

Approved May 10, 2013
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Rolling Hills Conference Room, 2nd Floor
Friday, April 12, 2013

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nodji Van Wychen at 9:00 a.m.

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

Motion was made by Mary Cook to accept the minutes for the past meeting as printed. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Extension Office, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220, Sparta.

THE DEKE SLAYTON MEMORIAL SPACE AND BIKE MUSEUM REPORT— 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. 5-0.

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT— Jarrod was absent from the meeting. His report was handed out to committee members. No discussion was taken. Motion was made by Dale Greeno to accept the Local History Room Report and pay bills for the month. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0 (report attached)

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS

◆ Discussion of Other Potential Projects— no discussion

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS— The Extension educators provided education current programs/impacts. Motion made by David Pierce to accept agent program reports and office bills/credit card expenditures. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 5-0 (reports attached)

Motion was made by David Pierce to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$4,455 to move all Print Management Program funds - Account #10.670.55670.193 to Equipment Maintenance/Repair - Account #10.670.55670.353. Seconded by Dale Greeno. Motion carried. 5-0

Motion was made by Mary Cook to approve the transfer funds in the amount of \$1,023 from County Extension Revenues - Account # 10.670.46770 to close non-lapsing Risograph account to UW-Extension accounts #10.670.55670.310 - Office Supplies/Expense (\$31.05) and Account #10.670.55670.353 - Equipment-Maintenance/Repairs (\$991.95). Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0

Report from State WACEC Meeting—Will Cronin reported on the WACEC meeting that he and Nodji Van Wychen attended on April 8-10, 2013 in Madison. Nodji and Will shared with the committee that there were several breakout sessions and visits with legislatures at the conference. Will moderated one on sand mining. Nodji attended several on economic development. Nodji was elected to the office of 2nd Vice President of the Southwest Region.

Motion was made to adjourn by David Pierce, seconded by Gail Chapman and approved on a 5-0 vote at 10:00 a.m.

Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

Monroe County Office
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee

Report by: Karen Joos

April 2013

Program Related

- Attended the monthly meeting and Proclamation Signing Event of the Monroe County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, focused on plans for April Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Monroe County Planning Council
- Monroe County Housing Coalition Education Committee monthly meeting focused on Fair Housing Month
- Monroe County Housing Coalition meeting focused on planning a “summit” anniversary revitalization session in May.
- Safe Community Coalition Drug Free Communities Grant:
 - Attended the “Prescription Drug” workgroup meeting focused on planning community awareness events.
 - Attended the Public Relations workgroup meeting focused on plans for marketing and public relations activities for the grant
 - Attended the SCC monthly meeting focused on updates and future plans/ goals of the Drug Free Communities Grant.
- Monroe County bi-weekly OWI Court Team and Team Meetings.
- Attended the Monroe County Caregiver Coalition meeting.
- Monthly HCE Bridge
- Wrote weekly Karen’s Korner columns for the Sparta and Tomah newspapers

Jackson/Monroe/Vernon Leadership Program

- Planned and facilitated the March Legislative Seminar. The day included visits to Senator Shilling, Representative Vruwink; Governor Walker’s office Director of External Communications and policy advisor Michael Brickman; a lobbyist, Ingrid Nelson, Law Clerk for Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson, and a Capitol tour.

Other Activities

- As a member of the Coulee Cap Board, attended the local Monroe County Planning meeting
- In an advisory capacity, attended the Monroe County HCE Executive Board Meeting.

