

Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting – February 13, 2017
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: A. Karrels(Deke Slayton Museum), B. Micheel (LC), C. Ziegler (Forestry), B. Richardson (LC), C. Mulder (LC), M. Komiskey(NRCS) J. Roll (Hist), C. Walroth(DNR), M. Mickelson(DNR), E. Eggert (UW-EXT), J. Goede (UW-EXT), B. Halfman (UW-EXT), and T. Lanigan- DNR State Forestry Disease Specialist.

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 January 10th 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.*

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: A. Karrels announced the donation of the Deke Slayton Stringer Formula 1 Race Plane to be moved from California to the Deke Slayton Museum located here in Sparta. She also spoke of the success of the Space Camp last August and will be repeated this August with the goal to double the Entrants. There will be two scholarships awarded to attend the one week Space Camp.

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto- moved to after the NRCS report.

Land Conservation Department:

1. **Review January Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed expenditures, report attached.
2. **Truck Purchase- Approve Re-Purpose of Funds.** *Motion was made by J. Schroeder and second by M. Halverson to move funds from 2018 to 2017 to purchase a replacement for the 2007 F-150 truck this year due to increasing costly repairs. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-1.*
3. **County Conservationist Report:** B. Micheel presented the departmental report to the committee (attached). Discussed the next meeting date for the Agricultural Advisory Team to be held February 28th from 1-3 p.m. C. Holzl gave an update on the Tree Sales.
4. **Soil & Water Conservationist Report:** C. Mulder discussed the CREP and Farmland Preservation Program activities this last month and mentioned working on designs and surveys for 2017 Conservation Practices. C. Mulder announced the creation of a Facebook page titled Monroe County Land Conservation. B. Richardson discussed his activities- along with ongoing design construction for 2017. Discussed activities with the Nonmetallic Mining program- noting all but 2 have been collected.(Reports attached) B. Richardson reported M. Modjeski (warden) took enforcement action on a mining company who failed to properly fill bore holes.
5. **Approve Fishing Easement:** *Motion was made by J.Schoeder to approve fishing easement for Bill & Mary Herrman, seconded by D. Pierce. Motion carried 6-0.*

NRCS Report: M. Komiskey discussed EQIP deadline for March 3 and that the projects from the last deadline of Sept. 1 were all able to be processed. Komiskey handed out copy of invasive species Palmer Amaranth (attached) and a copy of the article "Pioneers of No-Till."(attached).

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto- J. Roll reviewed January expenditures and presented report to the committee (attached). J. Roll distributed notices for the upcoming events and a copy of the newspaper article "Research Project revealing about Poor Farm, Asylum (attached)

1. **Discuss/Approve Local History Room Budget Adjustment to reimburse County for 2016 Salaries. *Motion was made by D.Olson to approve the Budget Adjustment of \$385.60 from the Local History Room (MMI) to the County for the 2016 salaries, seconded by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 6-0.***
2. **Discuss/Approve the nominations of the following Monroe County citizens to serve as Local History Room trustees for a three year term: Rick Kast, Sparta; Cheryl Roscovius, Tomah. *D. Pierce made a motion to approve the nominations of Rick Kast and Cheryl Roscovius for a three year term, seconded by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 6-0.***

DNR Reports:

1. **Private Lands:** C. Walroth noted the DNR tree sales will be presented till lifted.
2. **Warden:** Not present.
3. **DNR State Forestry and Disease Specialist-** Presentation by T. Lanigan: Todd gave a slide presentation regarding forest health focusing on the Oak Wilt & Emerald Ash Borer.

Forestry & Parks:

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** C. Ziegler presented his department report (attached).
2. **Review/Approve Bid for McMullen Park Shed Addition:** *J. Schroeder made a motion to approve Schmitz Built bid (\$18,117.00) with authorization for negotiations on window changes, seconded by D. Hall. Motion carried 6-0.*
3. **Review/Approve Line Item Transfers:** *D. Pierce made a motion to approve the line item transfer of \$41 from the Site Conversion line to the Forester Salaries line for 2016, seconded by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 6-0.*
4. **Angelo Wayside discuss Improvements:** C. Ziegler discussed the ideas for improving the Angelo site. Committee advised C. Ziegler to research further.
5. **Review Forestry & Parks Expenditures** C. Ziegler reviewed the January 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 January Expenditures**
2. **4H & Youth Development Report (Goede) – report attached**
3. **Family Living Report (Eggert) –report attached.**

Agriculture Report (Halfman) –report attached. Bill handed out copies of nEXT Generation Project recommendations and showed how they could give feedback to Extension Administration(attached)

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

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14th at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Ag Services Center in Sparta.

