

**Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting**  
**January 6, 2016**  
**3:00 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. Retirement – Jan Tess, Program Assistant
7. Educators Reports – Written
8. Overtime
9. Approval – Travel
10. Approval – Bills
11. Set/Confirm Future Committee Meeting Dates
12. Adjourn

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**Aerica Bjurstrom**  
Agriculture Agent  
Prepared for January 6, 2016

**Farm Technology Days** – Attended the annual all-county Farm Technology Days annual meeting. The meeting brings together host counties from the current year and coming three years. Committees and host farms for 2015 (Dane County), 2016 (Walworth County), 2017 (Kewaunee County), and 2018 (Wood County) were in attendance this year. The meeting gave committee chairs and executive committee chairs the opportunity to meet with upcoming and past host counties to discuss their process of organization, collaborate on ideas, and learn more about how to make the show a success. Kewaunee County will attend the annual meeting each year through 2017 and had about 45 people from the community in attendance.

**Agriculture Research** – Currently working on a research project that will incorporate the University of Wisconsin Veterinary School's herd health apps. The project is going to focus on hoof health and will include on-farm research in up to 10 counties in eastern/northeastern Wisconsin. The project may also include work with thermo-imaging of hooves. The project will include summary and recommendations for farmers including papers, fact sheets, and articles. I will serve as the lead for the project, which should be concluded at the end of 2016 or early 2017.

**Farm Technology Days Visiting Sessions** – I'm participating on a visioning team tasked at identifying UW-Extension's role in Farm Technology Days in the future. The state budget cut back will have an impact on the role the agriculture agent serves as Executive Secretary in the future and how much UW-Extension as a whole participates in the show. Changes won't impact Kewaunee County's show in 2017, the plan is designed to take place after 2018 with small changes starting in 2017 and 2018.

**End of Year Reporting/Program Planning** – Finished up end-of-year reporting. Reporting includes summarizing the year in statistics, projects, and outcomes. Several UW-Extension programs are in the planning process. Spring programming includes a heifer raising seminar and modernization meeting with on-farm tours focusing on manure management at farms in Shawano and Calumet Counties. In addition, the Dairy and Beef Well-Being Conference will be held at UW-Platteville this year in March. I am working on a land rental survey with Annie Deutsch from Door County to replicate the survey I completed in 2012. This year's survey will include all of Door County, last time I only included southern Door. I will be doing holding pesticide applicator training in Kewaunee and Door in February and a regional CAFO update meeting will be held in Green Bay.

**Professional Development** – Attended two professional development programs in December. I attended the regional monthly meeting in Fond du Lac where we had a session taught by farm management specialist Kevin Barnhart. We also visited LaClare Farms, an integrated dairy goat operation that developed a co-op with neighbors and processes their milk into cheese, fluid milk, and ice cream. They also have a café on site and retail store. I also attended a hoof care seminar where care and management of hooves was the focus. Hoof trimmers were on site and spoke on care and management of feet and how proper maintenance can be effective preventative care.

## Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

January 2016

**Northcentral Region Volunteer Training E-forum training on Heart of Leadership:** As you may recall, over the last several months, I have been working with state staff and colleagues from Minnesota to create an online leader training for the 4-H Youth Development North Central Region. This training focuses on: different types of leadership roles and opportunities for young people, the elements to develop supportive youth/adult partnerships with young people, and creating strategies for volunteers to intentionally encourage leadership young people. In addition, to provide further depth and relatability, I recruited and prepared a Kewaunee County 4-H volunteer and a 4-H member to help facilitate a portion of the program about their experiences with youth leadership. In December, I facilitated the online training twice with a state staff member, colleagues from Minnesota 4-H Youth Development, a 4-H volunteer and a 4-H member. This training reached 100's of volunteers and 4-H Youth Development professionals from throughout the Midwest. There was a rich and engaged conversation that happened during the training and we received verbal feedback that participants felt that the training was applicable to their roles. A post program evaluation of participants from throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest is being conducted.

**4-H Teen Association:** The 4-H Teen Association took part in the annual Kewaunee County Toys for Tots campaign. The group has worked with the program for the last 5 years. I worked with the youth to make this a service learning project for the group. Service learning goes beyond community service and engages the members at levels of the service process.

For the Toys for Tots campaign, the 4-H Teen Association issues a challenge to the 4-H community clubs to collect as many canned food donations, toys, and donations per club as possible. On a specified night, the clubs deliver the collected items. They are counted and sorted for delivery to the Toys for Tots program. The teen association sponsors a movie party basket for the group that collects the most toys per member.

In addition to toys, this year collected non-perishable food items to make food baskets for families. After reflecting on last year's day, one note that the teens made was that not all families had the opportunity to have a food basket. A local church generously provides these baskets and in the past, there were not enough for all families to receive a basket. This year, the goal was to make sure each family had some food to take home with them in addition to the toys. Between the church group donating more food baskets and the collected donations from the 4-H clubs, almost all families that wanted a food basket were able to take one home this year.

