

Approved October 12, 2015
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
UW-Extension, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220, Sparta, WI
Friday, September 11, 2015

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

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

Members present were: Nodji Van Wychen, Dave Pierce, James Schroeder (arrived at 9:05a.m.), 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: Gail Chapman

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2015 at 11:00 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 Mary Cook to accept the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bike Museum Report. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 4-0-1. (report attached)

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT — Motion was made by David Pierce to accept the Local History Room Report and pay bills for the month. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 4-0-1 (report attached)

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS —No discussion

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS

> Agent Program and Updates/Reports

The Extension educators (4-H & Youth Development, Family Living and Agriculture) provided reports on current programs/ impacts, and office expenditures were reviewed. Motion made by David Pierce to accept agent program reports and expenditure review. Seconded by James Schroeder. Motion carried. 4-0-1 (reports attached)

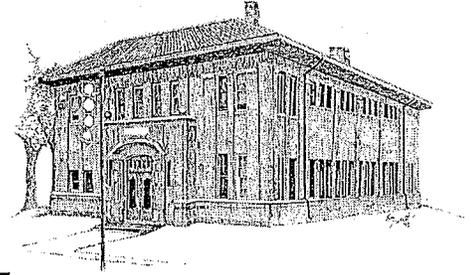
- > Ag Agent Halfman explained that part of the Tractor Safety video project funds received by Halfman from UW-Extension is intended to be used for purchasing a UAV (drone) to be used as a pilot project in the tractor safety class to show the students a “birds eye view” of what they are doing incorrectly, and can be used for other UW-Extension educational programming. Motion made by Mary Cook to approve UW-Extension to purchase a UAV (drone) using the Tractor Safety video project funds for educational purposes as described above. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 4-0-1

Motion was made to adjourn by David Pierce, seconded by James Schroeder and approved on a 4-0-1 vote at 10:01 a.m.

—Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

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County Historian's Report, August 2015 Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

Highlighted Projects and Activities

- Gave presentation to the Sparta Wellness Fair on the history of Sparta
- Promoted the "Art Outdoors" event through the newspapers, online calendars of events, flyer posting, e-blasts and an appearance on WXOW
- Prepared for the "Art Outdoors" event, including purchasing necessary supplies, coordinating workers and volunteers, creating necessary documents, etc.
- Hosted the "Art Outdoors" / Plein Air event at the Wegner Grotto including purchasing necessary supplies, set up the event, followed up with participants to coordinate art work pick up
- Installed two security chains in the backdoor stairwells in preparation of using that entrance as the main door in September.
- Attended Southwest Regional Meeting of the Council of Local History in Lancaster
- 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
- Co-created a new Artifact Scavenger Hunt page along with Museum Services Associate.
- Worked with Museum Services Associate to create the Local History Room's Facebook page, including collecting content to post
- 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, developed a three part public genealogy program for September; created 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 Walterman: clip, photocopy, and file recent obituaries



Participants of the "Art Outdoors" event at Wegner Grotto Park August 22 look part in two art activities -- outdoor "Plein-Air" painting and mosaic making, above. The Monroe County Local History Room organized the event.

Over 200 attend art event at Wegner Grotto Park

"Absolute blast!", "Amazing experience!", "A blessing to so many!" These are some of the comments shared by participants at the Wegner Grotto "Art Outdoors" event held Saturday, August 22nd, organized by the Monroe County Local History Room. Nearly 200 people participated in the event and dozens more attended as spectators.

Participants took part in two art activities -- outdoor "Plein-Air" painting and mosaic making. Visitors learned to paint in the Plein-Air style on a postcard-size canvas from professional artists Ken DeWaard and Bob Tarrell.

"Plein-Air" means "painting in the open air," which in this case, meant painting pictures of the sculptures at the Wegner Grotto Park. Visitors also chose to make mosaics using materials similar

to those used to create the Wegner Grotto sculptures. Sparta mosaic artist Monica Treu-Olbert provided instruction to the many visitors wishing to create colorful pictures using small, colorful pieces of glass, shell, and stone. All ages participated in this free art program.

Cash prizes were awarded for all age levels and abilities creating Plein-Air paintings, from young children through professional adult artists. Funding for this event was provided in part by the Kohler Foundation, Inc.

