

AGENDA
AMENDED (Location)
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Administration Center – County Board Room
810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, July 14, 2021
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the June 2, 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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Five Minute Farm Focus – The Five Minute Farm Focus series is a collection of videos recorded at farms in northeast Wisconsin. Dairy farms are a complex network of management decisions that involve multiple people, tools, and practices. The videos focus on one management aspect of a farm that improves the health and well-being of the dairy herd. Each video is approximately five to six minutes long, but they vary in length. I do all videography, script and images, and editing. Erin Dahle, Extension’s support staff does the closed captioning work. All the videos can be found here on Extension’s website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/kewauneeag/five-minute-farm-focus/>

The newest video was released on June 16 and focuses on accelerated calf feeding program. The video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXGq6z8tpal>

Skidsteer training – I held a skidsteer training at a local dairy for all employees who currently use, or will potentially



use a skidsteer on the farm. I worked with the farm’s Human Resources manager, and Cheryl Skjolaas, farm safety specialist to carry out the training. The training featured a face-to-face portion of the program and a hands-on evaluation. Over 60 farm employees took the training, and it was presented in English and Spanish.

Dairy-Beef cross calf projects – I am continuing work with the dairy/beef phenotype project at two farms. I collected 120 day weights and measurements on the first group of calves that were initially weighed in back in February. I weighed in a new group of 25 calves that will be weighed and measured again in October. I currently have three groups of 25 calves in the project and am beginning the project at a farm in Door County. I am also collecting data on another project that documents weights and management strategies of dairy/beef calves on farms. Data collected in both projects will be used to help producers manage dairy-beef cross calves and make the best management decisions based on their resources.

June Events –

Breakfast on the Farm was held at Augustian Farms on June 20. Approximately 5,200 ate breakfast and 4,400 took tours. I served as a tour guide during the breakfast, the tour took people around the farm past many of the Augustian’s many conservation practices and through the barns to see where the cows live. Breakfast on the Farm will be held at Kinnard Highland Farm in 2022 and will feature automated milking systems (milking robots).

District 7 Holstein Show – I have been assisting the Kewaunee County Holstein Breeders with planning the District 7 Holstein Show. Most of the work was done by local farmer volunteers, but I helped where need/asked. The show was held at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds on June 15 and was very successful. The weather was perfect for a show and the quality of cattle exhibited was exceptional. The show will be hosted in Door County in 2022.

Kewaunee County Fair preparation – I have a series pre-fair tasks that generally relate to livestock exhibitors. I finished those tasks in June and spent additional time preparing for the dedication of the new Legacy Show Pavilion. The show pavilion was donated by the Barta family in memory of Andy Barta, a long-time 4-H/FFA member and volunteer. I worked with the family and the parks department to prepare for the dedication and wrapped up final tasks such as signage equipment repair. Additional finishing touches to the show pavilion contributions were made by Master Gardener Volunteers, Ebert Enterprises, and Kewaunee County Farm Technology Days 2017.

Planning and Reporting – Plans of work were due June 30, so I spent time in June working on both the dairy statewide plan of work, as well as my own plan of work. I will focus primarily on dairy for the next 12 months, specifically on animal welfare, dairy-beef projects, forages, and the five minute farm focus videos. I am continuing to cover dairy programming/questions in Door, Brown, and Manitowoc counties while vacancies continue.



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Report for July 2021

Families, Finances and Wellness

Family Science & Education Programs Impact on State Policies - Family Science provides evidence-based ways for families to strengthen interpersonal relationships and enhance their well-being. A myriad of policies and programs at all levels of society address family-focused issues: child care, health-care reform, adoption, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, caregiving, family leave, family poverty, marriage, equality, and more. Family Science research and practice are vital to informing these policies and programs so they work optimally for all families. I am continuing to work with Extension State Specialists to conduct research that will inform programs and policies that address the needs of families locally. For example, I recently gathered data and statistics about our co-parenting course outcomes for legislators who proposed amendments to the Wisconsin Statute relating to mandatory parenting classes (Statute 767.401).

