

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

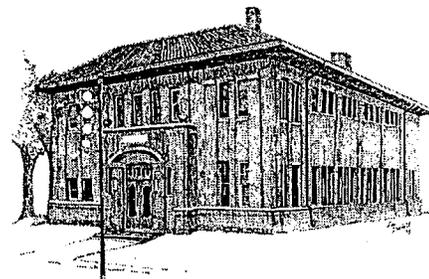
**Report from State WACEC Meeting**—Will Cronin reported on the WACEC meeting that he and Nodji Van Wychen attended on April 8-10, 2013 in Madison. Nodji and Will shared with the committee that there were several breakout sessions and visits with legislatures at the conference. Will moderated one on 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

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## County Historian's Report, April 2013

Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

### HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Provided educational programming (Civil War) to Cashton 7<sup>th</sup> graders; continued creating new Native American educational programming with new (temporary) volunteer.
- Made updates to [www.MCLHR.org](http://www.MCLHR.org): "update support/donate to LHR" page; new images on Home page and on "Donate to Website" page; "chose email or mail order" page; "click to preview item" options added
- Held LHR Team Meeting with staff and volunteers to share news and for training purposes
- Served as a Judge for the 2013 Governor's Archive Award
- Began researching content for LHR Hallway display overhaul/update
- Created MCHS Annual Election Proxy Form
- Gave Civil War presentation to retired teachers sorority group at Burnstads
- Promoted May 9<sup>th</sup> evening public program, "Wisconsin POWs During the Civil War" (wrote press release, sent out flyers)
- Designed, fabricated, and installed updated images into the "Main Streets—Then and Now" exhibit.
- Hosted Thursday evening program, Wild West Shows
- Provided radio interview/program about LHR and Monroe County's role in the Civil War
- 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



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## Letters To The Editor

Letters to the editor are welcome and, in fact, encouraged. Letters must include the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address for our consideration. The newspaper reserves the right to edit any letter, especially for length and grammatical considerations.

### HISTORY ROOM, WEBSITE ARE JEWELS

Dear Editor:

Last June, on one of the hottest and muggiest days I've ever spent in Wisconsin, my cousin took me to Sparta to visit their history museum and also to have lunch. Once I got into the museum and found the helpful young man who assisted me in searching through index's of old newspapers and other historical data I felt like I had been transported into another era. We left the museum for a quick bite and then returned to hunt some more, and if my cousin hadn't reminded me that we had other plans for the day, and that the museum was about to close, I would never have left and would be still crouched in a corner researching.

It was one of my best history searching days ever. I took home to Portland, Oregon, several copies of newspaper articles about various ancestors, and the website address. Since then, I have been browsing through the museum's website and have placed several orders. The museum website is very easy to browse and I watched a short video that provided additional research information. I hope to visit Wisconsin in late September, when the autumn countryside will be beautiful and most likely it will not be 100 degrees plus, and spend another enjoyable day at Sparta's wonderful history museum, but in the meantime I will be searching its contents on the internet. It is a terrific website!

Sincerely,

Cathy Vanderwall  
Portland, OR

Dear Editor

As a former teacher, I support the idea of a history room in school. Most sixth grade students need reinforcement.

However, these classes are essential and it can be a great way to learn the same philosophy in a student's life. It is true with

Keyboarding is not yet a requirement. If an employer is much more than twice or three times as fast as their other employees, it is an ideal time to invest in their work place.



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**Informational Report:** 2013

Audience Served	January Month	February Month	March Month	April Month	YTD
Volunteer Hours:	43	763	783	89	
Number of Groups:	5	3	3	0	
Adult Members Served:	23	21	16	39	
6-15 Age Members Served:	4	2	3	2	
< 5 Age Members Served:	1	2	0	2	
Adult Non-Members Served:	89	46	58	93	
6-15 Age Non-Members Served:	19	13	30	34	
< 5 Age Non-Members Served:	18	5	8	7	
Number Served in Groups:	62	221	488	470	
Total Audience Served:	216	310	603	647	1776

**Past Events:**

- April 13: Wisconsin Council for Local History Meeting in WI Rapids
- April 19-20: Delta Kappa Gamma Convention in LaCrosse
- April 25: Tea Time at the Museum
- April 27: Dia de Los Ninos event at the High School
- May 4: Tiger Cub Scout Group at the Museum

**Upcoming Events:**

- May 13: St. Johns School group to visit
- May 19-22: AAM Conference in Baltimore
- May 30: Presentation at Mauston Public Library

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

## Joshua L. Goede



### CLCs

The Agent has completed the school year at Norwalk, Ontario, Wilton but will attend the Board of Directors Meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be one more lesson in the four Sparta CLCs. The agent will present an M&M's experiment from the Ag in Afterschool 4-H curriculum. The sessions at Fort McCoy have started and are going well. The staff is very supportive in our efforts. We will have a total of six weekly sessions before the summer program starts in mid-June.

