

MINUTES APPROVED 12-11-15
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
UW-Extension, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220, Sparta, WI
Monday, November 16, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

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, Dave Pierce, and James Schroeder. Agents present were: Bill Halfman, Joshua Goede, and Erin Eggert. Others present were: Alli Karrels, Deke Slayton Space & Bicycle Museum Executive Director and Jarrod Roll, Monroe County Local History Room Director, Matt Hanson, Southwest District Director, and David Williams, Assistant UW Extension ANRE Program Director. Member(s) absent: Gail Chapman and Mary Cook.

Motion was made by David Pierce 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 Friday, December 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 James Schroeder. Motion carried. 3-0-2.

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT – Motion was made by James Schroeder to accept the Local History Room Report. Seconded by David Pierce. 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 education current programs/impacts and reviewed past month budget expenditures. Motion made by James Schroeder to accept agent program reports and budget expenditures. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 3-0-2 (reports attached)

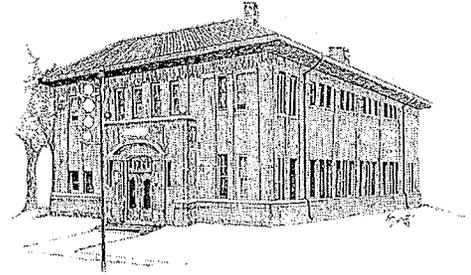
> Staffing changes with Extension Structure change—Matt Hanson and Dave Williams lead a discussion with the committee members providing feedback regarding potential changes to the staffing model for the Ag Program area due to budget cuts. Further discussion will be held. No action was taken.

Motion was made to adjourn by David Pierce, seconded by James Schroeder and approved on a 3-0-2 vote at 11:00 a.m.

—Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

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

Highlighted Projects and Activities

- Presented educational programming to Sparta High School students and to Cashton 7th graders
- Met with Peter Congdon of Raymond James, County Treasurer Annette Erickson, and Carolyn Habelman to discuss the investing of the LHR Endowment.
- Attended and presented at the 2015 Local History Conference in Middleton
- Began developing the next "Collector's Corner" display including creating and disseminating promotional materials
- Met with Wisconsin Historical Society staff in Sparta to discuss the WHS Affiliate and Outreach program
- Created the 2015 Annual Fund mailing list and organized the mass mailing of the documents
- Began pulling historic Tax Rolls from Jail basement and boxing them up to transfer to Northern Micrographics for microfilming
- Created LHR news and gift shop pages for the MCHS newsletter
- Video recorded historic agricultural equipment in use at the Hubbard Farm.
- Continued researching the questions and problems associated with installing an elevator
- Began creating 2016 "History Live" programming schedule, including identifying and contacting potential presenters
- Worked with Museum Services Associate to update the Local History Room's Facebook page, including collecting content to post
- Wrote "History Highlights" column about the history of TV in Monroe County
- 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 Waltherman: clip, photocopy, and file recent obituaries

STAR THE NOSTALGIA AWAKENS WARS

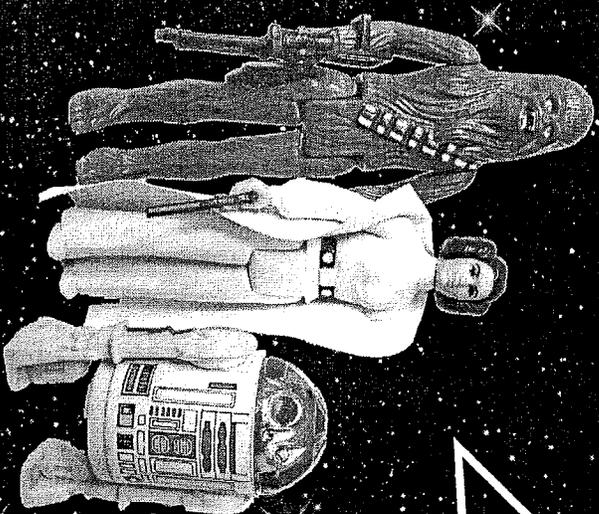
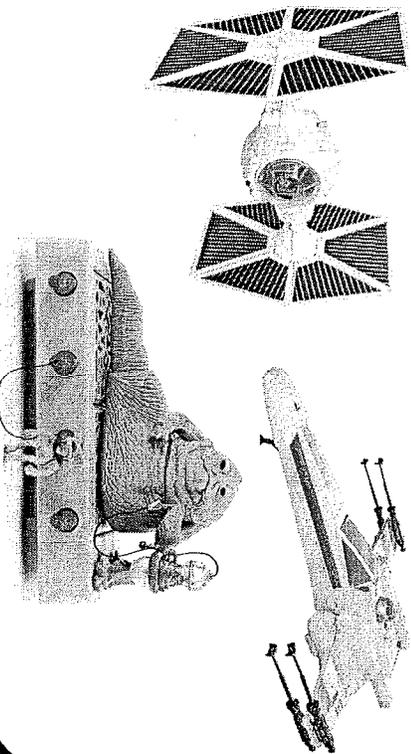
WHAT: Vintage Star Wars Toys Display
Of Action Figures, Vehicles, and
Playsets made from 1978 to 1985

