

Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting – December 13, 2016
Monroe County Ag Service Center – 820 Industrial Dr., Sparta, WI

Committee Members present: N. VanWychen, J. Schroeder, D. Pierce, M. Halverson, D. Hall, and D. Olson
Also Present: B. Micheel (LC), C. Ziegler (Forestry), B. Richardson (LC), C. Mulder (LC), J. Roll (Hist), M. Modjeski (DNR), E. Eggert (UW-EXT), J. Goede (UW-EXT), B. Halfman (UW-EXT) and Anders Helquist (Attorney)

The meeting notice was posted in compliance with the open meeting law.

Call to Order: Chairman VanWychen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Public Comment Period: There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes from the November 8th NR & Extension Meeting: The committee reviewed the minutes. ***A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by D. Olson, seconded by D. Pierce Motion carried, 6-0.***

-Micheel requested to move ahead in the agenda so he could attend another meeting.

Land Conservation Department:

1. **Review November Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed expenditures, report attached.
2. **Line Item Transfer:** B. Micheel requested to move \$300 from the Vehicle Operating Maintenance account to the Education/Travel account. ***D. Pierce motion to approve, second by M. Halverson. Motion carried 6-0.***
3. **County Conservationist Report:** B. Micheel presented the departmental report to the committee (attached). Further discussed the first meeting date for the Agricultural Advisory Team to be scheduled the last week in January, sometime Tues- Thurs. 1-3pm time frame. Discussed sending out focus letter/ invitation to participants.
4. **Approve Easement:** B. Micheel presented the Jon Schmitz fishing easement support letter needed by DATCP approving CREP enrollment on his property. ***J. Schroeder motion to approve, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 6-0.***
B. Micheel brought the Ernie Leis Perpetual Maintenance Agreement to the committee for approval. The agreement covers a grade stabilization structure installed this fall under the Sparta Phosphorous trade program. ***J. Schroeder motion to approve, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 6-0.***

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: No Report

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto: J. Roll reviewed November expenditures and presented report to the committee (attached). Jarrod distributed copies of a newspaper article covering the North Pole display that opened Nov. 17th (attached). Also, noted a few programs created for the general public (attached). Jarrod discussed the need to reinstate the 12 hours previously cut to the Local History Room's part time employee. The 12 hours would return the position to the 28 hours that was originally established under Resolution No. 9-99-7 (attached). The Local History Room Board of Trustees voted to fund the 12 hours for 2017 with the intention of requesting that the county fund the position to its rightful number of hours from 2018 onward.

Land Conservation Department:

5. **Soil & Water Conservationist Report:** C. Mulder discussed the CREP and Farmland Preservation Program activities this last month. B. Richardson discussed his activities- noting construction practices ongoing. Discussed activities with the Nonmetallic Mining program. (Reports attached)
6. **Approve Cost Share Agreement:** None

NRCS Report: No report

DNR Reports:

1. **Private Lands:** C. Walroth written report was presented to the committee in her absence- noting her activities this last month (attached).
2. **Warden:** M. Modjeski gave an update on the deer hunting season. Modjeski also stated the White Sands court date was canceled regarding the two issued citations for non-compliance.

Forestry & Parks:

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** C. Ziegler presented his department report (attached). Ziegler discussed the update with Ft. McCoy Snowmobile Trail Permit and other snowmobile trail updates.
2. **Approve Exercise Permit/Agreement DACA45-9-97-00001:** Ziegler presented to the committee the training agreement with Ft. McCoy. *D. Pierce motion to approve, second by D.Olson. Motion carried 6-0.*
3. **Resolution Authorizing the Application for Outdoor Recreation Aids:** *D. Pierce motion to approve, second by M Halverson. Motion carried 6-0.*
4. **Sand Mine Development- Town of Lincoln:** Attorney Anders Helquist –brought to the committee at the DNR’s request an inquiry regarding developing an industrial sand processing plant on the county forest near McMullen Park. *Motion to deny a request of industrial development on the county forest near McMullen Park by J.Schoeder, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 6-0.*
5. **Review Forestry & Parks Expenditures** C. Ziegler reviewed the November monthly expenditures.

The FSA representative D. Hall left meeting after his obligation was completed.

County Farm Education Funds – Discussion of potential projects - No discussion

Extension Office Business:

1. **Review of November Expenditures**
2. **4H & Youth Development Report (Goede)** – report attached
3. **Family Living Report (Eggert)** –report attached.
4. **Agriculture Report (Halfman)** –report attached.

Motion made by J. Schroeder to accept Agent reports and review of expenditures, seconded by D. Pierce. Motion carried 5-0.

The next meeting will be held January 10th at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Ag Services Center in Sparta.

Motion to adjourn: was made at 11:25 a.m. by D. Olson, seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried, 5-0.

Recorder: Connie Holzl



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County Historian/Director's Report, November 2016
Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