Future program plans:

- Continue OWI Court evaluation data gathering; OWI Team and Court
- Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership April Education Seminar, and May Economic Development Seminars; additionally graduation preparations
- Rent Smart, Sparta Sails and Jackson County
- Gracious Space presentation at JCEP
- Monroe County Health Department ,CHIPP update meeting
- Warrens Area Business Association

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CNRED Agent Update, April 12, 2013

The CNRED Agent has been engaged in the following activities:

- Agent attended the Governor's Conference on Tourism in Madison in mid-March, on behalf of the Economic Development, Commerce and Tourism Committee. The conference was very successful and provided a significant professional development opportunity in the field of tourism development.
- Agent is supporting the Wisconsin Solid Waste Management Association's planning for their summer conference. Content will focus on sand mining and Extension will partner to provide research-based resources.
- The Outdoor Recreation Alliance continues to work on a database of silent sports assets in the region, and is in the process of determining how best to go about doing that. Agent has been researching online mapping options.
- Planning work for an Economic Development in-service is in full swing. Agent is soliciting presentations on economic development programming from colleagues, has written a pre-session assessment survey and is planning a work session on the role of UW-Extension in regional economic development.
- Agent will work with the EDCT Committee and 7 Rivers Alliance to conduct a business retention and expansion program in Monroe County. This will be a good opportunity to build relationships with the county business community and support the new position of Economic Development Coordinator. 7 Rivers Alliance is overseeing the region-wide program and counties and other local organizations will handle the actual visits.
- Agent co-facilitated two sessions at the annual WACEC meeting on nonmetallic mining and the UW-Extension educational response. Feedback was very positive.
- Agent worked with the Sparta Holiday Lights group to connect them to SW-ITBEC. They have submitted a grant application for funding to purchase new energy efficient LED lights.

Joshua L. Goede



Festival of Arts

Area Festival of Arts was held in Holmen on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Monroe County had performances and exhibits from over 40 youth. Five of ten photo exhibits received merit awards. Ten art projects and five speaking performances received merit awards as well. The event went well and was enjoyed by those who went. The five counties (LaCrosse, Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, and Monroe) that organize and participate in the Area Festival of Arts are discussing its future. There is the possibility this event will be sunsetted. If it is continued Monroe will host the 2014 event. We will still continue with the local county Festival of Arts annually.

CLCs

The Agent has completed one full round of CLC lessons. The lesson conducted used 35mm film canisters to demonstrate what happens when pressure exceeds capacity. The term variable was introduced and explained as well observed. Brookwood is doing a Gardening activity led by one of our Adult leaders this month. Sparta's four CLC's will be doing another STEM project focusing on Spinning toys using a Pencil with "Monroe County 4-H 269-8722" engraved on it. The students will be able to keep the pencils.

Promotion

The Agent is scheduled to have a booth at Sparta's Dia de los Ninos. The back board has been updated. The CLC's will also receive promotional information at this month's lesson. The agent is also planning a Fishing Instructor Certification Class. This will be open to all county entities who work with youth. The effort is to get 4-H's name into the communities. Those who participate will be certified to teach angling. There is also the ability to receive reduced price supplies from WI companies that manufacture fishing gear. We are hoping to have it set up for the 2nd Saturday of June.

Fur, Fin, and Feather

This annual event is scheduled for 9am on Saturday April 13. The response has been strong. There are over 50 chickens and more than 120 rabbits entered as well as other small animal classes. This event has entries from eight counties. The event is self-sufficient and has been able to offer very good prizes as well as drawings.

Camp

Monroe and La Crosse Counties will hold 4-H Summer Camp June 18th-20th. The Agent has been in contact with Bob Matysik. The first councilor training was held Thursday April 11th in West Salem. Monroe County has two male councilors and one female. Camp enrollment is open through May 17th. The Leader's Association is again helping with 75% of camper fees.

Joshua L. Goede



State Fair Changes

The Agent and Ag Agent have met with families involved with The Wisconsin State Fair to update them on new rule. The Agent also wrote to State Fair for clarification. The new rules revolve mainly around two points

- Tommy G Thompson Youth Center will do rooming and chaperone applications and report to the Agent
- All entries will be done by exhibitors; the county office has been removed from the process. The office will still verify the good standing of those who wish to enter after the paperwork is entered to State Fair on time. The office will also have final say over chaperone selection.

