

**APPROVED 11/16/15**  
**AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
UW-Extension, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220, Sparta, WI  
Monday, October 12, 2015; 11:00 a.m.

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson David Pierce at 11:00 am.

**Members present were:** Dave Pierce, James Schroeder, and Mary Cook. Agents present were: Bill Halfman, Joshua Goede, and Erin Eggert. Others present were: Alli Karrell, Deke Slayton Space & Bicycle Museum Executive Director and Jarrod Roll, Monroe County Local History Room Director.  
Member(s) absent: Nodji Van Wychen and Gail Chapman

**Motion** was made by Mary Cook to accept the minutes for the past meeting as printed. Seconded by James Schroeder. Motion carried. 3-0-2.

**The next meeting** is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Extension Office, Rolling Hills Conference Room 220, Sparta.

**THE DEKE SLAYTON MEMORIAL SPACE AND BIKE MUSEUM REPORT** Motion was made by James Schroeder to accept the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bike Museum Report. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 3-0-2. (report attached)

**LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT**— Motion was made by James Schroeder to accept the Local History Room Report and pay bills for the month. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 3-0-2 (report attached)

**COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS**

> Discussion of Other Potential Projects– no discussion

**EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS**

> Agent Program and Updates/Reports

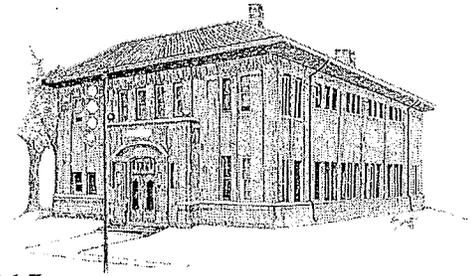
The Extension educators (4-H & Youth Development, Family Living, & Agriculture) provided an update on current programs/impacts and reviewed office expenditures. Motion made by James Schroeder to accept agent program reports and review of expenditures. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 3-0-2 (reports attached)

**Motion** was made to adjourn by James Schroeder, seconded by Mary Cook and approved on a 3-0-2 vote at 12:00 p.m.

—Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

# MONROE COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY ROOM MUSEUM & LIBRARY

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## County Historian's Report, September 2015

Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

### Highlighted Projects and Activities

- Installed signage on the Museum lawn and back entryway to direct visitors into the museum.
- Created promotional sign for I-Guide interactive digital tour
- Promoted Hannah's "Genealogist's Toolkit" series of programs for Saturdays in September
- Created the PowerPoint presentation, "A Very 1970s Christmas: A Case Study in Audience Building," that I will be giving at the WI Local History Annual Meeting
- Researched the questions and problems associated with installing an elevator, meeting with key contacts
- Presented educational program to Sparta High School students and Sparta STEM students at the History Room
- Participated in the MCHS Cemetery Walk as an actor and gravestone cleaning demonstrator
- Sold items on eBay as a LHR fundraiser for preservation supplies, including photographing each item, describing it, listing it on ebay, packing it and mailing it to buyer
- Worked with Museum Services Associate to update the Local History Room's Facebook page, including collecting content to post
- Began creating promotional materials for the next Collector's Corner display—vintage Star Wars toys
- Regular tasks: provide research assistance to the public (via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons); provide customer service to museum visitors; assign storage locations, catalog, and photograph artifacts removed from displays and those recently donated; balance LHR financial books and draft monthly report; check fire extinguishers; process new donation offerings; 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; assist researchers; assist with exhibit development
- 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
- Hannah Scholze (Museum Services Associate ): assist with research requests, presented a three part public genealogy program for September; updated LHR Facebook page
- Helga Rogers: data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Scot Simpson: indexing the County Poor Farm / Asylum records
- John Lasko: represents and promotes LHR at public events
- Lucy Bailey: indexing newspapers; inventorying tax records in Courthouse basement
- Audra Hanson: inventorying tax records in Courthouse basement
- Jane Schmidt: indexing newspapers
- Sandy Waltermann: clip, photocopy, and file recent obituaries



