

**MINUTES PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL  
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MONROE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, ROLLING HILLS COMPLEX, ROOM 220  
Monday, November 19, 2012**

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nodji Van Wychen at 1:04 p.m.

**Members present were:** Nodji Van Wychen, Mary Cook, Dale Greeno, and David Pierce. Agents present were: Bill Halfman, Karen Joos, Will Cronin. Others present were: Jarrod Roll and Alli Karrels. Absent were: Gail Chapman and Amy Steies.

**Motion** was made by David Pierce to accept the minutes for the past meeting as printed. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 4-0-1

**The next meeting** is scheduled for Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension Office, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220.

**THE DEKE SLAYTON MEMORIAL SPACE AND BIKE MUSEUM REPORT** was given by Alli Karrels. Motion was made by David Pierce to accept the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bike Museum report. Seconded by Dale Greeno. Motion carried. 4-0-1 (report attached)

**LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT** was given by Jarrod Roll. Motion was made by David Pierce to accept the Local History Room Report and pay bills for the month. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 4-0-1 (report attached)

**COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS**

♦ Discussion of Other Potential Projects—no discussion

**EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS**

**AGENT PROGRAM UPDATES/REPORTS**—The Extension educators provided education current programs/impacts. Motion made by Mary Cook to accept agent program reports and office bills/credit card expenditures. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 4-0-1 (reports attached)

**Motion** was made to adjourn by David Pierce, seconded by Dale Greeno, and approved on a 4-0-1 vote at 1:54 p.m.

Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

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## **CNRED Agent Update, November 19, 2012**

The CNRED Agent has been engaged in the following activities:

- Work with the Cashton Community Wellness program is ongoing. Agent facilitated the first strategic planning session; the group drafted a mission statement and conducted an environmental analysis. The next meeting is scheduled for November 30.
- Agent is working with members of the Economic Development, Commerce and Tourism Committee to plan a 2013 economic development conference. Agent will be organizing panels and securing speakers in addition to handling registrations and the financial side.
- Agent is working with a regional team of Extension educators to prepare a research project covering the economic impact of local food systems. This work will also dovetail well with ongoing work with the IBuyMoCo program.
- IBuyMoCo programming continues. The monthly column is distributed to newspapers, and work is proceeding on a December feature piece tentatively titled "Do Your Holiday Shopping Locally".
- Agent gave an interview to WXOW TV on frac sand mining in Monroe County.
- Agent drafted a fact sheet comparing the roles of CNRED with county economic development corporations. In addition to use in the Monroe County budget process, the document that has been used by a colleague in Clark County and has served as a basis for a similar document created by the CNRED program office.
- The Economic Development Readiness team is planning an economic development in-service for March 2013. The CNRED program office has signaled tentative support. In addition to helping to organize the event and draft the agenda, Agent expects to present his work with the Economic Development Readiness Index.
- Agent is working with 7 Rivers Alliance, the county Administrator and the EDCT Committee to organize an "Economic Development for Elected Officials" training in partnership with WEDA and WEDC. Monroe County would serve as a pilot for the program.

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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee

Report by: Karen Joos

November 2012

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***Program Related***

- Monroe County Housing Coalition Education Committee monthly meeting focused on final plans and details for the Landlord Workshop on October 25<sup>th</sup> and the Hunger and Homeless Event on November 15, 2012.
- Assisted in coordinating and facilitating an educational Landlord Workshop. Topics were: a new landlord website, energy assistance/weatherization, educating tenants about recycling, smoke free apartments, and implications of new legislation affecting landlords and tenants. Landlords reported that the workshop met or was above their expectations, learning new information. Some attendee comments: "Brought to light many issues"; "Great value of information."; "Well worth the cost"; "These sessions are always excellent!"
- As a coalition member, attended Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition monthly meeting focused on grant plans for the upcoming year.
- As a member of the Child Abuse Task Force, attended the monthly meeting focused on this year's plans for April Child Abuse Prevention month.
- Attended the Challenge/Summit at the VA in Tomah focused on homelessness awareness.
- Presented a session, at the Poverty Matters Conference, "Better Collaboration Skills Using Gracious Space" in Appleton.
- As a coalition member attended the Sparta Community Alliance bi-annual meeting.
- Monroe County bi-weekly OWI Court Team and Team Meetings
- Monthly HCE Bridge
- Wrote weekly Karen's Korner columns for the Sparta and Tomah newspapers
- Answered consumer food storage and food preservation questions