Highlighted Projects and Activities

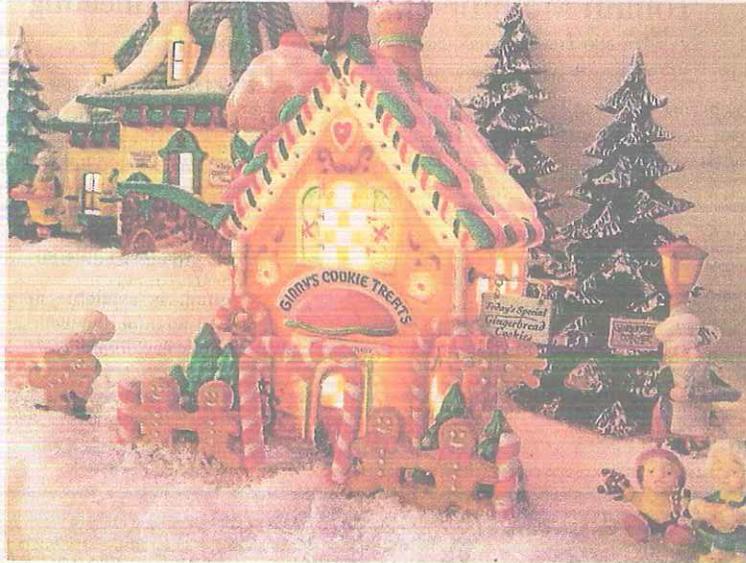
- Finished fabricating Christmas Village display layout and backdrop and installed village pieces; installed skirting, stanchions, and music
- Created the "Photos of Monroe County Christmases Past" historic photograph display; met with county residents who brought in their vintage Christmas photos for LHR to scan
- Decorated LHR for Christmas (lights, greenery)
- Fabricated and installed three illuminated "North Pole" signs to promote the North Pole Christmas Village display
- Promoted, planned, and hosted the Open House for the Christmas display (press releases, e-blasts, interviews with TV station, etc.)
- Toured Leon with 94 year old resident to document historic places and provide "now" images to our historic images of the village.
- Attended 2017 Monroe County Budget Hearing
- Provided all-day educational programming to 160 Sparta eighth grade students at Woodlawn Cemetery
- Attended WFM Annual Museum Conference in Milwaukee
- Processed donations to the 2016 Annual Fund (entered donation amounts, generated receipts for each donor, sent thank you letters)
- Began promoting Winter Craft Day at the Museums and A Visit with Santa at the Museums.
- Regular tasks: provided research assistance to the public (via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons); provided customer service to museum visitors; assigned storage locations, cataloged, and photographed artifacts removed from displays and those recently donated; balanced LHR financial books and draft monthly report; checked fire extinguishers; processed new donation offerings; conferred with Alli Karrells about museum issues and activities; attend Ag/Extension meeting

In addition to the projects listed above, I supervise the following volunteer and support staff:

- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Dennis Burek: photo scanning projects; data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: research Monroe County in WWI; answer research requests; installed Christmas Village display
- Hannah Scholze (Museum Services Associate)
- John Lasko: represents and promotes LHR at public events
- Jane Schmidt: indexing newspapers
- Jim Ebert: indexing newspapers
- Sandy Walterman: creating a master index of Monroe County graduates
- Barb McGreevy: rehousing county court records; other duties as assigned

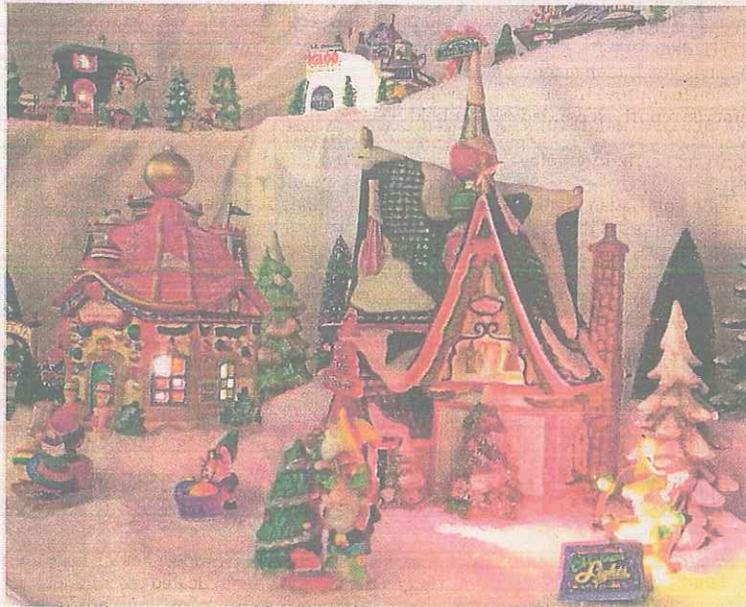
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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Gingerbread men smiling outside their home greet visitors to the Local History Room's Christmas Magic in Miniature display.



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A Christmas village at the Local History Room in Sparta will be on display through Jan. 14.

North Pole display opens Nov. 17 at Local History Room

The North Pole will come to life this holiday season with a new exhibit, Christmas Magic in Miniature, at the Monroe County Local History Room in Sparta.

An opening reception for the display, featuring refreshments and seasonal treats, will be held Thursday, Nov. 17 from 6:30-8 p.m.

The display features a collection of over 120 illuminated buildings depicting holiday-themed images of

the North Pole.

Museum director Jarrod Roll said, "From the reindeer stables to the various candy stores and elf workshops, this enchanting and whimsical display embodies the wonder and joy of Christmas for visitors young and old. Kids will enjoy doing a scratch-n-sniff scavenger hunt as they visually explore this dazzling and playful Christmas village.

Children can visit Santa

at the History Room Dec. 3 from 1-3 p.m. Museum admission is free.

The Local History Room is located at 200 W. Main St. in Sparta. Regular museum hours are Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. The museum will also be open until 8 p.m. Nov. 25-26, Dec. 2-3, and Dec. 9-10.

The display continues through Jan. 14, 2017. For more information call 608-269-8680 or visit Facebook.com/MCLHR.

New Public Programs Created by the Local History Room in 2016

- ◇ Winter series of genealogy classes for the general public.

- ◇ Church records workshop (for members of county churches in charge of records)

- ◇ “Discovering your roots” genealogy workshop (partnering with Sparta High School freshmen class)

- ◇ “A trip down Memory Lane” program for the Dementia Caregivers Support Group



- ◇ “Monroe County from A to Z” - Pre-K through Kindergarten history education programming



- ◇ “History in our Cemeteries” workshop provided to Sparta 8th grade students

- ◇ “Pioneer Olympics” interactive program for students

RESOLUTION NO. 9-99-7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
ARTIFACT/EXHIBIT/RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION
IN THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Local History room Board of Trustees and the Agriculture & Extension Committee request the establishment of a 28-hour per week part-time position in the Local History room in order to be open during evening and weekend hours; and

WHEREAS, the position would organize, catalogue, publicize and coordinate the artifact collection, organize permanent and rotating exhibits, and arrange an artifact publicity schedule. The position would report to the County Historian and report monthly to the Local History Room Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors that they do hereby authorize the establishment of a new part-time 28 hours per week Artifact/Exhibit/Research Assistant position in salary grade 4, with an annual cost of \$18,459.00 (eighteen thousand, four hundred and fifty-nine dollars) for wages and benefits to commence January 1, 2000. ←

Dated this 1st day of September, 1999.