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**Informational Report:**

	2015												YTD	
Audience Served	January Month	February Month	March Month	April Month	May Month	June Month	July Month	August Month	1122	5142				
Adult Members 65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1									
Adult Members Served:	26	18	15	11	11	5	19	14	2					
6-15 Age Members Served:	4	3	3	2	0	6	1	8	0					
< 5 Age Members Served:	3	3	2	2	0	2	0	1	0					
Adult Non-Members 65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	27	1	29	52	24					
Adult Non-Members Served:	50	50	101	99	125	19	179	225	94					
6-15 Age Non-Members Served:	23	23	24	46	22	164	43	108	44					
< 5 Age Non-Members Served:	8	8	12	4	9	44	12	15	4					
Number Served in Groups:	44	44	550	254	471	331	314	160	1122					
<b>Total Audience Served:</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>1290</b>	<b>5142</b>				

**Past Events:**

- Sept 16: Honorary citizens luncheon in conjunction with the Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce
- Sept 17: Friends and Spouses- Ft. McCoy
- Sept 18: Chippewa Valley Museum of Technology- Street fair and traveling space exhibit
- Sept 25: Grant Writing workshop, part 1
- Oct 2: Grant Writing workshop, part 2
- Oct 8-10: Wisconsin Historical Society Conference in Madison
- Oct 9: Alli is presenting workshop on creating corporate membership at the conference
- Oct 10: Star Wars Reads Day event at the Museum

**Upcoming Events:**

- Nov 5: Mr. Science at the Museum

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

## Joshua L. Goede



### Crawford/Monroe/Vernon Leadership

There was not enough interest in the three county area to hold this program this year. We will plan over winter and summer to build a program more centered on Monroe County.

### Arts Camp

The Agent attended statewide 4-H Arts Camp on October 2-4. He was the Assistant Camp Director this year. This year Arts Camp worked on creating solid learning for the youth attending to bring home to their counties. The revised planning sheets will help the youth attending remember what they learned and how they planned to grow arts programming in their county. Monroe County is sent 4 youths this year. A 100% increase over 2014.

### Junior Leaders

The program year is starting over and the Jr. Leaders will hold a meeting coming up to plan their activities for the coming year.

### Record Books

The Agent has worked with the Record Book Committee to make the record books system work better. They have decided that this system will stay in place until 2019. The response is lower but the books look good.

### Family Achievement Banquet

November 14<sup>th</sup> will be the combined Achievement Night and Leader Banquet re-dubbed Family Achievement Banquet. The event will be held at the Tomah American Legion. Dinner on the buffets will start at 6:30. The program will follow at 7:30.

### Ft. McCoy

The Agent presented the National 4-H Science Experiment. There were 18 youth in two groups. The experiment this focuses on Physics. With a toy car and clay people we look at what happens when a car strikes a soft and hard barrier. We also do a demonstration looking at reaction times when distracted.

### Community Learning Centers

The Agent has set up the 15-16 CLC schedule. He will be at Brookwood on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday as in the past. Sparta has added a program at Cataract Elementary so that will be added to the rotation. So the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday will be Cataract, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday will be Lawrence Lawson, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday will be Maplewood and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday will be Southside. The first presentation for this year will be an adaptation of the National 4-H Science Experiment.

### CHFFF

The Agent and the Tomah FFA Advisor are working on scheduling time to train the Tomah FFA youth on how to teach the Choose Health: Food, Fun, and Fitness. We will be using the companion curriculum, Choose Health Action Teens (CHAT) - Teens teaching CHFFF, to work with the teenage FFA members.

### Star Gazers

This Warrens club will be put on hiatus for one year to see if we can resuscitate it. The Agent has gotten permission to have community nights once a month in the school gym. We will use these events to find families that are interested and adults willing to lead a rebirth of the Star Gazers 4-H Club.

