

MINUTES APPROVED July 12,2013
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monroe County Extension Office, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220
Friday, June 14, 2013

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Mary Cook at 9:03 a.m.

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

Motion was made by David Pierce to accept the minutes for the past meeting as printed. Seconded by Dale Greeno. Motion carried. 3-0-2.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 12, 2013 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. 3-0-2.

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT - Jarrod Roll gave the report. Motion was made by David Pierce to accept the Local History Room Report and pay bills for the month. Seconded by Dale Greeno. Motion carried. 3-0-2 (report attached)

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS

- ◆ Discussion of Other Potential Projects - no discussion

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS - The Extension agents provided education current programs/impacts. Motion made by Dale Greeno to accept agent program reports and office bills/credit card expenditures. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 3-0-2 (reports attached)

Motion was made to adjourn by David Pierce, seconded by Dale Greeno and approved on a 3-0-2 vote at 9:45 a.m.

Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

Monroe County Office
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee

Report by: Karen Joos

June 2013

Program Related

- Facilitated a session for Warrens Area Business Association.
- Safe Communities Coalition Drug Free Communities Grant
 - Sub-committee meeting focused on plans for grant carry-over funds.
 - "Prescription Drug" workgroup meeting
 - "Public Relations" workgroup meeting
 - Monthly Safe Communities Committee meeting
- Monroe County Housing Coalition meeting focused on finalizing plans for the Housing Summit.
- Monroe County Housing Coalition Housing Summit.
- Created program reports for Strengthening Families Programs at Tomah and NOW Schools.
- Taught a short version of Rent Smart for an HCE special interest meeting.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Monroe County Child Abuse Task Force, focused on year-end wrap up and plans for next year.
- As a member, attended the Monroe County Planning Council monthly meeting.
- Attended advisory committee meetings for Sparta and Norwalk Community Learning Centers.
- Monroe County bi-weekly OWI Team and Court.
- Wrote weekly Karen's Korner columns for the Sparta and Tomah newspapers

Jackson/Monroe/Vernon Leadership Program

- Assisted in facilitating the May Seminar on Economic Development/Entrepreneurship with visits to Viroqua Food Coop, Food Enterprise Center, Dairyland Printing and Kickapoo Valley Reserve; presentation from 7 Rivers Alliance, and Organic Valley; Economic Development interactive activity.
- Planned and coordinated Class VII graduation.
- JMV Alumni Survey

Other Activities

- In an advisory capacity, attended the Monroe County HCE Executive Board Meeting.
- WAHCE Advisor teleconference
- As a Monroe County representative attended the quarterly 7 C's meeting in Viroqua focused on tobacco prevention programs/activities.

Future program plans/activities

- Continue OWI Court evaluation data gathering; OWI Team and Court
- 2013-2014 JMV Leadership Program plans/brochures and marketing for Class VIII.
- "Rent Smart" training for professionals
- Northwoods Coalition Training
- Farm to School Conference



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CNRED Agent Update, June 14, 2013

The CNRED Agent has been engaged in the following activities:

- Agent was a speaker on the transportation impacts of nonmetallic mining at a major regional sand mining informational session in Black River Falls.
- Agent worked with Great Rivers United Way to review, evaluate and recommend Monroe County projects for the annual Venture Grant program.
- Agent compiled a list of interview questions for the Economic Development Coordinator interviews and worked with the committee and County Administrator to plan the interview session.
- As Chair of the 2014 Joint Council of Extension Professionals conference planning committee, the Agent is presently working on securing a date and location for the 2014 conference.
- Agent is planned the May Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership program session. The topic was economic development and included study visits to the Food Enterprise Center in Viroqua, Organic Valley in La Farge, and the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.
- The UW-Extension Economic Development In-Service will take place in mid-June. The CNRED Agent is using data gathered through a program area-wide assessment to refine the curriculum, which will include a discussion of current and future UW-Extension economic development programming.
- Agent has been asked to sit on a search and screen committee for a specialist position at the Center for Community and Economic Development.
- After attending Broadband Bootcamp in May, the CNRED Agent is planning a program to work with local businesses on inexpensive and effective ways to improve their presence on the internet.