The Wegner Grotto County Park is located 15 minutes north of Sparta off Hwy 27, west on Hwy 71, south of the town of Cataract. Please visit www.Facebook.com/MCLHR for more information and photos of this event.

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!

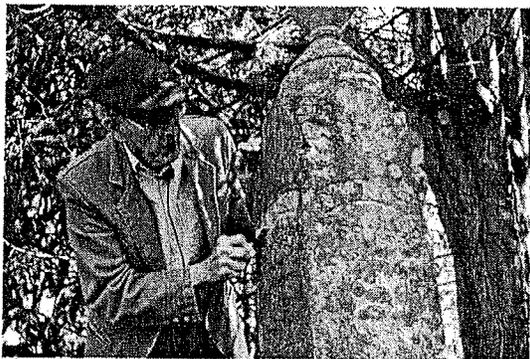
See the live "Spirits" of early Warrens pioneers as they stage an educational account of their life.

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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THE GENEALOGIST'S TOOLKIT SERIES: HIGH AND LOW- TECH RESOURCES

Saturday, September 12: Searching with Ancestry.com

Saturday, September 19: Family Tree Maker 101

Saturday, September 26: Only in Monroe County: A
Treasury of Local Collections

Presented by Hannah Scholze, Monroe County Local
History Room Museum Services Associate

Come on Saturdays in September to learn some tips, tricks, and
tools of the trade to help grow your family tree. All programs begin
at 10:00 AM at the Monroe County Local History Room. Any
experience level welcome. All programs are free of charge.

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Informational Report:

	2015	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	
Audience Served	Month	YTD								
Adult Members 65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1	5	19	2	
Adult Members Served:	26	18	15	11	11	11	5	19	14	
6-15 Age Members Served:	4	3	3	2	0	0	6	1	8	
< 5 Age Members Served:	3	3	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	
Adult Non-Members 65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	27	1	1	29	52	
Adult Non-Members Served:	50	50	101	99	125	19	19	179	225	
6-15 Age Non-Members Served:	23	23	24	46	22	164	43	108	108	
< 5 Age Non-Members Served:	8	8	12	4	9	44	12	15	15	
Number Served in Groups:	44	44	550	254	471	331	314	160	160	
Total Audience Served:	158	149	707	418	666	572	597	585	3852	

Past Events:

- Aug 24: New teacher luncheon
- Aug 24: WCLH Regional meeting

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 16: Honorary citizens
- Sept 17: Friends and Spouses- Ft. McCoy
- Sept 18: Chippewa Valley Museum of Technology- Street fair
- Sept 25: Grant Writing workshop

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

Joshua L. Goede



Crawford/Monroe/Vernon Leadership

The 4-H Agent has met with the Tomah Chamber of Commerce and the Sparta Chamber to enter the flyer in the September newsletter for both organizations. The agent will also call local business who have supplied members in the past. The youth component went in the September 4-H Newsletter. The 4-H Agent has discussed the program with the Vernon County and Crawford County 4-H Agents as well.

State Fair

The 4-H Agent traveled to West Allis for UW Extension Day at State Fair. He conducted interviews with fair goers to gauge their familiarity with UW Extension. Many had heard of UW Extension but did not know the extent of our efforts and services. The Agent also met that day to help plan the Arts camp Planning Meeting in August. He also went to see the 50 Monroe County 4-H exhibits one of the largest delegations in the state. We brought home 8 Merit ribbons.

Arts Camp

The Agent attended the Planning session for Statewide 4-H Arts Camp on August 21-22. He is the Assistant Camp Director this year. This year Arts Camp is working on creating solid learning for the youth attending to bring home to their counties. Monroe County is sending 3 youths this year. A 300% increase over 2013.

Farm Technology Days

The Agent lead bus tours of the Farm that hosted 2015 Farm Technology Days near Sun Prairie. He was able to host the Dean of Extension as well as Chancellor Sandeen of the UW Colleges and Extension.

Junior Leaders

The Junior Leaders had a great educational and fun trip to the Twin Cities on August 29 & 30. They attended the Minnesota State Fair on Saturday evening. On Sunday they visited the Mall of America where they toured the Minnesota Aquarium with sea life you can touch. There was shopping and bond building as well. Two foreign exchange students joined them one being through the 4-H exchange program.