### Upcoming Events

**Fri Oct 2-Sun Oct 4, 2015**

**4-H Arts Camp @ Upham Woods**

**Where: Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells**

**Sun Oct 4, 2015**

**1:30pm Jolly Joiners Meeting**

**Where: Cashton High School, Cashton**

**Mon Oct 5, 2015**

**6:30pm Denim n' Dust Meeting**

## Joshua L. Goede



**Where:** Cataract Sportsmen's Club, Cataract  
**7pm Leon Livewires Meeting**  
**Where:** Leon Community Center, Leon

**Wed Oct 7, 2015**

**4-H National Youth Science Day**

**Sat Oct 10, 2015**

**2pm Tractor Supply Paper Clover Day**

**Where:** Tractor Supply, Tomah WI

**Sun Oct 11, 2015**

**2pm Norwalk Clovers Meeting**

**Where:** Norwalk Village Hall, Norwalk

**5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites**

**Where:** Greenfield Town Hall, Tunnel City

**Sun Oct 18, 2015**

**2pm Hoppy Trails Meeting**

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Sparta

**Mon Oct 19, 2015**

**3:30pm Lawrence Lawson CLC**

**Sun Oct 25, 2015**

**1pm 4-H Club Officer Training**

**Where:** Rolling Hills Activity Room, Sparta

**2pm Hill-N-Valley Club Meeting**

**Where:** Brookwood High School, Ontario

**Mon Oct 26, 2015**

**6:30pm West Beaver Creek**

**Where:** Gospel Baptist Church

**Sun Nov 1, 2015**

**4-H Online Re-enrollments Due**

**1:30pm Jolly Joiners Meeting**

**Where:** Cashton High School, Cashton

**Mon Nov 2, 2015**

**6:30pm Denim n' Dust Meeting**

**Where:** Cataract Sportsmen's Club, Cataract

**7pm Leon Livewires Meeting**

**Where:** Leon Community Center, Leon

**Tue Nov 3, 2015**

**3:30pm NOW CLC at Brookwood**

**Where:** Brookwood High School

**Fri Nov 6 Sun Nov 8, 2015**

**Fall Forum at Chula Vista**

**Where:** Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells

**Sun Nov 8, 2015**

**2pm Norwalk Clovers Meeting**

**Where:** Norwalk Village Hall, Norwalk

**5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites**

**Where:** Greenfield Town Hall, Tunnel City

**Sat Nov 14, 2015**

**9am 4-H Dog Project Neuter Clinic**

**Where:** Wilton Community Center, Wilton

**6:30pm Family Achievement Banquet**

**Where:** American Legion, Tomah

**Sun Nov 15, 2015**

**2pm Hoppy Trails Meeting**

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Sparta

**Mon Nov 16, 2015**

**3:30pm Lawrence Lawson CLC**

**7:30pm All Committee Meeting**

**Where:** Rolling Hills Activity Room, Sparta

**Sun Nov 22, 2015**

**2pm Hill-N-Valley Club Meeting**

**Where:** Brookwood High School, Ontario

**Mon Nov 23, 2015**

**6:30pm West Beaver Creek Meeting**

**Where:** Gospel Baptist Church, Sparta

**Tue Dec 1, 2015**

**3:30pm NOW CLC**

**Where:** Brookwood High School

**Sun Dec 6, 2015**

**1:30pm Jolly Joiners Meeting**

**Where:** Cashton High School, Cashton

**Mon Dec 7, 2015**

**6:30pm Denim n' Dust Meeting**

**Where:** Cataract Sportsmen's Club, Cataract

**7pm Leon Livewires Meeting**

**Where:** Leon Community Center, Leon

**Sun Dec 13, 2015**

**2pm Norwalk Clovers Meeting**

**Where:** Norwalk Village Hall, Norwalk

**5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites Meeting**

**Where:** Greenfield Town Hall, Tunnel City

**Sun Dec 20, 2015**

**2pm Hoppy Trails Meeting**

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Sparta

**Mon Dec 21, 2015**

**3:30pm Lawrence Lawson CLC**

**Sun Dec 27, 2015**

**2pm Hill-N-Valley Club Meeting**

**Where:** Brookwood High School, Ontario

**Mon Dec 28, 2015**

**6:30pm West Beaver Creek Meeting**

**Where:** Gospel Baptist Church, Sparta



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Erin Eggert  
Family Living Agent