### Promotion

Due to the passing of the Agent's Father in Law participation at Dia de los Ninos was canceled. The organizer assured the agent they would invite 4-H again next year. On a positive note The Agent met with the manager of the Tomah Tractor Supply on Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>, positive ideas were exchanged about how TSC could be a strong community support with 4-H. The twice annual Paper Clover Campaign started Wednesday May 8, 2013. The agent was present from 2:30pm through 5:30pm to kick off the event. The agent also plans on being present possibly with the float, weather permitting, on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm. Any amount over the \$421 raised last year will come straight to the county program. The agent is looking at ways to increase input from clubs to capitalize this community support.

A Fishing Clinic has been set up for May 18<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Sparta High School from 10am-3pm. The web address for the event sign up is

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/anglereducation/index.html>

### Camp

Monroe and La Crosse Counties will hold 4-H Summer Camp June 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. The Agent has been entrusted to make arrangement for the Outpost portion of camp and will supervise as he has current First Aid and CPR Certifications. The second councilor training was held Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in West Salem. Monroe County has two male councilors and one female. Camp enrollment is open through May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Leader's Association is again helping with 75% of camper fees. We have four signed up Outpost and twelve for base camp.

### Compiling Upcoming Events Information/Newsletter Work

Agent has been working to collect information and events details to compile Cloverlink Newsletter. The May Newsletter was published and mailed out on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Agent also created a more comprehensive schedule for the remainder of the year included in this report.

## Joshua L. Goede



### Upcoming Events

#### May

*Reminder: Horse and Pony Project—Coggins Tests prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>*

5- Executive Board Meeting with Award Interviews,  
6:30 p.m. @ Cashton Community Hall

6- Shotgun/22

7- NOW CLC

7- Dog Project, 7:00 p.m. @ Menn Farm

8- 19-Spring TSC Paper Clover Promo

Joshua will be @ TSC May 8&11

9- Ft. McCoy Afterschool

10- Dog Project, 7:00 p.m. @ Menn Farm

11- 4-H Photo Day 10:30am-2:00pm Rolling Hills  
Recreation Room

13- Horse and Pony Project Business Meeting @  
Rolling Hills, 6:30 p.m. \*\*Horse IDs due

7- Sparta CLC Southside/Maplewood

15- Market Sheep, Swine, and Goat ID Sheets due to  
UWEX Office by 4:30 p.m.

13- Dog Project, 7:00 p.m. @ Menn Farm

16- Ft. McCoy Afterschool

17- Summer Camp Registrations due to UWEX  
Office by 4:30 p.m.

18- Dog Project, 10:00 a.m. @ Menn Farm

18- Fishing Certification Workshop 10am-3pm  
Sparta High School

19- Horse Clinic with Pat Stevenson

19- Junior Leaders' Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Sparta  
Garden Clean up

7- Sparta CLC Lawrence-Lawson/Meadowview

20- Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:30 p.m. @  
Cashton Community Hall

21- Dog Project, 7:00 p.m. @ Menn Farm

23- Ft. McCoy Afterschool

23- Dog Project, 7:00 p.m. @ Menn Farm

27- Office Closed

28- Dog Project w/showmanship, 7:00 p.m. @  
Menn Farm

30- Ft. McCoy Afterschool

31- Dog Project w/showmanship, 7:00 p.m. @  
Menn Farm

#### June

1- Cranfest Button Contest Entries due

1- Dairy Breakfast

3- Dog Project w/showmanship, 7:00 p.m. @  
Menn Farm

6- Fort McCoy Afterschool

7- 4-H Family Picnic Registration due to UWEX  
Office

7- Dog Project w/showmanship, 7:00 p.m. @  
Menn Farm

10- Butterfest Parade, Sparta

10- Deadline for Clothing Preview Entries due to  
UWEX Office

11- 4-H Family Picnic at Winnebago Park, Tomah

15- Graduation Awards due to UWEX Office

17- 19- Tractor Safety w/ La Crosse County in Sparta

18- 20- 4-H Summer Camp @ Upham Woods

20- 23- Tractor Pull, Tomah Rec Park

24- Clothing Preview, 8:30 a.m. Registration @  
Rolling Hills Auditorium, Sparta