Clover Camp

Clover Camp was canceled due to logistics and weather. The equipment will be used in the CLC programs this fall.

Ft. McCoy

The military partnership grant has been submitted for 2015-2016. Monroe County 4-H will provide two staff trainings for the staff of the Ft. McCoy School Age Center. We will also be working on helping those youth understand their membership in the county program. There are also plans for STEM education for the Middle school age youth.

Community Learning Centers

The Agent has set up the 15-16 CLC schedule. He will be at Brookwood on the 1st Tuesday as in the past. Sparta has added a program at Cataract Elementary so that will be added to the rotation. So the 2nd Monday will be Cataract, 2nd Tuesday will be Lawrence Lawson, the 3rd Monday will be Maplewood and the 3rd Tuesday will be Southside.

CHFFF

The agent is working on getting a program together with Tomah schools where we train FFA members to teach these healthy eating and living modules to elementary youth. Maybe in an afterschool model or community program model. The FFA will input the Ag education components to the health food idea.

Star Gazers

This Warrens club will be put on hiatus for one year to see if we can resuscitate it. The Agent will reach out to Warren's Elementary to see if there is interest in monthly community nights where we will then try to recruit new members for a new Star Gazers Club.

Joshua L. Goede



Upcoming Events

- Sun Sep 13, 2015**
2pm Norwalk Clovers Meeting
5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites
Where: Greenfield Town Hall, Tunnel City
WI
- Tue Sep 15, 2015**
4:30pm All Record Books Due
Where: UWEX Office, Sparta
- Mon Sep 21, 2015**
3:30pm Lawrence Lawson CLC
7:30pm Leader's Meeting
Where: Rolling Hills, Sparta
- Sun Sep 27, 2015**
2pm Hill-N-Valley Club Meeting
Where: Brookwood High school
- Mon Sep 28, 2015**
6:30pm West Beaver Creek Club Meeting
Where: Gospel Baptist Church
- Thr Oct 1, 2015**
4:30pm Treasurer & Secretary Books Due
Where: UWEX Office, Sparta
- Fri Oct 2, 2015**
Oct 2-4 4-H Arts Camp
Where: Upham Woods
- Sun Oct 4, 2015**
1:30pm Jolly Joiners monthly meeting
2pm Hoppy Trails Monthly Meeting
Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, Sparta
- Mon Oct 5, 2015**
6:30pm Denim n Dust Club meeting
Where: Cataract Sportsmen's Club,
Cataract
7pm Leon Livewires Meeting
Where: Leon Community Center, Leon
- Tue Oct 6, 2015**
3:30pm NOW CLC
Where: Brookwood
- Sun Oct 11, 2015**
2pm Norwalk Clovers Meeting
5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites
Where: Greenfield Town Hall, Tunnel City
WI
- Thr Oct 15, 2015**
4:30pm Trip Application Packages Due
4:30pm Friend of 4-H & 4-H Alumni Due
Where: UWEX Office, Sparta
- Mon Oct 19, 2015**
3:30pm Lawrence Lawson CLC
- Sun Oct 25, 2015**
2pm Hill-N-Valley Club Meeting
Where: Brookwood High school
- Mon Oct 26, 2015**
6:30pm West Beaver Creek Club Meeting
Where: Gospel Baptist Church
- Sun Nov 1, 2015**
All 4-H Online Re-enrollments Due by
Midnight.
1:30pm Jolly Joiners Monthly Meeting
Where: Cashton High School Cafeteria
2pm Hoppy Trails Monthly Meeting
Where: Trinity Lutheran Church,
- Mon Nov 2, 2015**
6:30pm Denim n Dust club meeting
Where: Cataract Sportsmen's Club,
Cataract WI
7pm Leon Livewires Meeting
Where: Leon Community Center, Leon
- Tue Nov 3, 2015**
3:30pm NOW CLC
Where: Brookwood
- Fri Nov 6, 2015**
Nov 6-7 Fall Forum
Where: Chula Vista, Wis. Dells
- Sun Nov 8, 2015**
2pm Norwalk Clovers Meeting
5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites
Where: Greenfield Town Hall, Tunnel City
WI
- Sat Nov 14, 2015**
6pm Achievement Banquette
Where: American Legion, Tomah
- Mon Nov 16, 2015**
3:30pm Lawrence Lawson CLC
7:30pm Leader's Meeting
- Sun Nov 22, 2015**
2pm Hill-N-Valley Club Meeting
Where: Brookwood High school
- Mon Nov 23, 2015**
6:30pm West Beaver Creek Club Meeting
Where: Gospel Baptist Church



