

**Minutes**  
**Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**  
**Kewaunee County Fairgrounds, 625 Third Street, Luxemburg, WI 54216**  
**2:00 PM**

Agenda

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Lukes called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Supervisor Lukes, Supervisor Paape, Supervisor Lazansky, Supervisor Langteau, and Supervisor Kinnard. Educators: Aerica Bjurstrom, Renee Koenig, Mariah Vandertie, Laura Apfelbeck, Jace Purdy, Morgan Christensen and Interim Area Extension Director Judy Knudsen. Excused Supervisor Augustine.
3. Approval of Agenda and Review/Approval of Minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting: Motion made by Supervisor Kinnard and seconded by Supervisor Langteau to approve the agenda for the March 8, 2023 meeting and approve minutes from the February 8, 2023 meeting. Motion approved all voting aye.
4. Public Input: None
5. Educators Reports – Written/Narrative/Q/A
  - a. Aerica Bjurstrom – Presented at the CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operations) meeting held in Green Bay with 150 in attendance. Past month has filled with meetings and programs for farmers and agri-business professionals. In the past month completed several media interviews. Working on program for women on the farm. Serves on the Joint Council of Extension Professionals annual conference planning committee.
  - b. Renee Koenig – Presented at virtual Wise Wednesday program reaching 50 participants. Three Kewaunee County volunteers received Mastery Maker awards. Worked with Extension colleagues to develop fact sheet on reverse mortgages. Continues offering co-parenting classes.
  - c. Mariah Vandertie – 4-H Project Day was a success with 55 youth participating in sessions focused on variety of 4-H projects. Has been attending 4-H Project Committee meetings including auction, horse, dog and swine.
  - d. Laura Apfelbeck, Jace Purdy, and Morgan Christensen provided update on FoodWise programming. Co-sponsored Rock Your Crock program with EIS and Kewaunee County Food Pantry. Focus of program was to use foods provided by the food pantry to make a meal in a crockpot. Shared changes to Badger Care and emergency SNAP benefits impacting FoodShare recipients.
6. Department Head/Area Director Report: Judy Knudsen
  - a. Planning continues for Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days with issues being selected.

- b. Preliminary interviews will be conducted for Regional Crops Educator serving Door, Kewaunee, and Brown Counties.
  - c. Veterans survey completed by Patrick Nehring, Community Development Educator will be distributed to veterans living in Kewaunee County.
7. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates: Meetings scheduled for April 12, 2023 and May 10, 2023.
  8. Adjourn: Motion made by Supervisor Paape and seconded by Supervisor Lazansky to adjourn meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted  
Judy Knudsen

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## Regional Dairy

Aerica Bjurstrom, Regional Dairy Educator

### Awareness and Outreach

- A digital media/television interview for farmers and consumers on farm inflation and how farmers address rising farm costs. This effort aimed to increase awareness about why food costs are increasing and how farmers are working to keep their costs low and remain profitable and sustainable.
- A research project to serve as a case study & pilot project, surveying the impact of copper sulfate footbath materials application via manure on soil and alfalfa copper concentrations and alfalfa quality and productivity on eastern Wisconsin dairy farms. Results from this study will help dairy farmers understand how to better manage copper sulfate footbaths, resulting in healthier levels of copper in soil, forages, and livestock.



### Education

- An educational farm tour for current and retired farmers, where participants learned about dairy and crop farming in northeast Wisconsin in order to improve their knowledge of Wisconsin agriculture.
- A live, in-person meeting for veterinarians and dairy industry professionals, where participants learned the latest trends for using sexed semen and beef semen. The goal of this effort was to increase knowledge of the latest University research on the use of sexed semen and beef semen, and how dairy professionals can practically apply these technologies to their clients' farms.
- A presentation on fit for transport of calves and cows for dairy farmers and dairy consultants, where participants learned to identify when an animal should and should not be transported. This effort was designed to improve animal health and well-being, positively impacting a farmer's ability to be economically viable.
- A presentation for agriculture professionals and farmers, where they learned how to identify potential safety and environmental issues when hauling or applying nutrients to fields. This effort was designed to increase participants' knowledge and understanding of safely applying nutrients to improve environmental sustainability and economic viability.

### Planning

- Planning for a program for women in agriculture (VITAL - Valuably Informed Thriving Agricultural Leader) in Northeastern WI. The goal of this effort is to teach individuals the latest, unbiased, university-based research on transition cow health, farm diversification, and farm economics so that they can improve farm efficiencies and increase farm business viability.
- Development and planning for in-person CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operations) Update Meeting series for WPDES (WI Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permitted farms, crop and dairy managers, agriculture engineers, crop consultants, agronomists, professional and on-farm nutrient applicators, government agency personnel, and other interested individuals in collaboration with WI DNR (Department of Natural Resources). The goal of this effort is to discuss and teach individuals to protect ground and surface water and dairy farm sustainability through dairy management and feeding efficiency; manure storing and handling; and nutrient management utilizing the latest research and regulatory updates to improve farm business viability and environmental sustainability.
- Planning for bi-annual Midwest Manure Summit for farmers, managers, agronomists, engineers, nutrient management consultants, manure haulers, consultants, and other agri-business professionals. The goal of this effort is to teach individuals the latest, unbiased, university-based research on manure handling technologies, so that they can improve environmental sustainability and increase farm business viability.