OFFERED BY THE AGRICULTURE & EXTENSION
COMMITTEE:

Howard Zentgraf
Simon J. Mills
Bob Anderson
Mallon Denton
Robert Helming

Approved as to form:

Kerry Sullivan-Flock
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Corporation Counsel

December 13, 2016 LCD- Staff Reports

Bob Micheel- County Conservationist

LCD Business:

- City of Tomah P-trading permit plan coming together, focus on a couple farms in the watershed to meet goal of 409 lbs. of P.
- City of Sparta completed the first two P- trading projects outside of city limits.
- CAFO Hearing MDS
- Contaminated well water complaints (nitrates).
- County Conservationist meeting update
- Farm Land Preservation (FLP) program update
- (1st) Tree Sales order form available

Agricultural Advisory Team (AAT)

- Set date for first meeting – January?
Send out focus letter and invitation to participate.

Meeting Schedule:

- Natural Resource & Extension Committee Meeting – January 10th
- CDAC meeting – January 10th

December 13, 2016 -- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report

Christina Mulder

- **Farmland Preservation Program**
 - John Donskey has applied in the Wells Township.
 - Certificates of Compliance will be sent out for 2016 tax credits.
- **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**
 - David Schmitz (Portland Township) is selling his 15-year CREP agreement land to Travis Schendel.
 - Bill Herrman (Sparta Township) will renew his 15-year CREP agreement.
- **Designs & Construction for Conservation Practices**
 - Multiple surveys completed in November for design work during winter

Bryce Richardson

- **Construction of Conservation Practices**
 - Continuing construction on 1 roofed barnyard project.
 - 3 cost shared construction projects carried over to 2017.
 - Reimbursement for 5 completed projects pending.
- **Nonmetallic Mining**
 - Completed annual quarry inspections as needed. Annual report and Annual Fee worksheet will be mailed to all mine operators in mid-December with payments due by Jan 31, 2017.
 - Still working with one contractor on changes required in a submitted reclamation plan.
 - Met with a contractor to confirm reclamation has been completed on a borrow site permitted in 2014 for the Hwy 33 reconstruction project. Site has been approved and bond is in the process of being released.
- **2017 Designs**
 - Surveys completed on 9 projects planned for 2017. Riprap, Spring Development, Stream Crossing and Grassed Waterways were surveyed.
- **Poster Contest**
 - Deadline for Posters is Friday Jan 6. Judging will occur at Jan 10th committee meeting.

Date: Monday, December 12, 2016

To: Monroe County Natural Resources and Extension Committee
Plus Robert (Bob) Micheel and Connie Holzl

From: Christine Walroth, WI DNR, Private Lands Forester

Subject: Report for Private Forestry from WI DNR for Tuesday, December 13,
2016 Meeting

- Most of the activities this past month have been visiting landowners, loggers, or consultant foresters about properties entered into one of the tax law programs. Mostly Managed Forest Law (MFL) properties.
- We have also fielded several phone calls and / or emails about tax law properties open to public access for hunting purposes. The number of acres open to public access entered in the tax law programs will be decreasing for Monroe County in 2017 due one of the changes made to the Managed Forest Law(MFL) program earlier in 2016.
- As mentioned in a previous meeting this year Gerald (Jug) And Charlotte Kann's Tree Farm was not selected to be the National Outstanding Tree Farmer of Year for 2016. However, the Kann's were invited to attending a meeting of Tree Farmers in Washington, DC last week – December 5 through December 9, 2016. Part of the meeting was the presentation of awards and the National Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year.
- Since I have mentioned the Kann's, there are 2017 calendars – titled "Reflecting on Forestry in Wisconsin" in a box I dropped off for the committee and others. See November. Jug Kann, his son Kurt and his two grandsons are featured.
- The past two weeks there have been announcements about an Alinement of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR). The Division of Forestry will be affected by these changes. At this point in time, it is too early to discuss the changes in depth because all the details have not been addressed yet or could possibly be changing as the alinement process goes forward. One of the changes as far as the WI DNR forestry personnel working in Monroe County will be how the counties will be "grouped" as "teams". Currently, Monroe County's WI DNR personnel are part of the Jackson / Monroe Counties Team. The Jackson / Monroe Counties Team is part of the Black River Falls Area. Once the alinement is put in place, Monroe County WI DNR personnel will be part of La Crosse, Monroe, and Juneau Counties Team. This new team will remain part of the Black River Falls Area.
- I am sure you have heard on the news about the wildfires in the eastern part of the United States. A few of the WI DNR forestry personnel in Monroe County were part of the fire crews out east. Sean Davison, WI DNR Tomah Forest Ranger, was in Georgia from November 12 through December 2, 2016. Megan Mickelson, WI DNR Forester Liaison, left the Monday after the 2016 Gun Deer Season and is currently travelling back to Wisconsin from her assignment in Florida.