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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update August 14 to September 11, 2015

- Meeting Attendance:
 - Monroe County Planning Committee
 - Webinar: Adolescence- Preparing for Lifelong Health & Wellness
 - Wisline: Dept of Family Development
 - Webinar: Nutrition, PA, and Obesity Program meeting
 - Wisline: Family Living
 - Mental Health Workgroup
 - Safe Communities Coalition
- Conducted the post-fair meeting in which we reviewed what went well and what did not go well, and ideas for improvement for next year's county fair.
- Had 6-week review with liaison Lori Zierl
- Worked with HCE ladies to develop 55 year Diamond member board
- Attended "Parent Connection" through The Parenting Place. There were 11 moms with children ranging from 7 months to 9 years old. I introduced myself and explained what Extension was (none of them were familiar with it). I also explained how I could partner with the group or be available for individual questions. Lastly, I explained what 4H was and handed out some of Josh's business cards for those interested (all of them thought you had to have farm animals to participate in 4H).
- St. Paul's school is having Health Week this week and into next week. A woman saw me at the MC fair and asked if I'd be interested in teaching some nutrition classes during the Health Week and I said yes. So I am teaching the CHFFF (food & fitness fun) curriculum to 5-6th graders at St. Paul's in Tomah this week and next. I teach a lesson (Healthy Drinks, Fruits & Vegetables, Nutrition Fact Labels, Whole Grains, Importance of Breakfast, Fast Food) and then hand out a healthy recipe at the end of class. The students take home a newsletter with the recipe of the day and some other reminders of what they did that day. In addition, they are asked to make a goal using what they learned for the day (For example, 'I will try today's

recipe' or 'I will eat more fruits and vegetables this week'). At the end of the 5 sessions I will be running a 5K with the kids.

Upcoming Events

9/23 StrongWomen training in Madison

9/29-9/30 New Employee Orientation

10/7 Presenting Physical Activity & Nutrition info at St Mary's safety day

10/7 CMV Leadership Day

10/13-10/14 Financial Coaching Workshop

10/15 Human Development Team Meeting

11/11-11/13 UWEX All College Conference

11/19 CMV Leadership Day

11/20 Lori coming for 6 month review

12/10 CMV Leadership Day



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update August 15 to September 11, 2015

The Extension Office provided support to the State Tree Farm group's annual field day that was held near Cataract on August 15th by handling registrations and the Ag Agent was part of the "behind the scene" crew at the event.

The past month included a lot of one on one farm visits and consultations. Some of those are as follows.

The Ag Agent worked with farmers and gardeners over the past month to diagnose problems in fields and gardens. Field crop problems included nutrient deficiency problems in soybeans and corn, some late season bird damage diagnosis, and sampling to determine if there were nematode problems in fields or not. The agent also worked with some landowners on weed management problems on non-cropland areas.

Individual work also included providing information and guidance for a farmer building a winter shelter for their beef cattle.

The Ag Agent also worked with some farmers and bankers to review farm management plans and enterprise budgets and help identify strengths and weaknesses and options to improve trouble spots.

Homeowner problems included diagnosing plant virus, disease and insect pest problems.

The Agent presented information in the Dairy MPP program at a workshop scheduled by the FSA offices in Monroe, Vernon and La Crosse counties in Viroqua on September 9. The crowd was small. The FSA office folks indicated there was also a lot of confusion regarding the MPP program.

The Agent worked on wrapping up some projects and planning and scheduling for upcoming workshops and projects, including planning and scheduling for filming the tractor safety videos coming up this fall.

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 & October. Filming Tractor Safety video sequel

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

Oct 20 Demographic Mapping workshop

Oct 28 Ag Lenders Conference- Dubuque- presenter

November 11-13- All Extension Conference

November 11 Pest Management Update