Curriculum Enhancement for Divorcing Parents and Families in Transition - Families experiencing a transition due to divorce, separation or living apart are continuing to enroll in my Parents Forever Co-Parenting workshops in Kewaunee and Manitowoc Counties. Divorcing parents are referred by the courts pursuant to state statutes to attend parenting education programs. I have been working with my colleagues at the University of Minnesota Extension to adapt the curriculum. I have taken the lead on our statewide Extension team to oversee and tackle two large projects with state grant funding. This past month, I have brought to completion the large projects involving parenting newsletters and Spanish translation in order to close out our state budget allocation of \$3848 before the June 30 fiscal year end. These projects will help us reach more Wisconsin families and extend the length of time we are able to impact families with our educational outreach and support.

Focus on Fathers Evening Parenting Workshops – I am working on fatherhood education initiatives with Extension educators from other counties including Brown, Crawford, Dodge, Grant, Pierce, Sauk and Washington. We have conducted research and we are implementing an educational intervention to improve the parenting skills of fathers. The fathers meet weekly and the workshops cover educational topics about raising kids who will learn strong social and emotional skills. The lessons include time for parents to discuss concerns and provide support to each other. Language translation is provided for these workshops. Extension also collaborates with the justice system to provide these workshops to justice involved and incarcerated fathers. The research shows that both children and fathers benefit from enhance father involvement in children's lives including improved health and well-being, school success, less risky behaviors and improved quality of life for families and communities.

Older Adult Education and Life Span Education and Resources – I recently provided learning sessions for a group of older adults on the topic of aging well. The University of Wisconsin Division of Extension's Human Development & Relationships Institute has a program area focused on Life Span Education. The Life Span program identifies educational needs and opportunities of older adults. I have been sharing the Life Span education with older adults and local agencies that serve older adults. One example is the "Food Safety & Preservation" lessons that I provide.

4-H Time and Talent Fundraiser: I worked with a dedicated group of volunteers to plan this year's event for June 6th and it was a great success! The new option of an online auction went over great and traditional items, like the bucket raffle and booyah, burgers, and baked goods food sales were as well received as always. This year we continued to have enhanced safety procedures including having prize pick-up be completed by drive through. The public will be able to view the prizes through an online Facebook event or in-person through a walk-through prize area. The prizes were donated by generous community businesses, 4-H clubs and groups, families, and volunteers. Thank you to all of the community supporters and volunteers that make this event possible. We will be looking forward to having the event next year back at the normal April time.

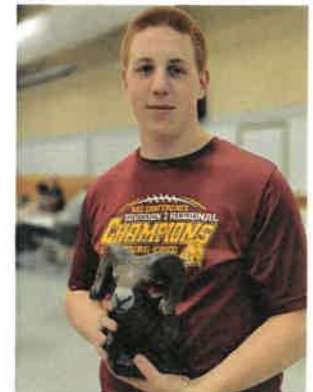
Area Animal Science Day: Kewaunee County youth had the opportunity to exhibit their educational knowledge of animals (dairy and livestock) through judging contest and educational sessions. Kewaunee County had the largest group participation at the Jefferson County regional contest. We should be very proud of the 10 youth participants and their coaches. State specialists, local staff, and volunteers work together to create the day that is high quality and educational. During the contest, youth take part in animal evaluation and animal knowledge contests in animal species such as dairy, livestock, and horse. Additionally, this is the qualifying contest for the state dairy and livestock evaluation contests.

During Area Animal Science Days, I was part of the traveling educational team made up of State 4-H Staff and State Specialists that conduct this day throughout the state. I worked with the team as one of the few staff members that knows how to run the contest scoring programs.

Kewaunee County Fair: I spent a considerable amount of time in July with the Kewaunee County Fair. 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.



4-H Fair Food Stand: It was a year unlike any other, and for the 4-H food stand that was true as well. I worked together with this committee to plan a food stand experience that could happen as covid guidelines changed and were updated. We modified menus and recruited workers in new ways. Thanks to the diligent work of the committee and managers, we were able to have a stand for this year and continue this annual tradition.

Statewide Agriculture Summit, Community Action Plan Project: As I mentioned in previous reports Savannah Bailey was selected for the National 4-H Agriculture Summit earlier in the year. As part of the conference the statewide team is asked to put together a community action plan pitch that is related to agriculture and a topic that they want to address community wide – or in this case statewide. The team is then asked to come up with a pitch and share it with a team of professionals, in this case from the company Brightmark, and see if their plan is funded. The team did a great pitch and it was funded for this year on the topic of food waste. Savannah and her fellow team members will be collecting data from fair food stands and local families throughout the state. I am one of the county staff that was asked to be a mentor for the team. We will be working to continue moving this project forward and seeing our statewide results.