27- 30- Elroy Fair

#### July

4- Office Closed

7- Jr Leaders meet at 1pm

to fix up fair exhibition equipment

17- Foods Revue

24- 28- Monroe County Fair

28- Clothing Preview Style Show, 2:30 p.m. @  
Monroe County Fairgrounds

#### August

1- 11- Wisconsin State Fair

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## **CNRED Agent Update, May 10, 2013**

The CNRED Agent has been engaged in the following activities:

- Agent provided one-on-one business counseling to two individuals.
- The Sparta Holiday Lights group has received a \$1,500 grant from SW-ITBEC. The CNRED Agent facilitated the connection and supported the grant application process.
- Agent has been appointed to the CNRED Program Advisory Team, which works to determine the future direction of CNRED programming and support the professional development of CNRED Educators.
- Agent has been named Chair of the 2014 Joint Council of Extension Professionals conference planning committee.
- Agent co-presented a poster on the Economic Development Readiness tool at the 2013 JCEP poster session.
- Agent developed and distributed an assessment of CNRED economic development programming, and will use the data to inform the discussion at the upcoming economic development in-service.
- Agent continues to work with the 7 Rivers Alliance on a Business Retention and Expansion program for Monroe County.
- Agent is working with 7 Rivers Alliance and WEDC on a process to improve responses to the Request for Information (RFI) process in the region. An RFI occurs when a business or site selector requests data on possible locations for new businesses.
- Agent is planning the May Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership program session. The topic is economic development and will include study visits to the Food Enterprise Center in Viroqua, Organic Valley in La Farge, and the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.

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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

## **Agriculture Extension Update April 13, 2013 to May 10, 2013**

The Ag Agent taught the 4-H shotgun trainer certification curriculum to 7 adult volunteers.

There are nineteen 4-H youth participating in the 4-H shotgun and .22 rifle projects that the Ag Agent is lead instructor for. Seven of them are brand new to the project this year. The group will meet eight times, and pending the weather, will finish up on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Ag Agent was on a panel to share experiences working with underserved audiences with extension co-workers from around the state at the JCEP conference in Wisconsin Dells.

The Ag Agent gave a presentation on growing tomatoes in high tunnel greenhouses using the bag system to a group of fresh market vegetable growers near Hancock.

Work was done on the cover crop project, the alfalfa fungicide plot, and the two nitrogen rate trials during the past two weeks. The insect monitoring traps are either set up or will be within the next week.

The Ag Agents in Buffalo, Chippewa, La Crosse, Monroe, St. Croix, Jackson and Polk Co received grant funds to develop and create a tractor safety DVD. At this time we are in the process of writing the scripts. The plan is for making the video to be done in August.

The Ag Agent took two DATCP inspectors out to visit greenhouses as follow up from the downy mildew on the impatiens outbreak. Everyone passed inspection.

### **Upcoming Events**

April 13 Meeting with Ho Chunk at Whirling Thunder

April 15 Project planning meeting for Ag Agents Summer Events

June 1 Monroe Co Dairy Breakfast

June 17-19 Tractor Safety in cooperation with La Crosse Co

July 24 -28 Monroe Co Fair

July 31 Carcass Evaluation

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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee

Report by: Karen Joos

May 2013

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### **Program Related**

- Taught Rent Smart curriculum to Sparta Sails students.
- Assisted the Monroe County Health Department with the CHIPP update meeting.
- Facilitated "Stop, Start, And Continue" for the Warrens Area Business Association.
- Monroe County Housing Coalition Education Committee monthly meeting focused on an upcoming Housing Summit.
- 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 two Sub-committee meetings on plans and activities for grant carry-over funds.
  - Attended the SCC monthly meeting focused on updates and future plans/ goals of the Drug Free Communities Grant.
- Monroe County bi-weekly OWI Team and Court.
- Monthly HCE Bridge
- Wrote weekly Karen's Korner columns for the Sparta and Tomah newspapers

### **Jackson/Monroe/Vernon Leadership Program**

- Planned the April Seminar focused on Education, which included visits to a Christian School, Waldorf School, Youth Initiative High School, and Laurel Charter School.
- Class VII completed their community service E-cycling day project.

### **Other Activities**

- In an advisory capacity, attended the Spring West District HCE meeting in Arcadia.
- In an advisory capacity, attended the Monroe County HCE Spring Fling.
- Attended Faculty Senate representing the Department of Family Development.

### **Future program plans:**

- Continue OWI Court evaluation data gathering; OWI Team and Court
- Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership May Economic Development Seminar graduation preparations
- Wrap-up of JMV year and marketing for next class
- "Rent Smart" Special Interest for HCE
- Create Strengthening Families Program reports for Tomah and NOW Schools