**Jackson/Monroe/Vernon Leadership Program**

- Facilitated the October Seminar on Agriculture (included an overview of economic value of agriculture, presentation on zoning and mining, as well as visits to Northern Christmas Tree/Nursery, robotic milking parlor, and Cain's Orchard. Reflection from a participant: "I was really interested in the data driven dairy farm as that is the newest and best practice in education for all our decisions to be data driven and based on real information rather than hunches and guesses.")
- Began preparation and plans for the November Seminar on Corrections/Restorative Justice.

**Other Activities**

- In an advisory capacity, attended the Monroe County HCE Executive Board meeting.
- In an advisory capacity, attended the Monroe County HCE Fall Fest.
- Serving as chair, attended the monthly meeting of the Sparta Chamber Education Committee.
- Attended Couleecap Local Planning meeting as a Monroe County and Board member.
- Completing paper work and charts for upcoming Civil Rights Review in early December.

***Future program plans:***

- OWI Court and evaluation plans
- County Civil Rights Review preparations
- Rent Smart training for Veterans Assistance Foundation and VA staff
- Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership Program December & January Seminars

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### Club Officer Training

Agent hosted Club Officer Training Event held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Agent planned agenda that included introductory activities before breaking into elected position groups. Newly-elected club officers as well as Junior Leader Officers were invited to learn what is expected of them throughout their term as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Reporter roles in their club. Adult leaders enlisted to teach the youth about the elected positions include county General Leaders and Executive Board members as well as a local teacher. Agent provided instruction during closing remarks and youth worked together to plan their perfect club meeting. Attendees were given take-home resources to refer back to throughout the officer's term.



### ***CLUB OFFICER TRAINING***

*Members of the Stargazer 4-H Club Officer Team work together to design their perfect meeting during Club Officer Training held Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Rolling Hills Complex, Sparta. Given puzzle pieces with components of a meeting on them, their task was to cooperatively arrange the pieces in an order that made sense to them for their club's purposes.*

### Achievement Night

Agent coordinated the Achievement Night program that was held October 20<sup>th</sup> at Cashton High School. Youth were recognized for their efforts and accomplishments throughout the 2011-2012 enrollment year such as record book awards (project discs, honorable mentions, top Senior award), graduation awards in the form of a \$500

“scholarship” check, Junior Leader officer roles held, National 4-H Week display participants, International Program participants, Secretary Book award winners, Key Award winner, state and national trip participants and more!

### Leaders' Banquet

Agent planned Leaders' Banquet proceedings that were held November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Colonial Banquet Center in Sparta. During the program put on by the Ambassadors and president of the Executive Board in addition to the Agent, adult leaders were recognized for their years of service; one volunteer has achieved the 50-year mark! Special Awards winners were selected in three categories. Agent chose Volunteer of the Year award winner because of her work with the Horse and Pony Project. After adults nominated potential candidates for Friend of 4-H and Alumni Awards, winners were chosen based on their commitment to 4-H youth in supporting county fair opportunities as well as the educational trainings and knowledge shared. Nearly 70 people were in attendance.

### Member Evaluation/Ambassador Interviews

Three judges interviewed candidates who turned in Member Evaluation forms and/or Ambassador application forms. Applicants were asked to document their experience and leadership in the 4-H program on their forms; this information was evaluated by judges in addition to the performance of the in-person interview in order to choose quality Ambassador and state/national trip participants. Six youth were chosen to represent Monroe County 4-H as Ambassadors. Two youth will be eligible to go on the Citizen Washington Focus trip this summer in Washington D.C. Youth benefit greatly by this interviewing opportunity; they have access to their score sheets from each judge so they know how to improve on their

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interviewing skills in the future. Overall, the judges' comments were very complimentary of our youth. Some examples include: very poised for someone so young, I can tell 4-H has helped make you more confident and well-rounded, very composed, very thorough in answers, focused on helping others, very mature, great marketing ideas, excellent candidate, very articulate, etc.