WHEN: Opens Nov. 23, 2015

WHERE: Monroe County Local History
Room, 200 West Main St.,
Sparta

HOURS: Monday to Friday 9 to 4:30,
Saturday 10 to 4:30

INFO: www.facebook.com/MCLHR
608-269-8680



*Meet the
Star Wars
toys Mom
& Dad
played with*

STAR THE NOSTALGIA AWAKENS WARS

OPENS 11-23-15

MONROE COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY ROOM
200 WEST MAIN ST., SPARTA,
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MCLHR

Joshua L. Goede



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.

Family Achievement Banquet

November 14th was the combined Achievement Night and Leader Banquet re-dubbed Family Achievement Banquet. The event was a huge success. It was held at the Tomah American Legion with almost 140 people in attendance. These included Rep. Van De Meer of the 70th Assembly District and Nodji VanWychen. Dinner on the buffets will start at 6:30. The program will follow at 7:30.

Ft. McCoy

The Agent has had conversation with United Healthcare, the financier of the 4-H Healthy Families Grant to Host a family night on Ft. McCoy. The representative will help set up and fund an educational "Shopping" event as well as purchase supplies for families to take home with healthy recipes.

Community Learning Centers

The Agent has held two CLC sessions in most schools including his first at the Cataract Elementary. This month has been a water cycle demonstration using resources from

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 year in September the Warrens club voted to end the club. After discussion with the general leader it will instead be put on hiatus for one year to see if we can resuscitate it. The Agent has scheduled events for the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The events will run from 5:30-7:30 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.

Valle Ville

The Agent has been working with Amanda and Doug Wallerman to re-start the Valle Ville 4-H Club. They will be meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Tomah Methodist church.

All Colleague Conference

The Agent Attended the UWEX All Colleague Conference in Madison on November 11 & 12. There were many good opportunities to learn things that I can bring to the county, such as focus on 1st Generation 4-Hers and how to manage interns and a great new idea of externs.

Upcoming Events

Mon Nov 16, 2015

4pm Maplewood CLC

7:30pm All Committee Meeting

Where: Rolling Hills Rehabilitation

Center, 14345 Co Hwy B, Sparta, WI

Tue Nov 17, 2015

4pm Southside CLC

6:30pm YPP Training

Where: UWEX Smart Room

Thu Nov 19, 2015

5:30pm Warrens Community Night

Where: Warrens Elementary

Sat Nov 21, 2015

9am YPP Training

Where: UWEX Smart Room

Sun Nov 22, 2015

2pm Hill-N-Valley Club Meeting

Where: Brookwood High School,

Joshua L. Goede



Ontario, WI

Mon Nov 23, 2015

6:30pm West Beaver Creek Club Meeting

Where: Gospel Baptist Church

Fri Nov 27-Mon Nov 30

National 4-H Congress

Where: Atlanta, GA

Tue Dec 1, 2015

3:30pm NOW CLC

Sun Dec 6, 2015

1:30pm Jolly Joiners Meeting

Where: Cashton High School

Mon Dec 7, 2015

6:30pm Denim n' Dust Meeting

Where: Cataract Sportsmen's Club

7pm Leon Livewires Meeting

Where: Leon Community Center

Tue Dec 8, 2015

3:30pm Lawrence Lawson CLC

Sun Dec 13, 2015

2pm Norwalk Clovers Meeting

Where: Norwalk Village Hall

4pm Valle-Ville Club Meeting

Where: United Methodist Church Tomah

5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites Meeting

Where: Greenfield Town Hall, Tunnel City

Mon Dec 14, 2015

4pm Cataract CLC

Tue Dec 15, 2015

4pm Southside CLC

Sun Dec 20, 2015

2pm Hoppy Trails Meeting

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church Sparta

Mon Dec 21, 2015

4pm Maplewood 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

Sun Jan 3, 2016

1:30pm Jolly Joiners Meeting

Where: Cashton High School

Mon Jan 4, 2016

6:30pm Denim n' Dust Meeting

Where: Cataract Sportsmen's Club

6:30pm Executive Board Meeting

Where: UWEX Office, Sparta WI

7pm Leon Livewires Meeting

Where: Leon Community Center

Tue Jan 5, 2016

3:30pm NOW CLC



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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update October 12, 2015 to November 16, 2015

