

MINUTES APPROVED 09-11-15
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
UW-Extension, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220, Sparta, WI
Friday, August 14, 2015

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Nodji Van Whychen at 9:00 AM.

Members present were: Nodji Van Wychen, Dave Pierce, James Schroeder (arrived at 9:07 AM), Gail Chapman, and Mary Cook. **Agents present were:** Bill Halfman, Joshua Goede, Erin Eggert and Brittany Meyers, Summer Assistant. **Others present were:** Alli Karrell, Deke Slayton Space & Bicycle Museum Executive Director and Jarrod Roll, Monroe County Local History Room Director.

Motion was made by Gail Chapman to accept the minutes for the June 2015, and July 2015 meetings as printed. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 4-0-1 (Mr. Schroeder not arrived yet).

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 11, 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 David Pierce to accept the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bike Museum Report. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 5-0. (report attached)

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT— Motion was made by Mary Cook to accept the Local History Room Report and pay bills for the month. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 5-0 (report attached)

- Jarrod Roll presented the budget that he prepared and is submitting.

2016 Budget Approval of the \$14,000 Fair and Exhibit Donation (Account #15630000 579100) - Mary Cook moved to submit \$14,000 into the 2016 budget for continued support of the Monroe County Fair. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS

> Discussion of Other Potential Projects– no discussion of projects

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS

- **Agent Program and Updates/Reports**
The Extension educators (4-H Youth Development, Family Living and Agriculture) provided education current programs/ impacts. Motion made by David Pierce to accept agent program reports and budget expenditures. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 5-0 (reports attached)
- **County Credit Card Request—\$500 Limit for Erin Eggert, FLE**— Motion made by David Pierce to approve a county credit card with \$500 for Erin Eggert to use for business purposes. Motion seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 5-0
- **UW-Extension Office 2016 Budget**—Bill Halfman presented the budget that the Extension Office prepared and is submitting for 2016 to the committee.

Motion was made to adjourn by David Pierce, seconded by Mary Cook and approved on a 5-0 vote at 10:19 a.m.

—Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary



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Informational Report:

	2015							
Audience Served	January Month	February Month	March Month	April Month	May Month	June Month	July Month	YTD
Adult Members 65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1			
Adult Members Served:	26	18	15	11	11	5	19	
6-15 Age Members Served:	4	3	3	2	0	6	1	
< 5 Age Members Served:	3	3	2	2	0	2	0	
Adult Non-Members 65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	27	1	29	
Adult Non-Members Served:	50	50	101	99	125	19	179	
6-15 Age Non-Members Served:	23	23	24	46	22	164	43	
< 5 Age Non-Members Served:	8	8	12	4	9	44	12	
Number Served in Groups:	44	44	550	254	471	331	314	
Total Audience Served:	158	149	707	418	666	572	597	3267

Past Events:

- June 12-14: Butterfest, Pig Roast booth
- June 13: Bike Decorating Contest
- June 14: Butterfest parade
- July 10: Pig Roast, Justin Trails Resort

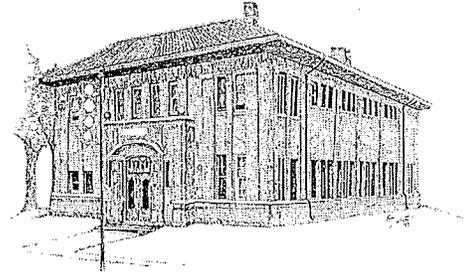
Upcoming Events:

- Aug 24: New teacher luncheon
- Sept 16: Honorary citizens

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

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County Historian's Report, July 2015

Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

Highlighted Projects and Activities

- Provided educational program "Farmer goes to war" to 50 children at a public library
- Met with mosaic artist Monica Treu-Olbert to plan the mosaic activity at "Art Outdoors" at the Wegner Grotto on Aug. 22nd; began shopping for supplies for the mosaic activity and plein air contest
- Created flyer for "Art Outdoors" and begin promoting the event locally; emailed artists and others who may be interested in participating
- Painted the side entrance door of the Museum Building, as well as the back entryway stairs, ceiling, walls, and floor in preparation of using it as a temporary visitor entrance.
- Gave presentation on the history of the Elroy-Sparta Bike Trail to Rolling Hills audience
- Attended Wisconsin Federation of Museums meeting in Madison
- Worked on updating the LHR Collection Policy and associated documents: Deed of Gift Form, Temporary Custody Form
- Interviewed Neitzel family—the subjects of the current "Through the Photographer's Eyes" stereoview display
- Negotiated the transfer of 52 rolls of newspaper microfilm from the Sparta Library
- Identified items to suggest for sale on eBay as a LHR fundraiser for preservation supplies.
- Regular tasks: provide research assistance to the public (via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons); provide customer service to museum visitors; create agenda and minutes; process photo duplication orders; 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: assign accession numbers, catalog, store; 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, updated the LHR Collection Policy and associated documents, organized a three part public genealogy program for September; posted items for sale on LHR website; wrote article about Neitzel 3-D display
- 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 Waltherman: clip, photocopy, and file recent obituaries

5th Annual "Spirit Walk"

Sunday Sept 13, 2015

Warren Mills Cemetery
Hwy ET Warrens, Wisconsin

Event Begins Promptly at 1pm and
lasts approx. 90 minutes



Free Event-Donations Appreciated!