Forestry & Parks Report (December) – Ziegler

Forestry:

- Boundary Work
- Timber Sale setup & Administration
- Buckthorn & red maple spraying
- Disabled Hunter Access
- Snowmobile Trail Permit w/ Fort McCoy
- Snowmobile Supplemental Claim and SNARS (new reporting system for trail maintenance)
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Parks:

- Fall preparations
 - Cutting/bucking dead trees (65)
 - Winterizing Shower Building
 - Mulching leaves
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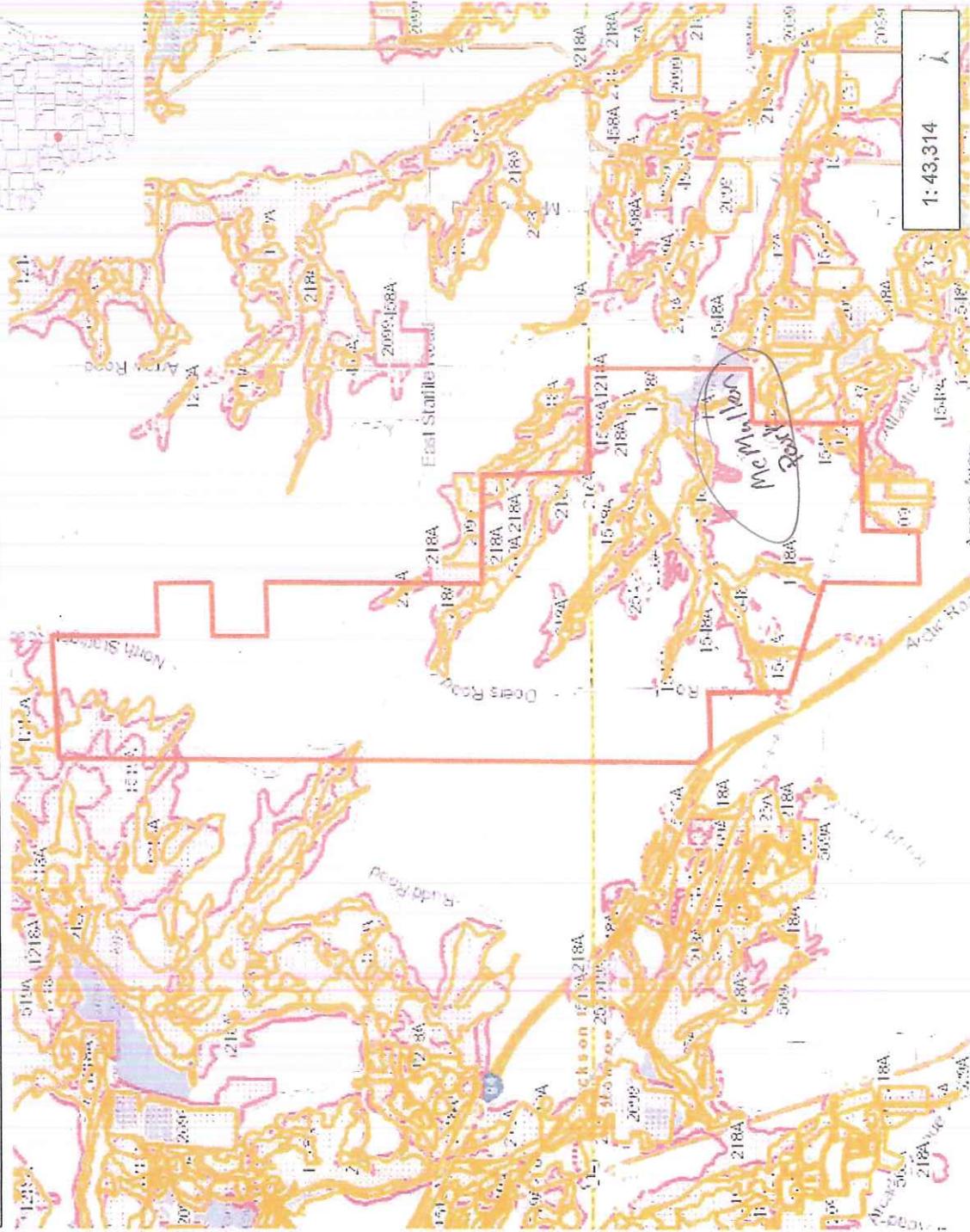


Surface Water Data Viewer Map

Legend

- Wetland Class Points**
 - Dammed pond
 - Excavated pond
 - Filled excavated pond
 - Filled/draind wetland
 - Wetland too small to delineate
- Filled Points**
- Wetland Class Areas**
 - Wetland
 - Upland
- Filled Areas**
- NRCS Wetspots**
- Wetland Indicators**
- Municipality**
- State Boundaries**
- County Boundaries**
- Major Roads**
 - Interstate Highway
 - State Highway
 - US Highway
- County and Local Roads**
 - County HWY
 - Local Road
- Railroads**
- Tribal Lands**
- Rivers and Streams**
- Intermittent Streams**
- Lakes and Open water**
- Intermittent Streams**

Notes



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update November 9, 2016 through December 12, 2016

The UW Pest Management Update for Agronomy Professionals was held on November 11 at Sparta. There were 27 participants at the workshop from the region. A survey of participants indicated that the information they learned would be disseminated to approximately 684 farms in the area spanning approximately 210,000 acres. Participants indicated that the information they learn here results in a profit margin improvement of approximately \$9.86 per acre for a total impact of approximately \$2 million annually.

The Ag Agent presented information to the Sparta Garden Club on the current plight of pollinators and practices that they could implement on their property to improve pollinator habitat and survival.

The UW Extension Soil, Water and Nutrient Management Update was held on November 30th at Sparta. There were 32 participants at the workshop from the region. Topics included updates on nitrogen management, managing soils to address compaction problems, and cover crop research updates.

The Ag Agent is working with a farmer to design a cattle handling and receiving and loading area for the new 400 head capacity cattle finishing facility that he is building. Construction also began on a covered barnyard that the ag agent worked on with the farmer to size and include features to meet their needs. The Ag Agent also worked with one of the farmers who built a freestall barn this summer to help fine tune the ventilation for winter time.

The Ag Agent was asked by area veterinarians to facilitate a workshop for veterinarians and feed industry people to be able to gather and learn about how they will need to comply with the new vfd regulations that are going into effect on January 1.