### CLCs

Community Learning Center after-school sessions continue to be taught at the Brookwood and Sparta School Districts. With the STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum as the intent of CLC sessions, October's lesson focused on scientific principles of weight/density of objects while November's lesson allows participants to be engineers who design packaging to protect the contents. Youth are actively engaged in small-group activities where they have to make hypotheses and/or problem solve in order to find a viable solution to a stated problem.

#### ***PACKAGE DESIGNERS***

*A group of CLC participants from the Brookwood School District use their problem-solving skills to design packaging that will protect raw spaghetti while in a standard white envelope during rigorous testing. This group proved successful as their 10 pieces of raw spaghetti survived the drop and stomp tests performed on them.*



## Upcoming Events

### November

19-Sparta CLC, 3:00-5:45 p.m.

### December

1-Fall Youth Leadership Conference @ Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells

4-Brookwood CLC, 3:50 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

6-Civils Rights Review Day @ UW-Extension Office

13-4-H Wisline @ 9-10:30 a.m.

17-Sparta CLC, 3:00-5:45 p.m.

### January

7-Executive Board Meeting @ 7 p.m., F&M Bank Community Room, downtown Tomah

21-Leaders' Association Meeting @ 7:30 p.m., F&M Bank Community Room, downtown Tomah

26-27— Fun with Ceramics

### CLCs—

Brookwood-1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month from 3:50-5:15 p.m.

Sparta— 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 3:00-5:45 p.m.

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## **Agriculture Extension Update October 18, 2012 to November 19, 2012**

UW Extension hosted a grant writing workshop geared towards farmers and value added food entrepreneurs on October 25 at Sparta. There were 19 participants at the workshop. Topics included identifying potential funding sources, developing project ideas into grant proposals, and hands on evaluation of actual proposals, and a couple of people sharing their stories with their grant projects.

The Ag Agent attended the Monroe Co Holstein Breeders annual banquet and shared the schedule of upcoming events with them.

Monroe and La Crosse County Ag Agents held the first of 5 scheduled dairy discussion group sessions on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The weather was too nice. A few dairy farmers did show up and we had a discussion on vaccination programs. The next one is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> and will be a wet lab demonstration of the effects of improper administration of medications on animals.

The annual Pest Management Update for Agronomy Professionals was held at Sparta on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We had 44 participants at the workshop. UW Specialists presented information on weed, insect and plant disease management. Three Extension Field Staff from Minnesota attended the program. They shared some of the problems that they are facing and we are not yet. These include rootworm resistance to the rootworm BT traits, and glyphosate resistant weeds. These problems are documented within an hour's drive of here. Hope they stay on that side of the river.

The Ag Agent met with the two Cashton High School Students who helped worked on summer field projects to help them with their reports in preparation for science fairs.

The Ag Agent attended the Farm to School Public Meeting at Tomah School District.

The Ag Agent has met with several landowners whose land is coming out of CRP to help them look at potential options for their land.

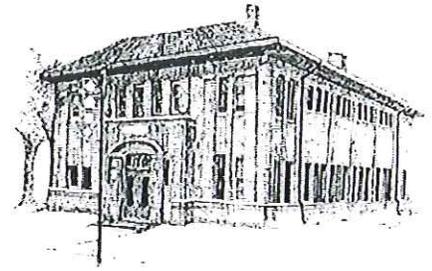
### **Upcoming Events**

November 28<sup>th</sup> Soil and Fertilizer Update- Sparta  
November 30<sup>th</sup> Grain Marketing workshop- Melrose  
December 7<sup>th</sup> Heart of Farm Planning meeting  
December 11<sup>th</sup> Soybean Conference- Holmen  
December 12-13 Midwest Value Added Conference- La Crosse  
January 7<sup>th</sup> Agronomy Update- Sparta  
January 15 – 17 Crop Management Conference- Madison  
January ? Returning to the Farm Workshop- Melrose?  
January 20-22 Fruit and Veg conference- Wi Dells  
January 22-23 Cranberry School  
January 24 Corn Conference Black River Falls  
January 26 Grape Growers conference- Viroqua  
Jan 31 –Feb 1 Driftless Beef Conference- Dubuque  
Continued on back