## Family Living Update September 11 to October 12, 2015

- Meeting Attendance:
  - Monroe County Planning Committee
  - ADRC- Talk about potential collaborations
  - Mental Health Workgroup
  - HCE Executive Board Meeting
- Taught nutrition curriculum at St. Paul's school during Health Week to 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders. All of the students really enjoyed the lessons, activities, and snacks. At the end of the 5 sessions I ran a 5K with the kids. There were a couple parents who came up to me before the run and said that their child had been talking about me at home and the types of foods they should be eating. I think it was a big success and the teacher said he would love to have me back next year.
- Attended the StrongWomen instructor training workshop in Madison. I'm planning on starting a program in January and will have flyers out at Senior Day on 10/15. StrongWomen is an evidence based strength training program. I am hoping to hold a program in Sparta and Tomah to start. I am also talking with Mari Frieberg from Scenic Bluffs about teaching a class in Spanish at Lugar de Reunion. Right now I'm working on finding funds or equipment and locations to hold the program. Sharon Nelson at the health department has held a StrongWomen program 2 years ago and thinks they may still have equipment somewhere. She is also planning on sending the new public health nurse to the training next year which would be great to have another instructor as this class is known to take off rapidly. Laura Moriarty from Senior Services also thinks she may have some equipment or else does have funding to purchase. So just working on that and getting the class put together.
- Bill and I went to visit Melanie from Ho Chunk and to see the gardens. This past weekend we attended Harvest Day. I had a display board of Food Safety information, Food Preservation comparisons, and some Physical Activity information.

- I attended New Colleague Orientation in Madison for two days. I was able to network with a lot of other new colleagues and discuss programming ideas.
- I also started a column in the Sparta Newspaper/Monroe County Democrat called “Be Well with Erin”. I am planning on submitting an article approximately monthly to start with.
- I attended “Safety Day” at St. Mary’s school in Tomah. It was a day full of different organizations that all presented to a group of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. I presented on the importance of physical activity and nutrition. The kids were all great.

### **Upcoming Events**

10/13-10/14 Financial Coaching Workshop

10/15 Human Development Team Meeting

10/20 Tomah School Wellness Committee Meeting

10/31 HCE Fall Fest

11/5 HCE Potluck

11/11-11/13 UWEX All College Conference

11/20 Lori coming for 6 month review

12/1 HCE Christmas Event Day



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

### **Agriculture Extension Update September 12 to October 12, 2015**

The Ag Agent conducted training to certify 3 adults as 4-H shooting Sports Shotgun project leaders at a shooting sports certification training in Marshfield.

The Ag Agent attended regional ag agent in-service at the USDA Dairy Forage and Research Center at Prairie du Sac on September 17.

The Sparta Area Garden Club held a water forum on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The Ag Agent helped them by facilitating a discussion they had to identify needs and narrow down their topics. The forum focused on water usage in Wisconsin, what is being done in the countryside to help water quality, an example of what industry is doing, and what people can do at home. The Ag Agent presented information on what homeowners can do to be water efficient.

The Ag Agent is working with the Land Conservation Department on a barnyard improvement project. The Ag Agent's roll is to design useful and efficient livestock housing for the project.

Three days were spent filming the tractor safety video sequel footage. The next step will be to develop the sequence and narrative for each of the segments of the videos so the footage can be edited and final products can be put together. Topics include: making turns, backing up, operating on hills, highway operation, attaching and unattaching heads on combines and choppers.

The annual fall beef cow-calf workshop was held at the American Legion in Wilton this year. There were 52 participants at the workshop. Topics included dewormer management, and considerations for marketing cull cows and pre-conditioning calves this fall.

The Ag Agent and the Family Living Agent participated in a Fall Harvest Celebration with the Ho-Chunk tribal members at Blue Wing.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal government has voted to start a tribal Department of Agriculture rather than agriculture being put under another department. This new department will oversee and manage their agricultural lands. The work the Ag Agent has done with them exploring opportunities for their agriculture land helped demonstrate the need for Ho-Chunk Nation Agriculture Department.

The Ag Agent withdrew from the North Central Extension Agronomy Academy because it was taking too much time away from work in the county and state, and not providing beneficial information for use.

### **Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized**

Oct 20 Demographic Mapping workshop- Richland Center

Oct 28 Ag Lenders Conference- Dubuque- presenter

November 11-13- All Extension Conference- Madison

November 11 Pest Management Update- Sparta

December 3 Soil, Water and Fertilizer Update- Sparta

December 10 Farm and Estate Transfer Workshop- Tomah