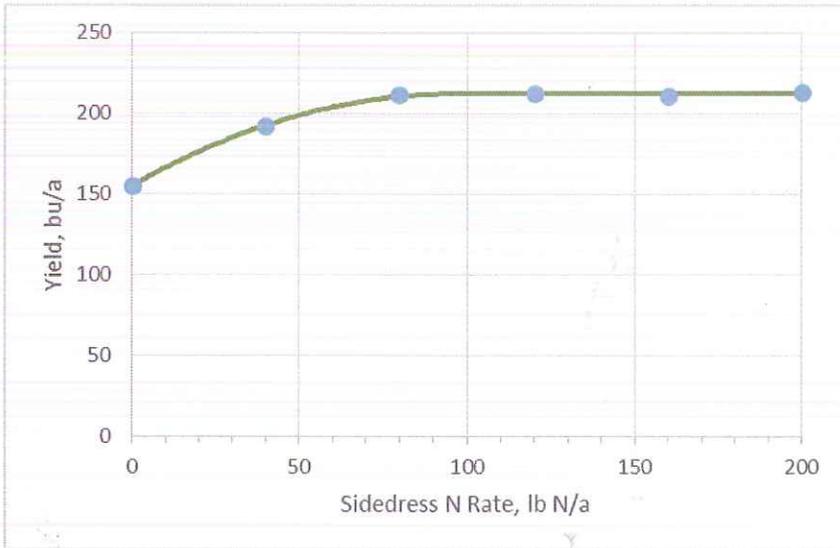
The Ag Agents in Chippewa, Buffalo and Monroe County along with UW Extension Soils Specialists submitted for a summer intern for 2017 to assist with regional projects this summer evaluating soil differences influences by cover crops and tillage systems.

Graphic summary of the nitrogen rate plot is on the back.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

- Dec 15 VFD workshop for veterinarians and feed industry people- Bangor
- Dec 21 Wolf Depredation meeting - Tomah
- Jan 10-12 Crop Management Conference
- Jan 26-27 Driftless Beef Conference- Dubuque
- Feb 3 Bovine Well Being Conference- Stratford
- Feb 16 Winter Crops Update- Sparta
- Feb 23 Cattle Feeders- Sparta
- Feb 25 Hops Workshop

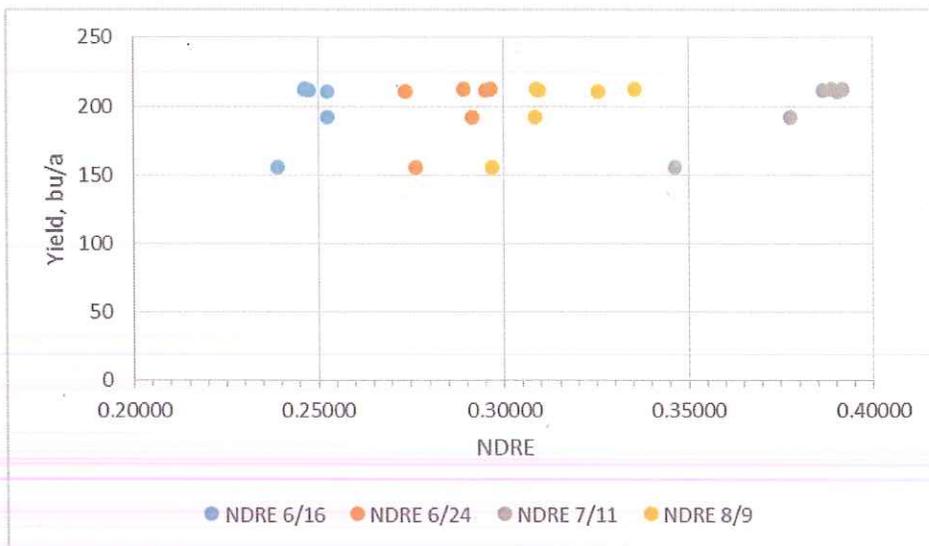
Summary of the 2017 Nitrogen Rate Plot in graphics



Agronomic Optimum N Rate = 97 lb N/a

Economic Optimum N Rate at 0.1 N:corn price ratio = 89 lb N/a

Red Edge measurements





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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update November 8 to December 13, 2016

- StrongWomen
 - Registration started for the January class on December 1st. We had over 50 phone calls in the first 3 hours to register. Our Sparta 8AM class filled in the first 3 days and has a wait list already. Tomah classes had a misprint in the Senior Services' Vintage Express section (listed at 5:30 AM instead of PM and then the wrong days for the class at 8AM) so I think that has set us back a bit in Tomah. One of my participants hung a ton of flyers last week though and people are spreading by word of mouth to register so I'm hoping the classes will get fuller!
 - My 10AM class in Sparta is one of the StrongBodies classes- so far 3 men are signed up!
- StrongWomen- Statewide
 - Working on putting an advanced training online- there's a lot of technical aspect to that but it's been fun and this will help people get trained in "Advanced StrongWomen" (to be instructors) a lot easier without having to drive or be in person at a training.
- School Wellness Conference
 - November 15th I attended the "Stepping up to School Wellness" conference. It was really informative and I learned a lot from it. More and more things are coming out about ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and the lifelong effects those can have on health and wellness for people. I am hoping to work with schools in 2017 more on physical activity and health so this conference gave me a lot of resources for that.
- Intern
 - My intern is done! She assisted with the Food Pantry Project and the Healthy Fair Food Project.
 - Food Pantry Project

- No changes until last inventory done in January. Then apply for grant in March.
- Healthy Fair Food Project
 - Fair Food Handout from Erin

Continuing Events

- Newspaper articles to Tomah and Sparta newspapers
- Continuing to post and promote the facebook site and Pinterest site