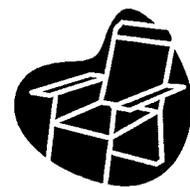
See the live "Spirits" of early Warrens pioneers as they stage an educational account of their life.

Meet a Civil War soldier as he tells you about his experiences in the war.

Learn how to professionally clean your loved ones headstones and **Hear** histories of some unique stones.

Experience the wonders of "Witching Rods".

Bring Your Lawn Chair for an educational and
entertaining afternoon!



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Joshua L. Goede



Crawford/Monroe/Vernon Leadership

The Extension Agents along with The Crawford County CNRD Agent, Nodji, and Amy Schanhofer Met on Friday, August 7th to discuss the future of the program. Monroe County concerns were voiced and ideas to answer the concerns were agreed upon. The News release will go out today as well as flyers to the Chambers of Commerce in Tomah. The Agent will also be at the September meeting of the Tomah group of young business people.

Junior Leaders

The Junior Leaders are looking forward to their summer trip to the Twin Cities. They will leave following Clover Camp in Leon on August 29th and return to Sparta on the 30th. They had a great season at the ice cream stand.

Clover Camp

Plans are laid for 2015 Clover Camp in Leon on August 29th. The theme is water and there are crafts science experiments and games all about water.

2015 Monroe County Fair

The 2015 MOCO Fair was a great experience. The new Family Living Agent was a great help. We have set up a post meeting the superintendent to go over new ideas and changes for August 19th. We are trying to bring back some of the old fun by making it a potluck meeting.

Ft. McCoy

The Summer Assistant and the 4-H and New Family Living Agent will be working together to bring Choose Health: Food, Fun, and Fitness youth curriculum from Cornell University. This project was part of the Healthy Living Grant with Crawford County. The youth at Fort McCoy really enjoyed the activities and food.

State Fair

The Agent attended and assisted with UW Extension Day at the State Fair on August 11th. There were many great programs areas to see and participate in. the Agent worked on a survey to patrons to see what their knowledge of UW Extension was.

Brittany Meyers



Science Days

The Boys and Girls Science Days were held on Tuesday, July 14th, and Thursday, July 16th at Rolling Hills. We had a good turnout for both days; 10 boys and 14 girls attended. They completed five different experiments throughout the day, some of which were integrated with history and literacy. We received many positive reviews after both days.

Tri-Folds

This summer I have completed three tri-fold display boards to promote various 4-H projects. The completed tri-folds provide information about Cloverbuds, Shooting Sports, and getting involved in 4-H in general.

Foods Revue

On Wednesday, July 15th, Foods Revue was held at the United Methodist Church in Sparta. At this event, I worked to set-up, serve food, and judge for Dairy Promotions. Prior to the event, I also created the recipe booklets that featured the recipes for each dish.

Health and Nutrition Program at Fort McCoy

On six days throughout the summer (July 15, 16, 22, 23, August 5, 6), the Family Living Agent and I traveled to Fort McCoy to teach a health and nutrition program (Choose Health: Food, Fun, and Fitness). On each of these days, we taught two groups of around 15 children about how to make healthier eating choices, as well as ways to stay active. We also prepared and provided the children with a healthy snack for each lesson.

Monroe County Fair

On Wednesday, July 29th, during the Monroe County fair, I assisted the superintendent of the young age department with judging and organization of entries. Thursday, July 30th, Friday, July 31st, and Sunday, August 2nd, I was instrumental in setting up exhibits, assisting with judging in various departments, supervising the white building, coordinating exhibit pick-ups and ribbon hand-out, and getting items ready to go to State Fair.

National Night Out

National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 4th, at Winnebago Park in Tomah. This is a night where various businesses in the county come together to promote safety. The Family Living Agent and I created a booth focused on bicycle safety. Along with the booth, we led interactive activities that taught bicycle turn signals and bicycle parts.

Day Trip

On Wednesday, August 12th, we took 17 third to fifth grade children on a day trip to Niagara Cave in Harmony, MN, and to the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum in Decorah, IA. Our turnout for this trip surpassed our expectations, with 23 total attendees. This trip was full of natural science and historical information, and once again the reviews were favorable.

Record Books

I assisted the 4-H and Youth Development Agent to organize and simplify the 4-H Record Book system in the county, as well as to create directions and assisting documentation for the youth.