February ? Heart of the Farm  
February 18 Cattle Feeders Road Show  
February ?? Fresh Market Vegetable Workshop  
??? Small Fruit Workshop- probably via webinar  
??? Shifting gears Workshop??  
March 2 Malting Barley and Hops Workshop, Wi Dells  
March ? Grape Growers Field Day- Viroqua

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## County Historian's Report, October 2012 Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

### HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Planned and hosted the Archives Award reception, including creating an invite list, designing invitations, ordering food, picking up refreshments, coordinating with press
- Provided educational programming to 65 students ("Then and Now" program")
- Finalized Annual Fund mailing list and organized envelope stuffing and mailing
- Gave tour to bus group at LHR
- Participated in Norskedalen Civil War day, providing educational programming to 560 students (from Monroe County and outside the county)
- Facilitated the removal of the current "Collector's Corner" display and the installation of the new display
- Exported LHR Images and catalog to website; coordinated with WebTeam to make sure the search engine was properly working
- Photographed, described, and uploaded several items to the LHR online gift shop
- Promoted updates to the website, including creating a Constant Contact email
- Created a LHR news page for the MCHS and MJJGW newsletters
- Provided tour of LHR to Ron Kind
- Met with Northern Engraving contact to review signage design
- Visited Sparta resident to review potential artifact donation
- Regular tasks: provide research assistance to the public (via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons); create agenda and minutes; process photo duplication orders; balance LHR financial books and draft monthly report; process mail and bills; check fire extinguishers; send time sheets; process new donation offerings; chat with public; confer with Alli Karrells about museum issues and activities; attend Ag/Ex meeting; attend Co. Economic Development & Tourism Committee meeting and participate in related projects; attend Dept Head meetings

In addition to the projects listed above, I supervise the following volunteer and support staff:

- Janet Hendersin: process new donations: assign accession numbers, catalog, store; assist researchers; assist with exhibit development
- Paul Kuester: work on indexing projects; work on clerical duties as assigned
- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Dennis Burek: photo scanning projects; data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: research Water St. businesses for book/walking tour; answer research requests
- On call (Carolyn Hendersin, Dennis Burek, Mary Zischke): data entry; research assistance
- Helga Rogers: data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Katie Groves: indexing the Kendall Keystone newspaper from home



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## Informational Report:

2012

Audience Served	January Month	February Month	March Month	April Month	May Month	June Month	July Month	August Month	Sept Month	October Month	YTD
Volunteer Hours:	43	206	63	472	273	587	1247	153	334	228	
Number of Groups:	5	5	7	7	13	13	4	8	3	3	
Adult Members Served:	23	8	36	18	11	28	25	6	12	18	
6-15 Age Members Served:	4	1	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	2	
< 5 Age Members Served:	1	3	3	3	2	2	2	0	0	2	
Adult Non-Members Served:	89	89	79	119	98	280	265	268	171	171	
6-15 Age Non-Members Served:	19	7	21	27	24	81	81	73	8	10	
< 5 Age Non-Members Served:	18	6	12	7	7	27	27	13	8	12	
Number Served in Groups:	62	467	556	468	563	701	562	319	124	1191	
<b>Total Audience Served:</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>1406</b>	<b>7343</b>

## Past Events:

- October 1-5: 4-H Week at the Museum
- October 12: Star Wars Reads Day event at the museum in conjunction with the Sparta Free Library
- October 24: Ron Kind visited the Museum
- October 25: Mr. Science program at the museum
- October 26: Trick or Treat at the Boys and Girls Club
- November 12: Attended the Wisconsin Federation of Museums Conference
- November 16: Sent out Annual Fund ask- secured a matching grant of \$5,000 from Union National Bank

## Upcoming Events:

- December 6: Take a Poem to Lunch at the Museum- Madrigal singers & kids from St. Pat's

If you have any questions, please call 608-269-0033. Thanks, Alli Karrels.