Upcoming Events

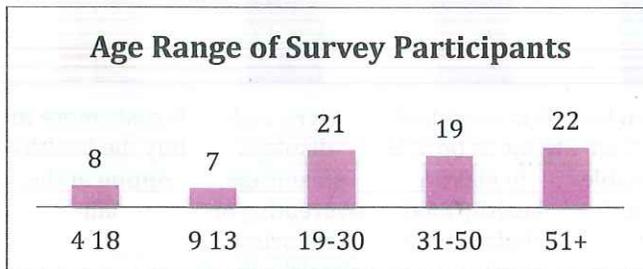
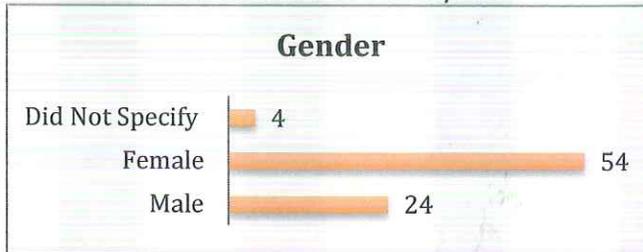
- Online course "Achieving the Extension Mission through Volunteers" starting in January and going through March.

Is "Healthy Fair Food" an Oxymoron?

SECTION I: FAIR FOOD RESULTS

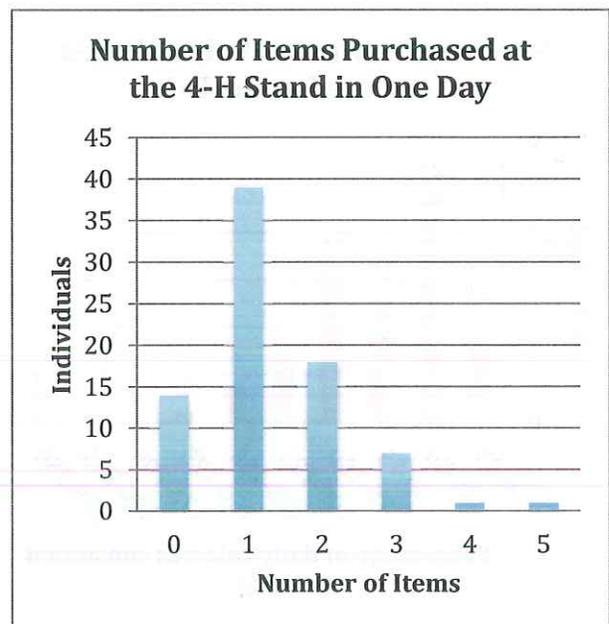
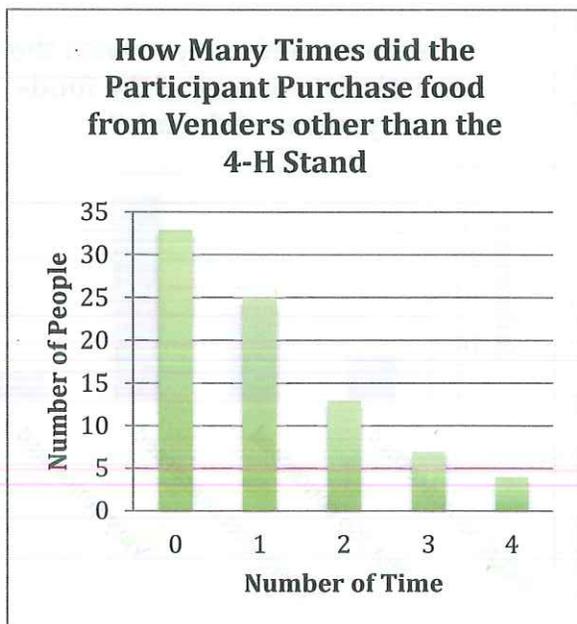
PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

Survey distributed to all fair goers during the 2016 Monroe County Fair
 Total Number of Surveys: **82**