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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update July 8, 2015 to August 14, 2015

- Met with several individuals from other groups or organizations to discuss my position and future potential collaborations: Sharon Nelson (Monroe County Health Department), Julee (The Parenting Place of Tomah), Autumn Groom (Farm2School Programs), Tanya (The Parenting Place of Sparta), Mari Frieberg (Scenic Bluffs), Whitney Sanjari (Tomah Memorial Hospital), Patricia Hagen (Monroe County Health Dept), Cathy Abbot,
- Did cooking lessons with Fort McCoy youth with Brittany and Josh
- Attended the Community Foods Revue
- Met with other colleagues through UW Extension including Jane Schaaf (my mentor), Mary Meehan-Strub (La Crosse County), Shelley Tiedemann (HCE Head)
- Attended the county board meeting to introduce myself
- Attended the County Fair where I assisted with set up, photography department, and maintenance of the exhibit hall. Met many individuals including one who recognized me from the Tomah paper article and asked me to come teach a nutrition & PA class during "Health Week" in one of the first weeks of school.
- Did a news interview with the Sparta paper
- Presented Biking Safety at National Night Out with Brittany (Over 800 people in attendance, Handed out lots of 4H pencils, fans, and straws to children).
- Attended the HCE Picnic & Executive Board meeting
- Attended the leadership program meeting
- Set up & attended 3 booths in Tomah, Cashton & Norwalk during National Health Center Week. Had a display board on Family Living Program and handed out nutrition information and recipes on in-season vegetables.
- Continued to update Pinterest and Facebook pages
- Started writing articles for the Monroe County Family Living webpage
- Working on HCE newsletter and template re-designs

Upcoming Events

8/21 Meeting with Liaison

9/9 Needs Assessment and “Understanding the Context” for Your Programming Meeting

9/13-9/16 State Conference

9/24 SW Region Family Living Meeting

9/24-9/25 Organizational Leadership Training

9/29-9/30 New Employee Orientation

10/13-10/14 Financial Coaching Workshop

10/15 Human Development Team Meeting

11/11-11/13 UWEX All College Conference



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update July 10 to August 14, 2015

The Ag Agent worked with Dr. Gevens, UW Extension Vegetable Plant Pathologist, and a Cashton HS student to get the tomato variety screening project under way. The student has been rating the plants weekly since the 13th of July. Farm visits were also made with Dr. Gevens to help producers manage vegetable disease concerns.

The Ag Agent met with one of the Sparta Garden Clubs who is in the process of hosting an education workshop on water and water conservation. The Ag Agent helped them narrow down the topics to include a presenter from the DNR on high capacity wells, Monroe County Land Conservation and Leupold Award recipient farmer, Jack Herricks, to present what farmers are doing for soil and water conservation, Century Foods will present information on how they have implemented water conservation technology in their factory, and UW Extension will present information on what homeowners can do to help conserve water.

The Ag Agent accompanied two of the Ho-Chunk Nation DNR folks to Hayward to visit the Lac Court Oreilles band of the Ojibwa Nation and see what they were doing for their Agriculture program that is part of their community college. The two Ho Chunk DNR folks are working to try to get the Tribal government to create a Agriculture Division more similar to what the Oneida Nation has done to develop Ag Enterprises that would be beneficial to the Ho Chunk Nation on their farm properties. The Lac Court Oreilles community college ag program would be something that could be developed once the Ag Division is functioning with the use of the property.

The Ag Agent presented a back yard composting workshop for the Blue Wing Community Garden Group.

The Ag Agent was involved in many aspects of the county fair, from helping oversee the replacement of the remainder of the worn out wooden gates in the pig and sheep barn to many behind the scenes tasks at the fair, including carcass evaluations the Wednesday after the fair.

The Holstein Steer Yardage project summary is finally complete!!!

An Agronomy Field Day was held on August 10th at the Gene and Denise Baumgarten farm south of Tomah. We had a nice crowd of 30 people and good discussion was held with the presenters. Topics included a corn crop management update by Joe Lauer, UW Extension Corn Specialist, New technology in nitrogen management in corn, by Carrie Laboski, UW Extension Soil Specialist, an update on Low Lignin Alfalfa, by Joana Newman, new UW Extension Forage Agronomist, and the Ag Agent gave a brief update on soybean pests this season. The weather was such that the field day competed with getting hay and straw baled.

The Ag Agent attended a Dairy Margins Protection Program update in-service on August 13th.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

Aug 15 Tree Farm Workshop Cataract

Aug 18-19- Native American Culture Education Conference

Aug 25 to 27 Farm Technology Days

Continued on Back

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

Sept. 12 4-H Shotgun Adult leader certification training- Marshfield

September 17 Water Forum

Sept. Filming Tractor Safety video sequel

Sept 21 to 24- North Central Academy- Michigan

September 28-29 Beef Cow-calf field days Buffalo & Monroe Counties.

Oct 20 Demographic Mapping workshop

November 11-13- All Extension Conference

November 11 Pest Management Update