Joshua L. Goede



CLCs

The school year is complete for all local CLCs. The agent attended NOW's Board of Directors Meeting on May 28th and is involved with the planning of next year's programming. Ft. McCoy was a great success as well our weekly sessions were well received and the students were very engaged. We are discussing 4-H involvement in summer programming at Fort.

Promotion

The agent has completed an online course on using the internet writing software. He plans to make more use of the website for promotion and communication.

Camp

Final camp preparations have been made for Tuesday's departure for camp. The agent is in charge of the Outpost portion of camp. We have two adults, three councilors, and 25 campers going. We will be returning Thursday evening.

Compiling Upcoming Events Information/Newsletter Work

Agent has been working to collect information and events details to compile Cloverlink Newsletter. The June Newsletter was published and mailed out on May 29th. The agent also posted a PDF version on the UWEX Monroe County website.

Clover Camp

Clover Camp will be held this coming Saturday at Tomah's Recreation Park. The theme is Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. We are having several activities and crafts such as creating a planter from an old boot, making tie dyed bags with left over paint, as well as making recycled paper.

Survey

The agent mailed out surveys asking member families about their 4-H club experiences. We have received a good number back and are in the process of compiling the data. We will use this information for future plans.

Upcoming Events

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
9 & 11- Jr Leaders meet at 5pm
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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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update May 11, 2013 to June 14, 2013

The Ag Agent attended a Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) trainer certification workshop in Richland Center, and is now a certified trainer for Adult PQA Plus 2.0 program. There are a small group of producers who sell through the Equity Sale Barn that need the certification.

The Ag Agent had educational displays at the Dairy Breakfast, they included a general office display, a 4-H program display, and a display with facts on Wisconsin's Dairy Industry. The 4-H and Tomah FFA also had educational activities for youth in the educational area.

A fruit crop pest management workshop was held at Maple Ridge Orchard, near Portland on June 11. Presenters included Christelle Guedot, UW Extension Fruit Crop Entomologist and Patty McManus, UW Extension Fruit Crop Plant Pathologist. There were 22 participants who all had commercial fruit crop enterprises on their farms.

Work continues on growing season projects including taking yield checks and soil samples on the the cover crop plot, one of the nitrogen rate plots is in place (side dressing not completed yet), and first cutting of the alfalfa fungicide plot was harvested on June 7th. The samples have been sent in for analysis. The plot received over 11 inches of rain in the 4 weeks prior to harvest. Work is also being done with the spotted wing fruit fly trapping cooperators for identification of the flies caught in the traps.

Numerous farm visits were made over the past month, primarily focused on trouble shooting problems with bedding plants and vegetable crop growers. I have also visited with several farmers on what options they have for crops with delayed planting problems due to the weather. The first person they need to talk to is their crop insurance agent if they have crop insurance.

The high tunnel tomato working group the Ag Agent is a member of received block grant funding to continue to work on a project to develop best management practices for growing high tunnel tomatoes in Wisconsin.

Upcoming Events

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

June 20 Work on Cattle Feeder Overhead Survey

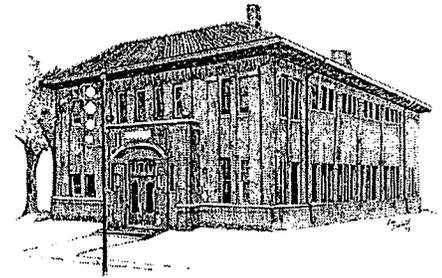
July 24 -28 Monroe Co Fair

July 31 Carcass Evaluation

August 14 Cranberry Summer Field Day- Pittsville

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County Historian's Report, May 2013 Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