Compiling Upcoming Events Information/Newsletter Work

Agent has been working to collect information and events details to compile Cloverlink Newsletter. April Newsletter was published and mailed out on March 30th. The Agent is becoming better acquainted with the publishing software used to create each month's edition.

Upcoming Events

April

- 1-Membership enrollment deadline for showing at Monroe County Fair
- 1-Shotgun/.22 Program starts, Cataract Sportsman's club
- 5-6-Training for State 4-H Groups @ Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
- 6-YELL Conference, UW-Eau Claire, Grades 6-12
- 8-Shotgun/.22 Program, Cataract Sportsman's club
- 9- Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting, 8:00 pm Cashton High School Cafeteria
- 10- State Fair Informational Meeting 7:30 @ Rolling Hills Auditorium
- 12-13-IW2K! Camp @ Upham Woods, Grades 6-8
- 13-Fur, Fin, & Feather
- 15- Shotgun/.22 Program, Cataract Sportsman's club
- 21-Jr. Leader Meeting, 1:00 pm, Justin Trails, Leon
- 22-Shotgun/.22 Program, Cataract Sportsman's club
- 29- Shotgun/.22 Program, Cataract Sportsman's club

May

- 6- Shotgun/.22 Program, Cataract Sportsman's club
- 13- Camp sign-up due in office at 4:30 pm
- 15-Market Swine, Sheep and Goat ID's due
- 17- Camp registration due to Office no later than 4:30pm

June

- 1-Monroe County Dairy Breakfast
- 17-19-Tractor Safety
- 18-20-Monroe/La Crosse 4-H Camp @Upham Woods
- 20-23-Budweiser Dairyland Super National Tractor Pull
- 24- 4-H Clothing Preview, Rolling Hills Auditorium 9 am Registration
- 27-30-Elroy Fair

July

- 17-4-H Foods Review, location TBA
- 24-28 Monroe County Fair

- 31-Carcass Judging

August

- 1-11-Wisconsin State Fair

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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update March 9, 2013 to April 12, 2013

The Ag Agent attended and participated in the following board meetings over the past month; Monroe Co Fair Advisory, Monroe Co DHIA annual meeting, Monroe Co State Fair Committee, Monroe County Farm Bureau Board, Monroe Co Jr. Livestock Committee, and Western Wisconsin Beef Producers.

The Fresh Market Produce Workshop was held on March 26th at Ontario. There were 28 participants at the workshop. The majority of them were organic growers this year including one of the field crop managers for Seneca Foods.

UW Extension is conducting a trapping and monitoring network for the Spotted Wing Drosophila fly. Field of Dreams Blueberries between Tomah and Warrens has agreed to be the official trapping site for Monroe County. There will also be a trapping site in Jackson, La Crosse, Vernon and Crawford Counties in this area. There may be additional sites as needed.

Planning for the cover crop project at Zastoupils is underway, and UW Specialists will be visiting the site next week.

The Ag Agent had made visits to a number of the greenhouses that are getting bedding plants up and going. Everything was generally going well until last week, when downy mildew of impatiens was discovered in a few greenhouses. This particular fungal disease is very infectious and can spread rapidly. The Ag Agent sent samples to the disease clinic at UW Madison for confirmation. This led to Wisconsin DATCP becoming involved in trace back to determine where it came from. The Ag Agent has sent copies of orders from the growers to DATCP, and also sent additional plant samples to the Disease Clinic at Michigan State. The Ag Agent has worked with the UW Extension Plant Pathologist to prepare written materials for growers to help them manage this problem. This problem is not unique to just Wisconsin this spring. Visits to growers with DATCP folks will occur on Monday.

Plans are in place to conduct additional alfalfa fungicide plots in cooperation with other counties and Southeast Minnesota counterparts. The Ag Agent is also looking into a nitrogen rate plot to evaluate some new nitrogen management technology in cooperation with the UW Soil Scientist, and may be conducting some corn foliar fungicide trials again. One is set up to look at a brown midrib hybrid.

