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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Kewaunee County to Host 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rural Safety Day**

LUXEMBURG, WI – Before the 2018-19 school year comes to an end, Extension Kewaunee County and Kewaunee County Public Health Department will be hosting the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rural Safety Day on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds, 625 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Luxemburg from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The event has been educating approximately 270 third grade students from Kewaunee County public and parochial schools each year, since 1997.

“The lessons being taught at Rural Safety Day, like tractor safety, are easier for kids to grasp outside of the classroom as they stand next to a tractor. The visual puts the danger into perspective,” says Aerica Bjurstrom, Agriculture Agent, Extension Kewaunee County.

There are 15 learning stations in the barns at the Fairgrounds with guest speakers who are highlighting how to be cautious around farms, pets, Mother Nature’s creatures, poisonous plants, power lines, lawn mowers, as well as safety when swimming, biking and more.

“One of our most impactful learning stations is the vehicle rollover simulator operated by the Wisconsin State Patrol that teaches kids the importance of wearing a seat belt,” says Cindy Kinnard, Director of the Kewaunee County Public Health Department.”

Students will also have the opportunity to meet Kewaunee County’s new DNR conservation warden James Moore, who will share safety advice about riding ATVs.

Rural Safety Day is financially supported by Kewaunee County Farm Bureau, Kewaunee County Dairy Promotion Committee and the UW Center for Agricultural Safety and Health. It also includes the participation and attendance of local veterans, Kewaunee County Board Supervisors and Kewaunee County staff.

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