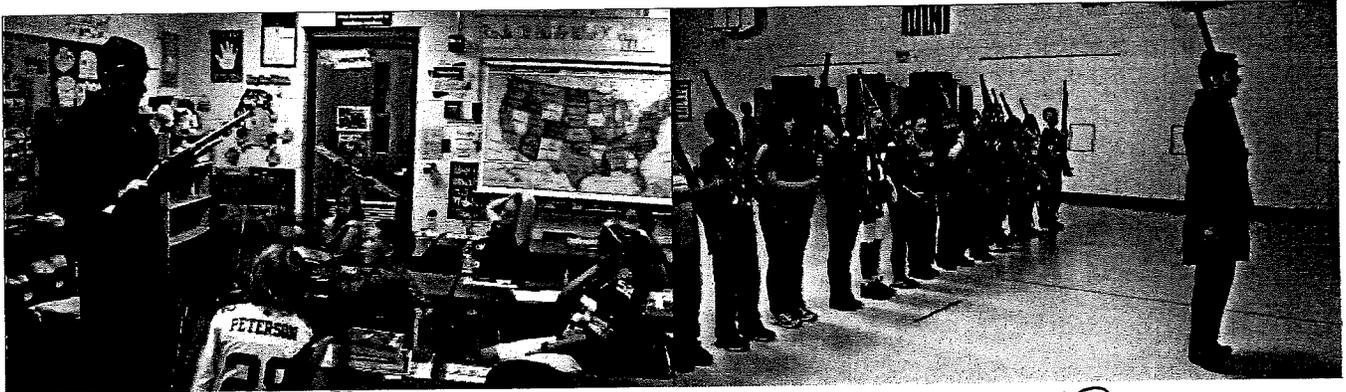
- Hosted Thursday evening public program "Prisoner of War Camps in the Civil War"
- Prepared PowerPoint presentation about Monroe County history and presented it to an audience of 195 people at the Sparta "Celebration of Seniors"
- Gave keynote presentation at the Gifted and Talented Heritage Fair in Warrens to 65 students
- Provided educational programming to over 700 students from Sparta, Tomah, Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton, and West Salem, both at LHR and in the schools.
- Continued to research and plan the LHR Hallway exhibit updates, including the selection of artifacts and photographs for the "Jewelry Store" case; selected paint colors and began painting the display case interior and exterior
- Created LHR Organizational Chart.
- Recorded interview with Alice Olson, former telephone switchboard operator, to incorporate into switchboard display.
- Coordinated a project plan with Boy Scout to partner with LHR on his Eagle Scout Project involving veteran histories.
- Facilitated the scanning of dozens of glass negatives from Tunnel City, including the digital manipulation of the negatives.
- Selected image for the cranberry display; ordered and installed the large picture.
- 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

Hi!

Thank You



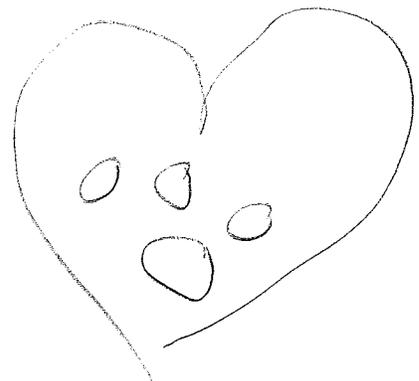
June 2, 2012

Dear Mr. Roll,

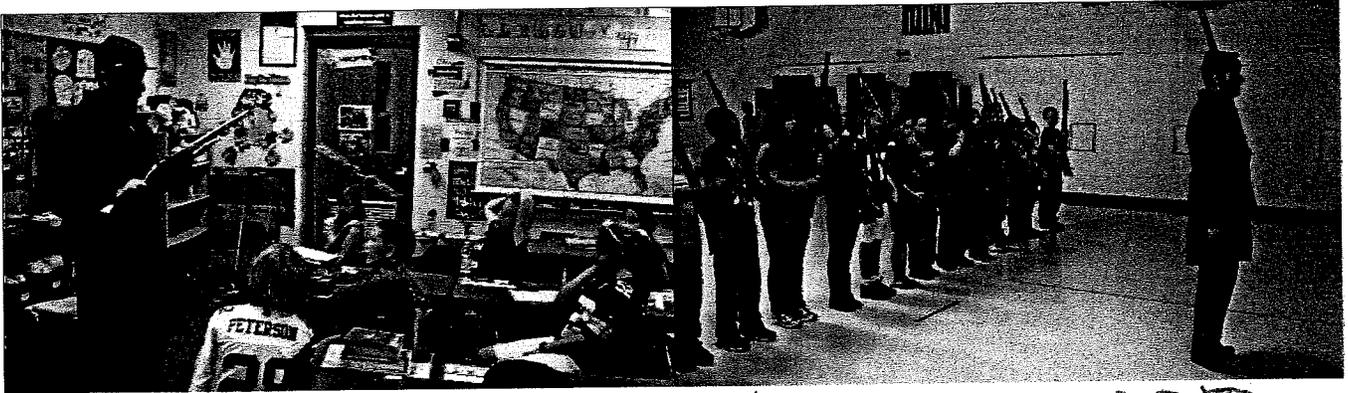
Thank you for coming
to my school! I learned a lot about the Civil War.
My favorite part was when we held the
guns. I learned that the soldiers had to
go through a lot, so we should
be grateful.