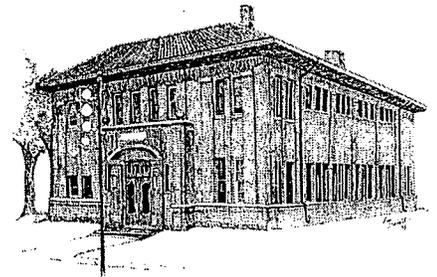
There were also a variety of one on one visits and consultations done over the past month.

Upcoming Events

April 13 Adult Volunteer Training for 4-H shooting sports shotgun, Lodi
April 15 Greenhouse Visits with DATCP
April 18, Presentation at JCEP, Wi Dells
April 18 Presentation at High Tunnel Tomato Workshop at Hancock
June 1 Monroe Co Dairy Breakfast
June 17-19 Tractor Safety in cooperation with La Crosse Co

MONROE COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY ROOM MUSEUM & LIBRARY

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County Historian's Report, March 2013

Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

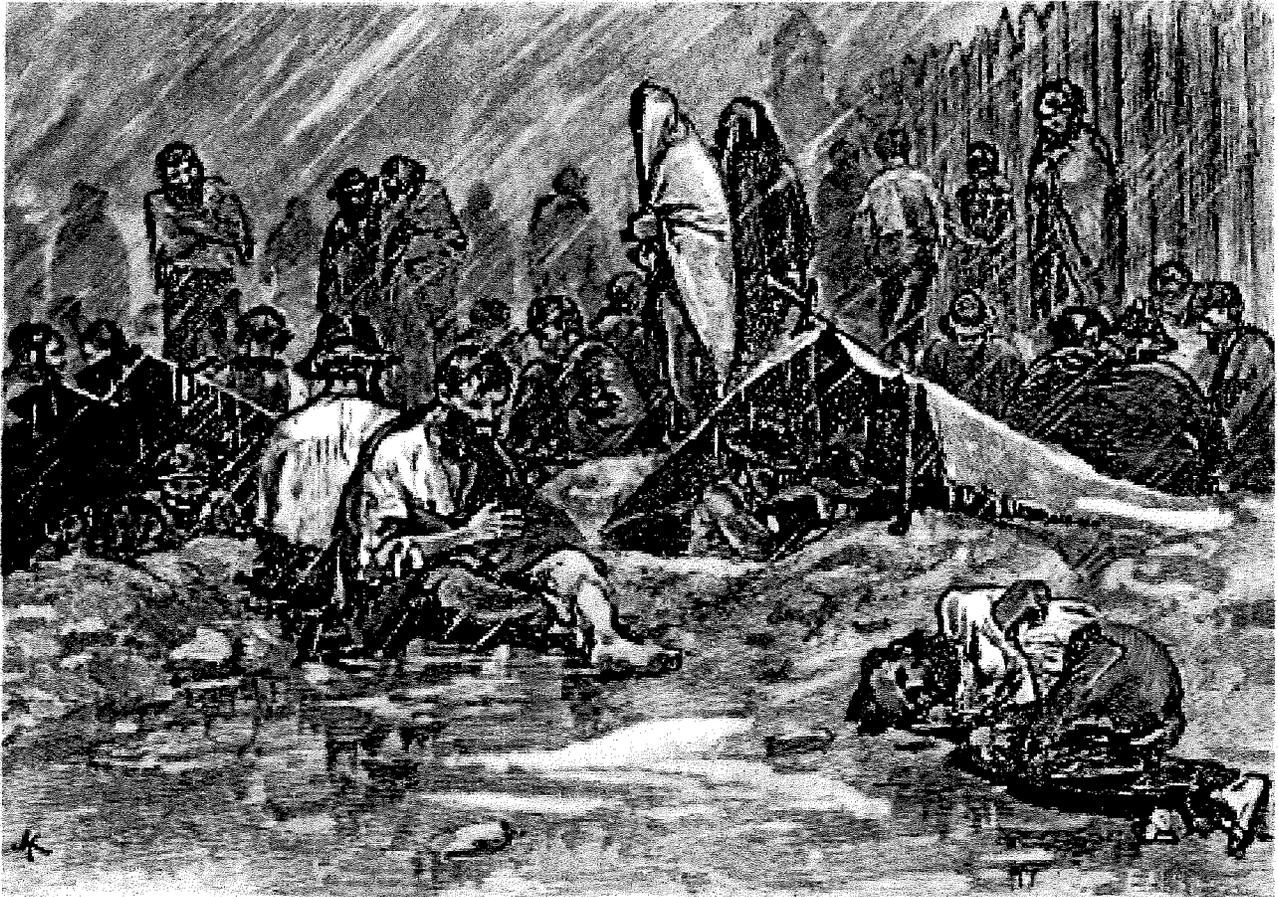
HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Attended mandatory County management training
- Met with new volunteer, Cortney, to development educational programming about Native American history; began consultation with county 4th and 5th grade teachers about educational programming needs
- Met with Tomah Area Museum to facilitate transfer to LHR of certain artifacts
- Provided educational programming to 70 Lawrence Lawson students
- Attended the Governor's Tourism Conference in Madison; typed up notes/prepared report
- Prepared for and hosted Business After 5 at the Local History Room/Deke Slayton Museum – 75 in attendance
- Met with Beth Haun, Program Manager for NEC, to go over the production details of the Grotto signs so that NEC could start making them
- Promoted April 4th evening public program, "Wild West Shows" (wrote and emailed press releases, sent out promotional flyers)
- Hosted Monroe County Economic Development and Tourism Committee meeting at LHR; gave report about economic impact of LHR and provided a tour of the building
- Promoted Thursday evening public program "Letters Home to Sarah" – 45 in attendance
- 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; check fire extinguishers; send time sheets; process new donation offerings; provide general customer service to visitors; confer with Alli Karrells about museum issues and activities; attend monthly meetings (Ag/Ex Committee, Co. Economic Development & Tourism Committee, Dept Heads, MCHS)