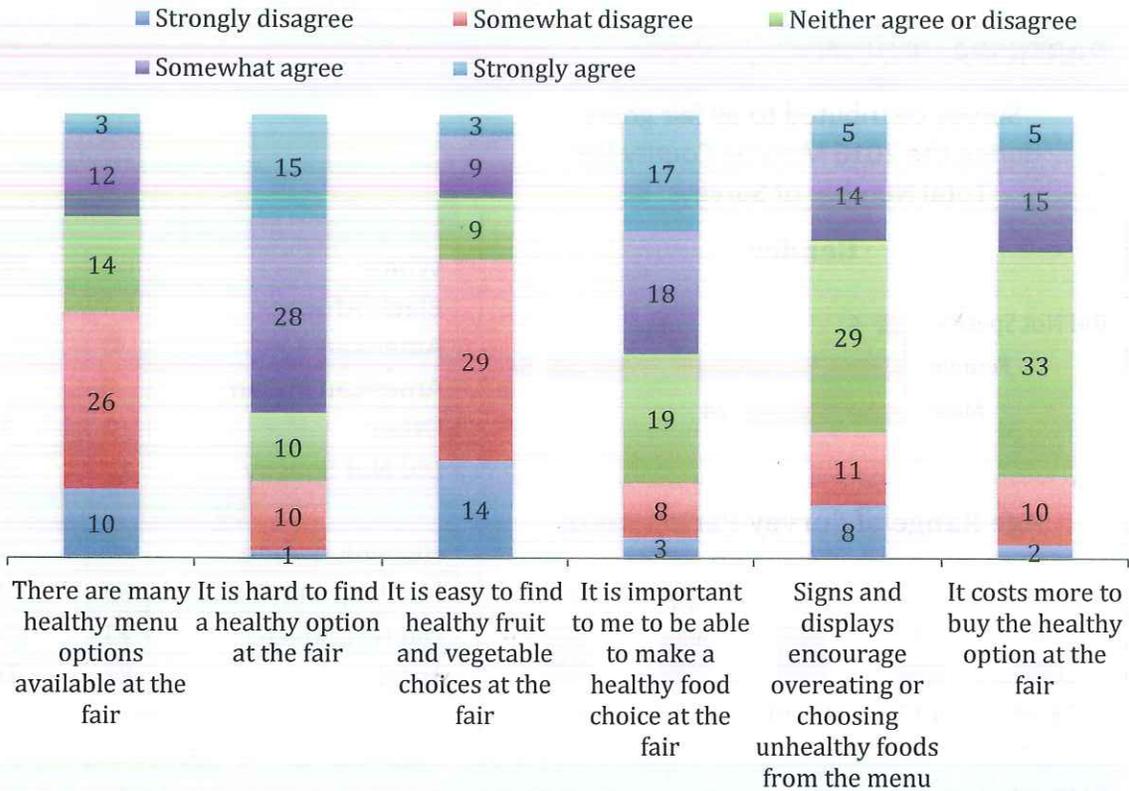


Race/Ethnicity		
Race		
White	64	78.0 %
Black/African American	0	0
American Indian	0	0
Other	1	1.2 %
Did Not Specify	17	22.0 %
Ethnicity		
Hispanic/Latino	1	1.2 %
Not Hispanic/Latino	60	73.2 %
Did Not Specify	21	25.6 %
Total	82	100 %

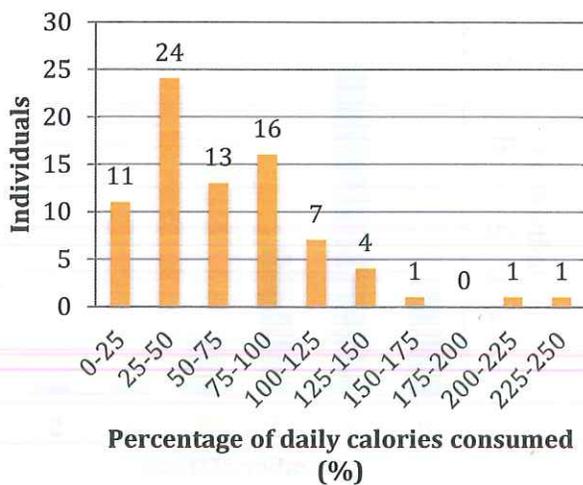
Survey Results



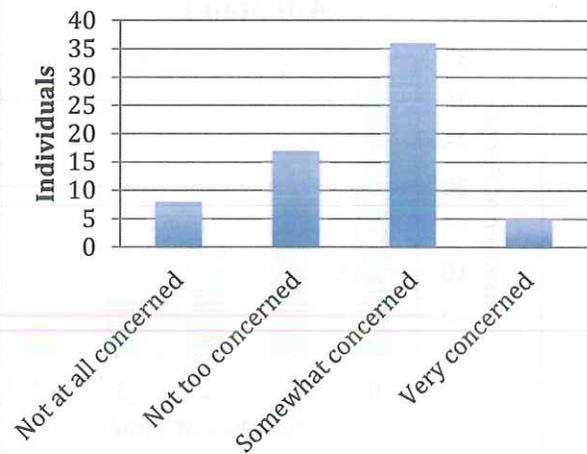
Participant's Opinions on Healthy Options at the Fair



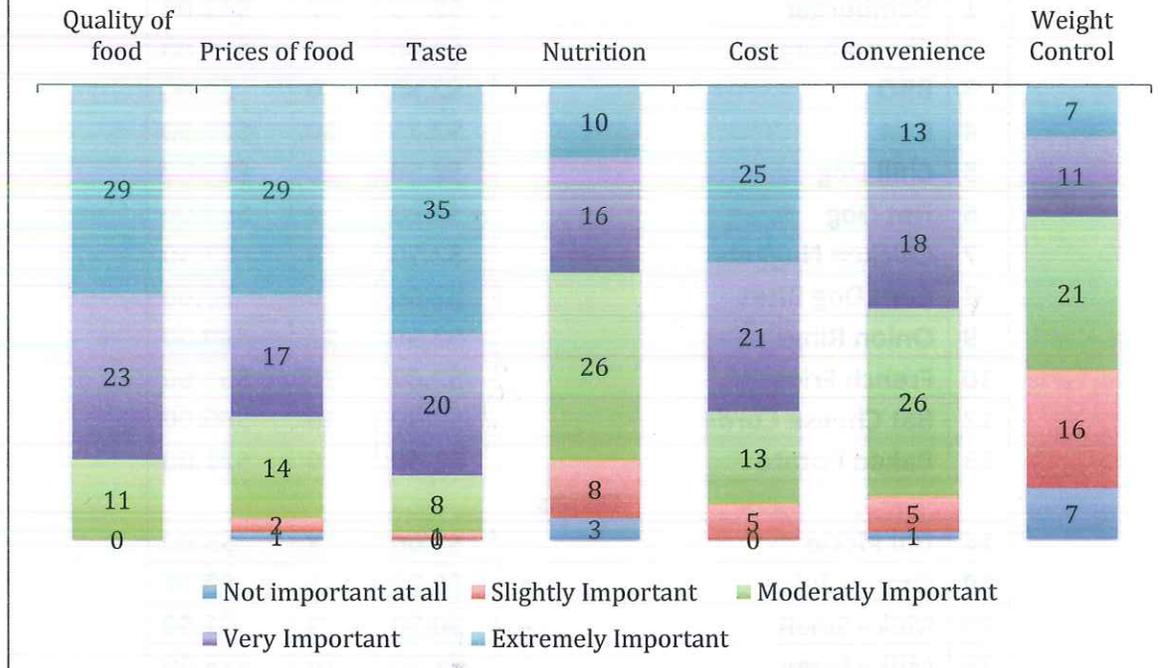
Percentage of Total Daily Calories Consumed at the Fair



