex situations with multiple challenges including financial struggles, legal issues, suicidal teens, substance use and addiction, and cognitive and physical disabilities. Topics and learning objectives include:

- Positive parenting when children have challenging behaviors
- Parental self-efficacy
- Self-care and wellbeing (stress management, anger management, understanding grief)
- Communication skills
- Trauma and mental health awareness
- Money management

#### **Financial Education**

The national Money Smart Week is held in April and I am working on a series of financial education. I am partnering with the Algoma and Kewaunee libraries to promote Money Smart Week and resources.

#### **Aging Health and Wellness – Wise Wednesdays**

A very popular program is Extension's Wise Wisconsin Wednesdays. The weekly lessons are attended by more than 80 participants. The program is geared toward adults over the age of 60. The educators present on life span topics such as: retirement planning, healthy aging, financial goals and social connections.

#### **Mental Health Awareness and Mental Health First Aid**

I am teaching Mental Health First Aid for adults. The course prepares adults to assist individuals in a mental health situation or crisis. I am partnering with my colleague in Manitowoc County to offer the courses.

#### **Presentations to Early Childhood Professionals**

In February, I presented to a statewide audience of more than 140 early childhood professionals. My presentation includes research-informed resources for teachers of young children. The goal was to provide learning and development resources to agencies that promote school readiness for toddlers and pre-school age children. I have contacted the local child care centers to offer a similar presentation.

#### **Impacts of Family Development and Wellbeing Programs**

I continue to record my program results in Extension's statewide database. My records include participation numbers such as workshop attendance, demographics of the learners, and outcomes such as knowledge and skills learned, behavior modifications and qualitative feedback. This tracking and feedback is helpful for me to assess family needs and gaps in community resources. I have created several summary reports for various community leaders.



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Prepared for March 10, 2021

**Farm Ready Research webinar series** – The Farm Ready Research series includes topics on dairy, beef, small ruminants, and farm management. I have been participating in the animal health workgroup and spoke on a webinar in February. My topic was “the Silver Hour, Animal care on the farm and beyond”. My topic focused on addressing cow care at the time of culling and making sound decisions based on her current health and her ability to manage a trip to the sale barn and processing plant.

Based on post-meeting evaluations, respondents indicated 67 percent strongly agreed and 33 percent somewhat agreed the webinar will result in a review or the development of an assessment protocol for cull cows before they leave the farm. Eighty-three percent of respondents indicated they strongly agreed their awareness and knowledge of practices that can positively affect the viability, sustainability, and or the profitability of their farm or the farm(s) they advise increased based on attending the webinar. Comments include: *“This was great, thank you”*; *“Excellent speakers-easy to understand with clear messages and without excess verbiage that makes it difficult to follow. Thank you!!”*; and *“Thank You! Well done!”*

**Webinar guest speaker** – I presented a program similar the Farm Ready Research presentation, however it was more focused on how to improve a market cow on the farm to receive a better price at market. The program was presented to farmers in central Wisconsin as part of the Marketing with Confidence Series of webinars.

**National Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP)** – I virtually attended the National JCEP Conference for professional development opportunities. I attended sessions on virtual learning, technology, and attended the National Association of County Agriculture Agents meeting. My meeting registration was paid by the Wisconsin chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, which I am a board member.

**Epsilon Sigma Phi** – I am a board member of the Wisconsin Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, a professional organization for Extension professionals. I virtually participated in the board meeting this month and served on the awards committee. I judged award applications and participated in an organizational meeting discussing which applications would go on to the national competition. The national meeting will be held in October in Savannah, GA provided COVID restrictions are lifted.

**Pesticide Applicator Training** – Pesticide Applicator Training will be held online with a self-study only this year, but in some cases, applicators cannot take the training or exam online due to lack of a reliable internet connection. In this case, they can purchase the manual and I will proctor the exam. I proctored the exam for two applicators in February.

**Research** – I am working with a small workgroup on a research project focusing on the Phenotype of Dairy Beef cross calves. I was able to collect data on the first 25 calves at a farm in Kewaunee County. Two researchers from UW-Madison were also present and collected 3-D images of the calves for later use. We will return to the farm in April to reweigh and measure the calves. In the meantime, I plan to enroll more calves in the project from the same farm and another one in the county.





**Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update**  
 Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator  
 March 2021

**Virtual and Small Group County Project and Club Meetings:** I continue to work with several clubs, project groups, and committees to host their meetings by zoom. Volunteers, club members, and I have worked together to come up with door drop activities that can be done together or before meetings, fun games, educational experiences, polling activities for voting a much more. Youth members, adult volunteers, and guest speakers have been providing some awesome learning opportunities. As noted in the picture, this is a club member demonstrating how to make “elephant toothpaste” and the science behind it. This is just one example of the many educational and fun activities going on throughout the meetings.



Additionally, I have worked with a number of groups to put together program approval plans to hold in person meetings and activities as appropriate. This involves preparing the plan, having it approved, communicating expectations to participants, often pre-registering, and following through with the plan. Additionally, contact tracing sheets are completed in the event they are needed. I also put together go bags with materials to help with following the guidelines including disposable masks, hand sanitizer, signs, and other supplies.

**National 4-H Agriculture Summit:** I submitted Savannah Bailey nominee for this national opportunity and she was chosen along with five other young people to receive a scholarship and represent WI at this educational event happening the March 5-7, 2021. Additionally, due to the State Animal Science and Communication staff member resigning, I was asked to be one of the county-based educator mentors working with the team of young people as they move through the summit and after to create their Community Action Plan.

**State 4-H Horse Youth and Adult Association Meetings:** I worked with the state 4-H horse association executive secretary to host both a virtual youth and an adult state-wide association meetings in February. I set up the zooms, registration process, and worked with the state office on communicating the information throughout the state. I facilitated the youth meeting and provided zoom/technology support for the adult meeting. This is one of the few state-wide project groups and I work with the members of State 4-H Horse Youth Association Board as one of their advisors. As the advisor for this group, I work with youth from throughout the Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Association project to build leadership skills, educational opportunities, and community awareness. I work with the group on a continual basis throughout the year. It’s important to note that there are a number of young people and adult volunteers from Kewaunee County that are very involved in this statewide group.

**Northeast WI Science Summit:** Throughout Saturdays in February, I worked together with educators from Brown and Door county along with the UW Madison Biotech Center and other university science staff on hands-on science lessons for youth in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Each week students learned about topics including nanogenerators, physics of light, and climate change. Youth will be receiving a kit with supplies and will participate in a two hour zoom session each Saturday. This was a low-cost program open to all youth (both 4-H members and community youth) throughout our counties and we opened it to neighboring counties as well.



**Fairs Advisory Committee:** I continue to meet bi-monthly with this committee. The group is intended to maintain communication and relationships between Extension and partner organizations and to address issues related to county fairs as we navigate COVID and focus on our educational role. The committee includes representation from DATCP, Wisconsin State Fair, FFA, and the Wisconsin Association of Fairs along with Extension colleagues.