## Families, Finances & Wellness

Renee Koenig, Human Development & Relationships Educator

### Educational Programs for Older Adults

I presented on the topic titled, “Celebrate Nature” for a statewide audience of 45 older adults. The learning objectives were to learn about the science of how nature impacts our health and practice a “nature immersion” activity. Other topics for the learning series in February and March are shown on the Wise Wednesday flyer such as: Hearing Loss Strategies, The Power of Social Connections, Be Scam Smart to avoid scams, Civic Engagement, and Container Gardening.



**Wise Wisconsin**  
A LIFE SPAN PROGRAM VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES  
**One-hour sessions on Wednesdays at 9am**  
**February 1st - March 8th, 2023 via zoom**

<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
<b>1st</b> - Age-related hearing loss: Strategies for adults with (or without!) hearing loss	<b>1st</b> - Celebrate Nature
<b>8th</b> - Do YOU know how Valuable you are? The power of connections!	<b>8th</b> - Container Gardening
<b>15th</b> - Be Scam Smart	
<b>22nd</b> - Bigger than a breadbox? The Biggest Breadbox Ever!	

Register here:  
<https://go.wisc.edu/o5621b>

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Email Sara Richie, Life Span Program Manager, at [sara.richie@wisc.edu](mailto:sara.richie@wisc.edu) with any questions.

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At the Aging-Friendly Coalition meeting in February, three more older adults received the Mastery Maker awards. These award recipients have been instrumental in keeping our older population active in the community. Examples of the work that they are doing includes sewing with youth for intergenerational connections, planning music therapy for nursing home residents, and leading literacy programs for English language learners.

### Resilient Co-Parenting Classes

A new learning series is offered for parents who are raising children after divorce or raising children while living apart. I am working with my colleagues in Ashland, Marquette, Prairie du Chien, and Superior to develop the curriculum. Examples of the topics include: Successful Stepfamilies, Navigating Difficult Conversations, Co-Parenting Teens, and Relationship Readiness.

### Financial Education

In March, I will be teaching workshops for adults and children on “Money and Credit”. The workshops will be held at the Algoma Library. I am also offering the Planning AHEAD course for end-of-life issues in March and April.

## 4-H Program

Mariah Vandertie, 4-H Program Educator

### Project Day

Project Day provided a space for 50 Kewaunee County youth to explore their sparks, build relationships, and engage in both education and fun. The day also grew partnerships between Kewaunee County schools, especially Luxemburg Casco High School, Kewaunee County Dairy Promotion, Kewaunee County Fairest of the Fair, 4-H Project Leaders and volunteers, community members and youth.



- Ongoing facilitation support for 4-H Auction Committee volunteers, providing them with resources and strategies to make sure youth have authentic leadership roles in the project. The 4-H Auction Committee also provides youth the opportunity to explore their sparks while also creating a sense of belonging and engagement.
- A classroom club for Algoma School District youth, where youth are able to explore their sparks in STEM. In addition, the classroom club will provide team building and leadership experiences designed to build a strong sense of belonging while supporting the development of meaningful relationships with peers and the 4-H Educator.



## FoodWise Nutrition Education

Laura Apfelbeck, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator

- A nutrition educational outreach effort in partnership with several community partners to share information on the post-pandemic changes about to occur in FoodShare and to offer families updated resources.
- A collaborative effort with Kewaunee County Food Pantry and ESI of Algoma to bring culinary skill-building and nutrition education to low-income, SNAP-eligible adults.
- An effort to spotlight healthy foods available at the Kewaunee County Food Pantry to promote healthy eating and underutilized nutrient-dense foods among pantry users.

## Community Development

Patrick Nehring, Community Development Agent/Professor

- A class for current and aspiring nonprofit leaders where participants learned about creating an active board of directors to improve their nonprofit organization and carry out its mission. The class is part of the Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership Certificate created with UW-Green Bay.
- Planning for a series of webinars for food entrepreneurs in collaboration with county educators, statewide specialists, and local experts. This effort is designed to equip food entrepreneurs with increased skills and knowledge for operating successful food business enterprises.
- A video series for food and farm business entrepreneurs, where participants develop the framework needed for effective food and ag entrepreneurship and are connected with the resources they need to be successful. This effort was designed to help participants assess their skills, assets, personalities, and/or networks to help make a decision about a business opportunity or new enterprise.
- A facilitated conversation with nonprofit leaders in Northeast Wisconsin where participants learned reducing barriers to client engagement in order to increase their organization's capacity to address community needs.
- A facilitated conversation with nonprofit leaders in Northeast Wisconsin where participants learned strategies to avoid burnout and retain these vital volunteers, staff, and board members in order to increase their organization's capacity to address community needs.
- Educational meetings with economic development professionals where they learned about resources, assistance, and programs available to organizations and entrepreneurs in Brown and Kewaunee Counties. The purpose of this effort is to support NEW North and NEWREP in achieving their goal to improve the economy and quality of life in Northeastern Wisconsin.
- A workshop with individuals and agencies that work with older adults, where they learned about ageism, identified existing and potential resources, and explored opportunities to coordinate their efforts in order to better serve the needs of Kewaunee County residents.