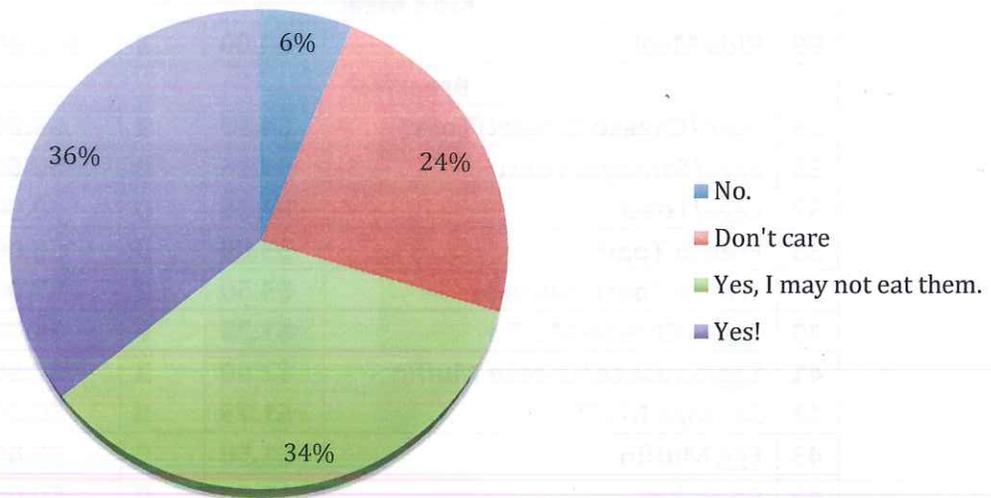
How concerned are you with the nutritional content of the foods you eat at the fair?



How Important are Each of the Factors?



Would You Like to See Healthier Options at the Fair?



Income from Items Sold at 4-H Food Stand				
Lunch/Dinner				
1	Hamburger	\$2.75	12	\$33.00
2	Cheeseburger	\$3.00	27	\$81.00
3	BBQ	\$2.50	0	\$0.00
4	Brat	\$2.75	10	\$27.50
5	Chili Dog	\$2.50	10	\$25.00
6	Hot Dog	\$2.00	7	\$14.00
7	Chicken Nuggets	\$2.50	3	\$7.50
8	Corn Dog Bites	\$2.50	0	\$0.00
9	Onion Rings	\$2.50	12	\$30.00
10	French Fries	\$2.00	25	\$50.00
12	Bat Cheese Curds	\$3.50	16	\$56.00
13	Baked Potato	\$3.50	6	\$21.00
Drinks				
14	Dill Pickle	\$1.00	3	\$3.00
19	Orange Juice	\$1.25	3	\$3.75
20	Milk - Small	\$0.50	3	\$1.50
25	Milk - Large	\$1.50	10	\$15.00
21	Shakes	\$3.00	31	\$93.00
22	Coffee	\$1.00	1	\$1.00
32	Bottle Pop	\$2.50	24	\$60.00
Kid's Meal				
99	Kids Meal	\$4.00	3	\$12.00
Breakfast				
35	Ham/Cheese Omelet/Toast	\$4.50	2	\$9.00
36	Eggs/Sausage/Toast	\$3.75	0	\$0.00
37	Eggs/Toast	\$3.25	0	\$0.00
38	French Toast	\$3.00	0	\$0.00
39	French Toast/Sausage	\$3.50	2	\$7.00
40	Egg & Cheese Muffin	\$1.75	0	\$0.00
41	Egg/Sausage/Cheese Muffin	\$2.50	3	\$7.50
42	Sausage Muffin	\$1.75	0	\$0.00
43	Egg Muffin	\$1.50	0	\$0.00
44	Pancakes	\$3.00	0	\$0.00
45	Pancakes/Sausage	\$3.50	3	\$10.50
46	2 extra Sausage	\$1.00	2	\$2.00
47	Toast with Jelly	\$1.00	1	\$1.00
	Total Income:			\$571.25



Joshua L. Goede

Agents for Change

The Agent has made arrangements and the Agents 4 Change will present tobacco lesson during school day on January 9th to Cashton 4th Grade. The Agent will follow up with district and arrange a February date to present the Alcohol Lesson to 5th grade in Cashton in a similar format. The Agents 4 Change local 4-H alcohol prevention training will be on Jan. 2nd.

Reporting

The Agent is continuing to enter reports into the online systems. This month his focus has moved to the UW Extension requirements as he finished the 4-H specific reporting. There are many great programs and activities to report on this year. One bright spot the numbers of enrolled 4-H members rose from last year by 7 members.

Monroe County Safe Community Coalition

The Agent is working closely with this community organization to collect data and address health and substance Use issues on our area. The current project is working with the United Way to help distribute COMPASS NOW Surveys. This survey seeks resident's opinions on community issues to see where projects could be developed and what needs should be addressed.

The Agent has also joined the Marijuana Work Group with the coalition and has attended two meeting looking at how Marijuana is perceived in the community. The Agent has been asked to bring a focus to youth perceptions.

Advanced Space Academy

The Agent is a little over a month away from embarking on 2017 WI 4-H Advanced Space Academy. We will travel the last week of January 2017. The 13 WI 4-H members are excited to travel and meet all the people from the teleconference and that they have met online. Many logistics have snapped into place and most forms in.

Continuing Programs

- **Community Learning Centers**
 - Working in Dec. with an engineering task. The youth Build bridges with Paper
- **Jr. Leaders**
 - Holiday Lights on Dec. 10th.
 - See above for Agent 4 Change
 - Planning Clover College for Jan 14th.
- **Youth Protection Program**
 - Materials prepared for next 6 adults entering the system.

COMING SOON

- Trip Interviews, Dec 20
- Clover College, Jan. 14
- Jr. Leader Lock-In, Jan 14-15
- Festival of Arts, March 4
- Fur, Fin, & Feather, April 1