

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
County Board Room
810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, August 4, 2021
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Narrative/Q/A
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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Renee Koenig, MS
Associate Professor, Human Development & Relationships Educator
Report for August 2021

Stronger Families, Better Communities – One of the key roles of my position is to connect individuals, families and communities to the latest research to help families thrive in a rapidly changing world. The educational programs that I provide enable people to:

- Strengthen family relationships
- Manage family finances and housing resources
- Become more effective parents and caregivers
- Make safe and healthy food choices
- Enhance interpersonal skills and decision making
- Identify and address family related community issues and concerns

Financial Education – Many families have been impacted financially by COVID. I have been working with University financial education specialists to provide information and resources to assist families. For example, many families had questions about the Advanced Child Tax Credit (ACTC) payments that they started receiving on July 15. The following is a link to our fact sheet that helps answer some common questions about ACTC:

<https://kewaunee.extension.wisc.edu/2021/07/22/advance-child-tax-credit/>

Families also have frequent questions about renting and the eviction moratorium. The CDC's moratorium on residential evictions ended on July 31 and many renters who have missed payments may be worried about keeping their housing. We have two additional fact sheets – one for renters and the other suggesting eviction alternatives to landlords – to help provide resources that will allow tenants to stay in their homes. Feel free to contact me for copies of these fact sheets to share in your municipalities. For additional financial topics and information, visit our website: <https://finances.extension.wisc.edu/>

Partner Agency Collaboration – Family life skills and financial information as mentioned above is shared regularly through multiple media and outreach methods. I regularly call, email, mail and visit the schools, libraries, daycares, human service agencies, advocacy agencies, ADRC, non-profits, etc.

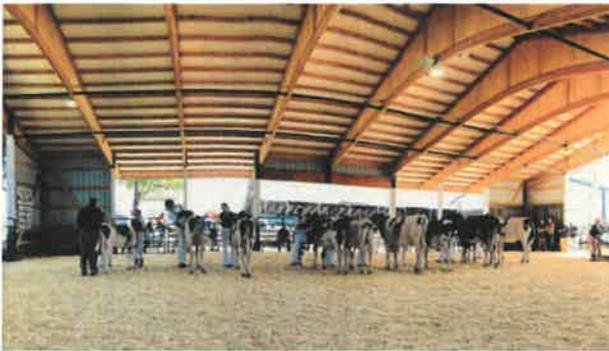
Youth Mental Health First Aid Course – In July, I instructed a course on Mental Health First Aid for adults assisting a youth in crisis and non-crisis situations. I am certified by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing. Participants in the course include school teachers, counselors, DV advocates, human service workers, faith-based leaders and parents. The course provides instruction and practical application of skills to assist youth with common concerns such as substance use, anxiety, depression, eating disorders, etc.

Intergenerational Connections– I recently provided learning sessions for a group of older adults on the importance of social connections, especially with younger generations. Social connections are important for the health benefits (reduce social isolation and the negative health impacts of it) and community well-being by staying involved in young people's lives as mentors and role models to reduce youth risky behaviors. One of the activities that the group completed was a Healthy Story Path project that challenged them to engage with youth, and to increase their own physical activity. The picture is the group enjoying a meal before the presentation and workshop activities.



Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for August 4, 2021

Kewaunee County Fair – I served my regular role at the fair helping with shows and livestock related topics, but this year most of my work was pre-fair working on the show pavilion project. The Legacy Show Pavilion idea was conceived in 2018 after the passing of Andy Barta, and put into motion with a group of



4-H leaders representing different species of livestock that would show in the pavilion. Over the course of two years I worked with the pavilion planning committee, Bartas, Kewaunee County Promotion and Recreation, and the Ebert family/Farm Technology Days to keep the project moving forward. The pavilion was supposed to be unveiled at the 2020 county fair, but due to COVID-19, the project was delayed and the fair was canceled. The pavilion structure was completed in the fall of 2020, but final touches were added throughout 2021 leading up to the fair. The donor of the building, the Barta family provided a “letter” to be read as a dedication. The letter was read during each of the livestock shows and the livestock auction at the fair and printed on the inside cover of the show/auction programs. (See attached). I also worked with a vendor to make signage for the building, but unfortunately due to rainy weather and limited time before the fair, the signs did not get mounted to the building. Instead, I mounted one of the signs to the front of the announcer

stand in the pavilion and will work with the Promotion and Recreation department to have the signs mounted this summer.

Dairy/Beef Data Collection – I am working with two farms, one in Kewaunee and one in Door to collect data on beef sired calves born to dairy cows (Dairy X Beef Phenotype Project). The data collection will continue until the final group of calves reaches 120 days. I currently have about 90 calves enrolled in the project and I hope to get at least 100. I anticipate collecting data through the end of the year.

I am working on a second project that will include many of the same calves as the phenotype project, but this project focuses more on growth and nutrition. Matt Akins, Extension specialist located at the Marshfield Agriculture Research Station is leading the project.

Program Planning – I currently planning late summer and early fall projects. I will be holding a combine clean out clinic in August for farmers to demonstrate how to properly clean a combine after harvest to prevent weed seeds from migrating to other fields through equipment. Rio Creek Feed Mill will host the event on August 18 and speakers from Extension will present. Corn dry down is also planned for early September. The corn crop is doing quite well this year despite the very dry month of June. Corn silage harvest should be in full swing by mid-September. I am continuing work on my Five Minute Farm Focus videos, beginning planning for the 2022 Dairy and Beef Well-Being Conference, and developing a new research project focusing on hoof health.