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
- Kathy Hein: assist with research requests
- Cortney Adair: developing Native American history educational programming

THE MONROE COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY ROOM
"HISTORY - LIVE!" 2013 PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES



*Wisconsin Prisoners of War at Salisbury:
A Civil War Prison Camp*
Presented by Ronald D. Nichols

Civil War Program

7:00pm Thursday, May 9th, 2013

Monroe County Local History Room

200 West Main St., Sparta, WI

For More Info Call: 608-269-8680

A \$1.00 per person admission donation is greatly appreciated to defray programming costs.



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Informational Report: 2013

March

Audience Served	January Month	February Month	March Month	YTD
Volunteer Hours:	43	763	763	
Number of Groups:	5	3	3	
Adult Members Served:	23	21	16	
6-15 Age Members Served:	4	2	3	
< 5 Age Members Served:	1	2	0	
Adult Non-Members Served:	89	46	58	
6-15 Age Non-Members Served:	19	13	30	
< 5 Age Non-Members Served:	18	5	8	
Number Served in Groups:	62	221	488	
Total Audience Served:	216	310	603	1129

Past Events:

- March 6: Meet with the architects from the new court house project and discussed how the museum will fit in with the new design
- March 9: Sports Expo at the Sparta High School
- March 12: School group from Lawrence Lawson Elementary- 1st grade
- March 20: Business After 5 at the Museum in conjunction w the Sparta Chamber of Commerce
- March 30: Birthday Party at the Museum

Upcoming Events:

- April 25: Tea Time at the Museum
- April 27: Dia de Los Ninos event at the High School

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