Sincerely,

Kendra Leme



Thank You



May 29, 2013

Dear Mr. Roll,

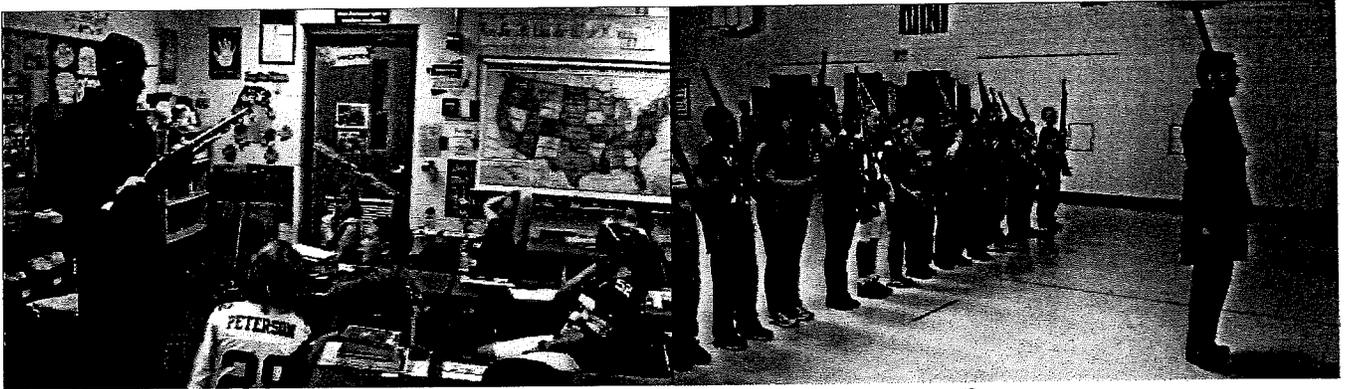
Thank you for teaching us about the ~~terry~~ war of 1861 you have taught us so much. I wish I could go to the museum I would go for hours and look around.

Sincerely,

Annie Wattenath



Thank You



May 29, 2013

Dear Mr. Roll

Thank you for coming to our class
it was so fun I loved the talk bread it
was so good we made some at our house
I showed my brother now he loved that gun
Thank you.

Yours Truly,

Bonnie Vlasak



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KUDOS TO HISTORY ROOM

Dear Editor:

I've been helping an elderly friend of mine fill in his family tree. I recently purchased (at a very reasonable price) several historic newspaper articles about his relatives who lived in Monroe County over a century ago. I found that the Monroe County Local History Room had the most organized and thorough county website I have ever used. Kudos to all.

John Cox
Twin Falls, Idaho

THIS IS A BUDGET WITHOUT PRINCIPLES

Dear Editor:

This proposed 2013-2015 Wisconsin State Budget is without principles.

If this budget is about deficit reduction, why are we creating a structural deficit through income tax cuts? Wisconsin Rep. Dale Kooyenga (R-Brookfield) has introduced a tax cut that will apply the same tax rate across the board. So those making \$12,000 a year will pay the same rate as those making \$300,000 a year. Lack of fairness aside, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau says the cut will grow to \$914 million in the next budget, creating a huge hole. With only projected income to make up for the tax losses. What income? What will possibly fill this hole? This is more trickle-down policy and there's little evidence that the money ever actually trickles down. Wisconsin Farmers Union urges caution and a full analysis of consequences before making significant changes to the Wisconsin tax code.

If this budget is about responsible spending by the state and personal responsibility by individuals, why are we not accepting federal dollars to insure more people through Medicaid? More insured people saves money for everyone. The alternative is to

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investigative journalists

t Shultz's comparisons between the Republicans and Putin was a reference he committee's proposal to kick the consin Center for Investigative out of Viles Hall on the UW

Monroe County Local History Room & Museum School Program Evaluation

Please evaluate us. Your responses help us refine the teacher and school services available through the Monroe County Local History Room. Email, mail or fax it to 269-8921. Thanks!