Distribution day is the highlight of this service-learning project. The start of the day begins with the Teen Association helping the Toys for Tots volunteers by unloading, sorting, and grouping the toys for the event. Also, during this time, they set-up a children's activity area to ensure that it is ready to go when the children arrive with their parents. The teens helped sort and set-up the gifts that the children chose for the parents, and collected the food box donations from a local church. Additionally, some of the teen association members were able to go shopping with additional toys with Toys for Tots adult volunteers. When it came time to distribute the toys, some the teens worked with adult volunteers to hand out the toys and others worked in the children's activity area. One of the teens worked with the Spanish speaking youth and adults to help with communication about the different activities.

After the day was over, the teen had many observations. Some of them commented on how important it was to support people in our community, especially children, in need. Others commented on what they learned about themselves through working with the program. For others, it helped them realize the impact programs like this have on other's lives.

**4-H Club and Committee Charter Renewal Process:** I submitted all of the 4-H charters and financial documents that need to be filed with the State 4-H Office. The state office is in the process of reviewing the files. After these documents are accepted, they will be put file for further review with the IRS as needed.

### *Upcoming Events*

**Project Day:** The Kewaunee County annual Project Day planning is under way for 2016. The event is tentatively planned for Saturday, March 5 from 9:30am until 2:45 pm. We are currently seeking older youth and adult presenters as well as volunteers willing to help with the day's activities. Last year we had over 100 youth (both 4-H and non 4-H members) participate and this year we are anticipating more participants. Not only does the program provide the youth with new life-skills, but it also is a good method for promoting the 4-H program in Kewaunee County.

Kewaunee County Agriculture and Extension Committee  
Activities Report for December, 2015  
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator  
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Economic and Organizational Development:

- Facilitated community follow up meeting for First Impressions learning for the City of Algoma.
- Continued participation and planning work on Live Well Algoma Community initiative.
- Implemented Algoma Youth Summer Programs survey research with Jill Jorgensen, Jenny Spude and Renee Koenig to assess youth summer activity/programming needs in Algoma.
- Continued planning work for Kewaunee County TAC advisory committee initiative “Let’s Get to Work – Getting Youth with Disabilities into the workplace.”
- Initiated planning facilitation work for Algoma Chamber of Commerce.

Local Food System Economy:

- Continued program development and planning for fermenters program at the Farm Market Kitchen (beer, wine, hard cider).
- Participation and planning assistance for Algoma Farm to School Task Force
- Provided business planning education for one entrepreneur considering opening a food related businesses in Kewaunee County.
- Continued support to Farm Market Kitchen with education, facilitation and technical assistance to the FMK board and staff to support succession planning of staff members.

Other:

- UWEX Standards Rank and Promotion Committee meeting in Stevens Point.
- Administrative duties associated with Co-Department head role.
- UWEX All Faculty Conference attendance.
- Extended reduced appointment to 60% FTE until June 30, 2016.

**Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension**

Kewaunee County Ag & Extension Committee

Activities Report for January 6, 2016

**End of Year Reports** - I completed a series of required reports including civil rights data tracking, program outcome reports, impact statements and counts of individual contacts during 2015.

**Program Planning** - This is the time of year that I focus some of my time on planning my programs for the upcoming year. My Family Living programs for 2016 will include a variety of parenting classes and healthy living education all across the lifespan. Please contact me if you think there are additional family life issues to address in our county.

**Home Alone presentation at Algoma Public Library** – I will be presenting the Home Alone program at the Algoma Library. All families with children in the 9-13 age range are invited to learn about how to prepare for self-care.

**eParenting High Tech Kids** – The Luxemburg-Casco School is partnering with me on a project involving schools across Wisconsin. The project called eParenting<sup>®</sup>: High-Tech Kids is a method of providing parenting information and support to parents via email messages and a website blog. UW-Extension has developed the content of the email messages and blog posts and the school district will send the messages to school families on a weekly basis January through May.

**Home Visits** – I am continuing to deliver parenting education to low-literacy families on a regular basis. The families are receiving UW-Extension's Preparing to Parent curriculum. I have also connected the families to other community resources such as BadgerCare, food pantries and Literacy Partners for promoting healthy child development through prenatal care, nutrition, oral hygiene and preparing for medical emergencies.

**Dementia Friendly Community** – The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of the Lakeshore is facilitating a Dementia Friendly Community Committee to work on implementing strategies for creating a more dementia friendly community in Kewaunee County. The committee will assess, plan, create and promote various components of building a more dementia friendly community including: 1) Promoting Memory Loss Support Groups, 2) Starting a Memory Café, 3) Providing Education and Awareness, and 4) Training Businesses within the community on being dementia friendly. We need community involvement. Contact the ADRC or call me if you want to be involved.

# MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

## Zoning Committee Meeting – Regular

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2016  
Time: 3:45 p.m.  
Place: Kewaunee County Admin Center  
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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) Board of Adjustment Hearings
    - B) NR 115 Shoreland Zoning Ordinance
    - C) WI Fund Grant Program
    - D) Discuss Sanitary & Zoning Violations
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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