

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
June 3, 2015
4:00 P.M.
Kewaunee County Administration Center
Committee Room

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes
5. Citizen Input
6. FY2016 County Agreement Letter with Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program
7. Educators Reports – Written
8. Overtime
9. Approval – Travel
10. Approval – Bills
11. Set Future Committee Meeting Dates
12. Adjourn

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Ag & Extension Report
Aerica Bjurstrom, Agriculture Agent
Prepared for June 3, 2015

Farm Technology Days – Farm Technology Days planning continues with new chairs being named and a chair orientation meeting being scheduled for July. Kewaunee County will have a delegation of chairs and representatives attend the Dane County Farm Technology Days Show in August. Chairs will partner up with their Dane County counterparts to learn the ins and outs of the show first-hand.

Farm Management Teams – Continued work with farm management teams, one working in cooperation with the School of Veterinary Medicine and the other with local experts. Both farms are making changes to improve cow comfort, which should in turn result in higher milk production. Management teams are long-term projects and usually result in positive changes that improve a farm's profitability.

Farm Visits – Visited five farms with UW-Extension state specialist David Kammel. All farms we visited want to upgrade facilities and modernize to improve cow comfort and make them more user-friendly for the farmer. I followed up with additional information and visits to help facilitate any projects the farmers may take on based on feedback from their farm visits.

Scissor Clipping – Scissor Clipping alfalfa samples is an annual event that is put on UW-Extension. Scissor clipping involves selecting several sites around Kewaunee County representing various climates and varieties of alfalfa. I collect samples and take them to the forage lab in DePere. The lab returns a complete analysis of the samples and I in turn send out forage values to a mailing and FAX list of about 300 recipients. Results are also sent to local radio and TV stations where they are shared with listeners/viewer. This year's dry weather with favorable conditions has allowed the crop to grow extremely well and provided weather is good for harvest, there should be a very large first crop harvested this year. In some cases, however, fields suffered significant winter kill from frost heaving and soil compaction from last fall's very wet weather. Most of the corn crop and over half of the soybeans are planted in Kewaunee County, which puts farmers way ahead of last year's pace. Timely rains will give the crop a good head start for 2015.

Conservation Day – Held the Conservation Tour for sixth grade students at Kewaunee, Luxemburg-Casco, and the parochial schools in Kewaunee County. I organize the event for the schools and set up tour stops. Stops include Pagel's Ponderosa digester, Kewaunee Fish Hatchery, NEW Plastics, Rosiere Wind Farm, Kewaunee Landfill, and Wagner's managed forest area. Each stop is 45 minutes and the buses travel to each site throughout the day. The program is meant to focus on, and educate the youth on natural resources and renewable energy.

Rural Safety Day – Hosted approximately 275 children at Rural Safety Day at the fairgrounds. All third grade children in the county attend Rural Safety Day. Thirteen stations were set up for children to visit. Each session was 15 minutes and covered topics such as pet safety, 4-wheeler safety, bully prevention, electrical safety, farmstead safety, wildlife, and many more. I manage the budget for the event and get a grant from the UW Center for Ag Safety and Health and matching fund donation from the Kewaunee County Farm Bureau. I also presented large animal safety at one of the stations at the event.

Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension

Kewaunee County Ag & Extension Committee

Activities Report for June 3, 2015

Rural Safety Day – More than 250 third grade students attended Rural Safety Day held at the Fairgrounds on May 20th. I worked with Aerica, Jill and Cindy from Public Health to arrange 16 presentations. The feedback from the school teachers is very positive about the event.

Gardening and Beekeeping Workshop – I was one of the presenters at the Community Garden workshop on straw bale gardening, beekeeping, composting and gardening for health. My role included creating awareness of the health benefits of gardening and stretching demonstrations.

Co-parenting Education – I am leading a statewide workgroup for a project called eParenting co-parenting. This electronic curriculum supplements the co-parenting after divorce classes and is delivered to parents using text messages and blog posts.

eParenting® High Tech Kids – Kewaunee Grade School partnered with me to deliver parenting resources to 375 homes on a weekly basis from January to May. Feedback from the school counselor was positive because this project allowed the school to reach a broad range of parents.

Family Financial Literacy - Literacy Partners Inc. has identified a need for financial literacy and I have started to research curricula to teach ELL or immigrant students.

Home Alone: Preparing Children for Self-Care – The Home Alone program is an online training program to help parents prepare their children to stay home alone safely. The videos in the training were recorded with the help of school-age actors and local professionals from Kewaunee and Manitowoc counties. I am working with the schools to help make families aware of this training before school ends and children are left unsupervised over summer.

Parenting the Preschooler – Fact sheets about preschool age child development have been updated and I am in the process of distributing them to child care centers, parents, schools and health clinics.

Live Well Algoma – I am continuing to work with the steering committee on plans for Live Well Algoma.

Food Pantry Food Safety- I have reached out to the food pantries to identify food safety standards.

Home and Community Education (HCE) Association – I delivered a short presentation on the health benefits of staying socially connected through participation in organizations like HCE at their spring banquet.

Impact - I encourage county board members and anyone interested in learning more about the impact of Family Living Programs on the state of Wisconsin to visit <http://flp.ces.uwex.edu/wisconsin-impacts/>. Open the links on this webpage to read short reports explaining why Family Living Programs in every Wisconsin county are an excellent public investment.

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Activities Report for May, 2015
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Economic and Organizational Development:

- Continued planning support for Solar Power Hour educational program on May 28th to be held at the Luxemburg Fair Grounds in collaboration with Rural Enterprise Network, Midwest Renewable Energy Association, and the Wisconsin Farmers Union.
- Implemented survey research work for Kewaunee County Public Health Department's 2015 Community Health Assessment process.
- Continued planning support to match the City of Algoma and the City of Oconto and participate in the First Impressions program.
- Commenced work on Live Well Algoma Community initiative as a member of the Commons Committee.

Local Food System Economy:

- Coordinated, wrote and submitted \$20,000 USDA Farm Market Promotion Program grant to support development of the Kewaunee County Farmers Market and collaborative project between the Rural Enterprise Network, UW Extension and the Farm Market Kitchen.
- Continued support to Farm Market Kitchen with education, facilitation and technical assistance to the FMK board and staff on an as-needed basis to help launch a new processor with a number of products.
- Provided business planning education to one food based entrepreneur looking to start a bakery.

Other:

- Hosted and attended UWEX County Leadership Conference.
- Serving on Center for Community and Economic Development Hiring and Screening Committee.

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Zoning Committee Meeting – Regular

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2015
Time: 4:45 p.m.
Place: Kewaunee County Admin Center
Committee Room

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approve Last Month's Minutes
4. Changes and Additions to Agenda
5. Reports of Department Personnel
 1. Glenn Selner
 - A) Discuss Sanitary & Zoning Violations
 - B) Discuss Shoreland Zoning Ordinance
 - C) Discuss Property Value Guarantee Issue
6. Communications
7. Approval of Travel Requests
8. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law
9. Overtime Report
10. Approval of Bills (regular monthly meeting only)
11. Adjournment

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