Teacher/School name: Peggy Chapman Miller Elementary

Program name: W.I. in the Civil War

Date of visit: May 21, 2013
(I think that was the date!)

Please evaluate your experience:

1 = Absolutely disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Not sure, 4 = Agree, 5 = Definitely Agree

1. The program meets the curriculum requirements for this area of study.

1 2 3 4 (5)

2. The material was clear, interesting, and age appropriate.

1 2 3 4 (5)

3. I would invite Local History Room programming back to my classroom.

1 2 3 4 (5) Without a doubt!

4. Please rate your overall Local History Room programming experience:

1 = Unsatisfactory, 2 = Poor, 3 = Fair, 4 = Good, (5) = Excellent

What could make this program even better for your students?

I can't think of anything. The students loved the props and the role playing. The flow of the presentation as well as the length was perfect.

Which history program topics would you like offered in the future?

Perhaps the history of farming in our area.

Please use the back side of this form for any additional comments.

I am very grateful for this experience. Many thanks!

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Monroe County Local History Room & Museum School Program Evaluation

Please evaluate us. Your responses help us refine the teacher and school services at our museum.

Teacher/School name: Keenan/Meadowview

Program name: Immigration

Date of visit : May 24

Please evaluate your experience:

1 = Absolutely disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Not sure, 4 = Agree, 5 = Definitely Agree

1. The program meets the curriculum requirements for this area of study.

1 2 3 4 (5)

2. The material was clear, interesting, and age appropriate.

1 2 3 4 (5)

3. I would bring my students back to the Local History Room again.

1 2 3 4 (5)

4. Please rate your overall museum experience:

1 = Unsatisfactory, 2 = Poor, 3 = Fair, 4 = Good, (5 = Excellent)

What could make this program even better for your students?

I cannot think of anything. I was very impressed.

Which history program topics would you like offered in the future?

I would like to try the Civil War presentation next year.

Thank you for participating in our educational programs!

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Monroe County Local History Room & Museum School Program Evaluation

Please evaluate us. Your responses help us refine the teacher and school services at our museum.

Teacher/School name: Mr. Schwarz - Meadowview Intermediate

Program name: Then & Now - Learning History from Old Things

Date of visit: May 29 2013

Please evaluate your experience:

1 = Absolutely disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Not sure, 4 = Agree, 5 = Definitely Agree

1. The program meets the curriculum requirements for this area of study.

1 2 3 4 (5)

2. The material was clear, interesting, and age appropriate.

1 2 3 4 (5)

3. I would bring my students back to the Local History Room again.

1 2 3 4 (5)

4. Please rate your overall museum experience:

1 = Unsatisfactory, 2 = Poor, 3 = Fair, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

What could make this program even better for your students?

Perhaps have a few more artifacts to have the children speculate about their use

Which history program topics would you like offered in the future?

Nothing you're not already doing!

Thank you for participating in our educational programs!



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Informational Report:

	2013	January Month	February Month	March Month	April Month	May Month	
Audience Served							
Volunteer Hours:		43	763	783	89	103	
Number of Groups:		5	3	3	0	7	
Adult Members Served:		23	21	16	39	19	
6-15 Age Members Served:		4	2	3	2	2	
< 5 Age Members Served:		1	2	0	2	0	
Adult Non-Members Served:		89	46	58	93	133	
6-15 Age Non-Members Served:		19	13	30	34	23	
< 5 Age Non-Members Served:		18	5	8	7	8	
Number Served in Groups:		62	221	488	470	310	YTD
Total Audience Served:		216	310	603	647	495	2271

Past Events:

- May 4: Tiger Cub Scout Group at the Museum
- May 13: St. Johns- kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade
- May 19-22: AAM Conference in Baltimore
- May 24: 4th Grade school visit
- May 30: Maplewood Elementary- 3rd grade
- May 31: N-O-W Elementary School, Ontario- 3rd grade
- June 1: Dairy Breakfast
- June 3: Melrose Mindoro- 6th grade
- June 4: Lemonweir- 4th & 5th grade
- June 8: Butterfest: Red, White & Blue Bike Decorating Contest
- June 9: Butterfest Parade

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

Other:
DKG Grant
Corporate Memberships

Upcoming Events:

- July 12: Pig Roast at the Leon Community Center
- July 13: WI Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired to meet & tour at museum