As most of you know, Andy Barta, besides being an amazing father, husband, son, brother, uncle, friend, and Christian, was very passionate about agriculture. As a former Algoma FFA member, he truly lived out the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve."

As an adult, he could be found not only at the fair, but he was involved in the planning of 2017 Farm Technology Days held in Kewaunee County, volunteered for the Kewaunee County Dairy Promotion's Breakfasts on the Farm. He also made sure he attended or helped at various Ag-Career Days held at different dairies. Eventually, he was also one of the original group members of Peninsula Pride Farms.

His passion for agriculture started as a young boy, who loved growing up on his parent's hog farm. When he was of age, his parents, Jerry and Tammy Barta, enrolled him in 4-H. He participated in many crafts, but agriculture was his most passionate craft. Throughout the years, he became heavily involved in 4-H, eventually becoming a teen leader, then an adult leader. As an adult leader and as a member of the Kewaunee County Fair Auction committee and long before he was a father himself, he tried his best to help

with the fair auction and make it better for all the kids involved, to encourage them to stay passionate about that same craft that he was so passionate about. He wanted to make sure that kids had the best experience possible. He truly tried "To make the best better."

When a person dies, the mark the individual leaves on the world represents their legacy. You could say that many will remember Andy because of his involvement and passion for agriculture, his "craft" if you will. The purpose of this building is not to only remember Andy's Legacy, but it's to allow future generations share that same craft and passion with the world. Whether your craft is sewing, mechanics, hunting, art, or something with agriculture, share it with the world and have that be part of your legacy. It's our job to teach our craft, so "Make the best, better" and build your own legacy!

~ Allison Barta

For their valuable contributions to the Legacy Show Pavilion project,
the Barta Family would like to publicly thank:

The 2017 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days Committee
especially The Ebert Family and Aerica Bjurstrom, Extension Kewaunee County

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especially the Nimmer Family and Terry & Lynn Jerabek

Kewaunee County Master Gardener Volunteers

Kaila Stencil, Stenciled

The Show Pavilion Planning Committee
Rob Funk, Nancy LaCrosse, Will Bailey, Crystal Bailey, Kathy Daul, Darlene Boeder, Rob Moede

Fair and Auction Wrap-up Meetings: I spent time after the fair with a few wrap-up meetings to go over what went well and what changes could be made for next year. I was invited to attend the fair broad wrap-up meeting along with superintendents and families to provide feedback on the junior fair components of the fair. The 4-H Action committee also met post fair to discuss the issues and opportunities from year and to use as a spring board for their fall meeting.

Archery 101 Day Camp: We are gearing up to offer our 1st Archery 101 Day Camp in Kewaunee County. Within days of opening registration, it was full with a waiting list. I am working with Doug Thompson, State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator to offer the camp at the end of August. The camp will run for 3 days for 2 hours each day. This is an introductory level experience open to member and community youth 3rd grade (and at least 8 years old) and older. Participants will learn range safety, range commands, archery shooting skills, and of course, have fun! All equipment is provided including genesis youth compound bows. We were able to keep the cost low, at just \$5 for any Kewaunee County 4-H member or community youth and a slightly higher amount for those outside of the county that wanted to be part of the experience.

Leader Orientation: I continue to provide trainings throughout the summer as there are more volunteers that need to be trained. The state 4-H office requires every 4-H volunteer to attend an orientation, submit to a background check, and sign a behavioral expectation form. The orientation is designed to help new leaders understand the laws regarding child protection and risk management policies, give an overview of how 4-H works within a community, and some general information on child development. I typically conduct these trainings face-to-face or virtually either as a group or individual session throughout the year.



Round Robin Showmanship at the Kewaunee County Fair: I have been working with a group of 4-H leaders to plan the annual round robin showmanship contest at the Kewaunee County Fair. In a round robin contest, members that have won senior or advance showmanship for their particular species have the opportunity to compete against one another for top overall showman. This year, like most things, was a little different. Instead of showing all the species of animals, industry experts for each species were asked to provide a set of five questions about that species. The top showmen took a timed 40 question quiz about all of the represented species.

Savannah Bailey won the contest and was named the top showmen at the Kewaunee County Fair. Daria Ahrens was runner-up. In addition to their title and ribbon, the top

showmen received a \$500.00 scholarship and the runner-up received a \$250 scholarship that was donated by a number of groups and area businesses. All other participants received special ribbons and shirts for their achievement. The youth in this contest aren't necessary friends, show the same species, or even spend time in the same social circle. They are exhibitors that know that winning a ribbon or placing first is not the important product of a contest. It is how you treat others and your animals that really matters. I could not be more proud of these 4-H members. They truly embodied the principles of the 4-H program.

Upcoming Events:

Enrollments: We are working with the 4-H club to re-enroll 4-H members for 2021-2022. I will be spending time working with leaders and families over the next few months to enroll in 4-H. Re-enrolling members will need to enroll by November 1, 2021 and new members need to enroll by February 1, 2022 to be eligible to show at the 2020 Kewaunee County Fair.