- Meeting Attendance:
 - Monroe County Planning Committee
 - Harassment Training
 - Family Living Wislines
 - Safe Communities Coalition Meeting
 - HCE Executive Board Meeting
- Attended Financial Coaching training in Madison. I took a lot out of this training about coaching and learned that I need a little more financial background before being able to coach someone. There's a workshop in the spring that I plan to attend.
- Attended Human Development Team Meeting (UW Extension) in Madison. Talked a lot about family relationships, parenting, and ideas for that area.
- Attended 'Expanding Access and Population Mapping' workshop. This was interesting to see the layout of Monroe County and where non-white people are located in the county. This allows us as agents to insure we are incorporating those areas in the advertisement of our programming so they have the opportunity to attend as well.
- Attended HCE Fall Fest and was able to meet many of the women of HCE.
- Attended Cooperative Extension State Conference
- Continuing with "Be Well with Erin" news column. I just submitted an article last week "What is Extension" which aims to bring knowledge of Extension to some that may not know who we are or what we do.

Upcoming

- Working with the Tomah School Wellness Committee on scoring their current school wellness policy and developing a new policy to address health and wellness of all children in the Tomah School District. I will be presenting to the group about what is required in a school wellness policy and how their policy scores in comparison to the requirements.

- StrongWomen: Starting a 10-week strength training program for women “middle age” and older the week of January 18th. So far I have a class for the Sparta location set and am working on selecting a Tomah location. I have also been talking with Scenic Bluffs about offering a program at Lugar de Reunion in Spanish (we’re working on finding funding for this class). Really excited to start this program and I know I’ve gotten feedback from some that have seen some preliminary flyers that they’re excited too.
- On Wednesday teaching at the Sparta Arms about Nutrition & Physical Activity to a group there.
- Starting in January I’ll be teaching a Parent-Child Movement Power Hour at the Parenting Place in Tomah. Be teaching physical activity with parent involvement. I also have something similar planned with the Parenting Place in Sparta for April.
- On January 12th I’ll be teaching a nutrition class to pregnant teens about the importance of nutrition while pregnant.

Upcoming Events

11/17 Lugar de Reunion Advisor Meeting

11/18 Teaching @ Sparta Arms

11/20 Lori coming for 6 month review

12/1 HCE Christmas Event Day

12/8 Tomah School Wellness Meeting

12/17 SW Regional Meeting (Extension)

1/11 Healthy Living Team Meeting: Active Communities (Extension)



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update October 12 to November 16 2015

The Ag Agent and Erin Silva, UW Extension Organic Production Specialist, visited 4 farms in the area, two produce farms and two organic dairy farms on October 13th. The purpose of the visit was to gather information on information that producer producers may need to adopt to the FSMA rules. IT was also an opportunity for Erin to meet some of the key organic producers in the area.

The Ag Agent attended a SW region department head meeting in Madison.

All the agents participated in a demographic mapping workshop in Richland Center on October 20th. The workshop will help with reaching underserved and protected audiences.

All the agents have been through an anti-harrassment training held by the county.

The Ag Agent presented information on Cattle Feeding Projections for Fall 2015 at the Tri-State Lenders Conference in Dubuque, IA on October 28th. There were 170 participants at the workshop.

The Pest Management Update was held in Sparta on November 11th, This workshop gives updates in pest management in field crops to area Agronomy Professionals and is an annual event. There were approximately 30 people in attendance this year.

The Ag Agent had his gall bladder removed on Nov 5th, and is back in the office the first time since then today.

The Farm and Estate Transfer Workshop initially scheduled for December 10 in Tomah is cancelled due to too many other similar workshops scheduled in the county at that time.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

December 3 Soil, Water and Fertilizer Update- Sparta
December 8 Grain Marketing and Land Rental Workshop- Tomah
Jan 7- Agronomy Update for Ag Professionals
Jan 29 Western Wi Beef Producers Annual Meeting
Feb 4-5 Driftless Region Beef Conference
Feb 22 to 25- Wisconsin Cattle Feeders Series.