Motion to adjourn: was made at 11:55 a.m. by J. Schroeder, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried, 5-0.

Recorder: Connie Holzl

February 13, 2017 LCD- Staff Reports

Bob Micheel- County Conservationist

LCD Business:

- Agricultural Advisory Team
- CWD Meeting update
- Attended Driftless Symposium
- Finalized 2016 Reimbursement's (Staff, Wildlife Damage, SWRM)
- LCD Logo
- Tree Sales Update
- Renew - Monroe Co. Invasive Plant Species Working Group
- Develop a Streambank Easement Management Team

Meeting Schedule:

- UWEX Winter Crops Day – February 16th
- Area Technical Roundtable – February 16th
- FLP Tracking Tool demo – February 21st
- Beaver Creek Restoration Meeting – February 23rd
- Agricultural Advisory Team meeting 1-3pm – February 28th
- Sparta HS Career Day – March 1st
- Cover Crops & Soil Health – March 10th
- Natural Resource & Extension Committee Meeting – March 14th

February 13, 2017 -- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report

Christina Mulder

- **Farmland Preservation Program**
- **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**
 - Outreaching to landowners who's contracts are expiring in 2017 to re-enroll into another 15-year agreement or perpetual easement
 - Dan & Deb Dishinger of the Sparta Township have enrolled 3.66 acres into a 15-Year CREP agreement to buffer Upper Big Creek.
- **Designs & Construction for Conservation Practices**
 - Working on designs and surveys for 2017
 - Deadline to sign up for EQIP projects is March 2, 2017
- **Facebook Page**
 - The LCD has created a Facebook page titled Monroe County Land Conservation. Department news, achievements, and program sign-ups will be posted on the page. Make sure to "Like" & "Share" it!

Bryce Richardson

- **Design of Conservation Practices**
 - Continue to complete designs for 2017 construction. Site visits and surveys as weather permits.
- **Nonmetallic Mining**
 - Annual fees have been collected from all but 2 operators.
- **Poster Contest**
 - 4 local contest winners advanced to the area competition. Two took 3rd place in their age group, but none advanced to the state competition. Winners of the local contest received a certificate as well as a \$20 Culvers gift card.



Pioneers of No-Till

Farmer Fosters Land Stewardship Ethic

Above: Michelle Komiskey (left), NRCS District Conservationist, and Jack Herricks, Herricks Dairy Farm, on Jack's property.

Jack Herricks, a pioneer of no-till farming in Monroe County, Wis., no-tilled before it was popular or regularly accepted. In 1971, at the age of 19, Jack came home to run the family farm. "I came home with a suitcase of clothes and ten dollars' worth of change in my pockets, to ten siblings younger than me," said Jack. Jack started with 34 cows and 120 acres. He now owns 1,080 acres and 600 cows. "We farm about 1,300 acres currently," explains Jack. A century farm in 2012, Jack is a third generation farmer. He farms with his wife, Pat, and his son and daughter, who are part owners. His son-in-law and three nephews also work on the farm full time as well as eight other employees.

Jack's dad and grandpa laid out their first contours on the property in the early 1940s, to gain greater productivity from the soil and reduce erosion. "We've practiced manure management and soil fertility practices for years to help with erosion," said Jack. In 1985, Herricks made his first effort at no-till corn. "At the time, the dealers didn't know how to set up a planter for it yet, and everyone wondered what on earth I was doing with my fields," explained Herricks. Jack and his family have always tried to make good, conservation-minded decisions with their land. Jack quoted Winston Churchill in saying "success is going from one mistake to the next, without any lessening of enthusiasm." He resolved, through the challenges, he was going to make no-till work, and his farm has

been no-till for many years now. Jack is such an advocate of no-till, he promotes it and helps others in the area. "We used to go to several neighboring farms and plant a few acres here and there, with our no-till planter to help out, since no one else had the equipment," said Jack. The Herricks have played a major role in no-till being widely accepted in their area.

Jack learned about the NRCS from his father. He has a hand written conservation plan his dad worked on with the Soil Conservation Service, now NRCS, in the early 1950s. "I remember as a boy, helping my dad put in waterways and contour strips. He was always concerned about keeping soil in place and he tried to do the best conservation practices he could in that era, so it was a natural follow through for me to continue those efforts," said Jack. With assistance from NRCS through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Herricks installed cover crops, contour strips, water retention structures, and grassed waterways. They also practice no-till, forest management, timber stand improvement, and manure management. Through the NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program, they increase wildlife habitat by leaving standing grain, and use a nitrification inhibitor. "The inhibitor helps retain the nitrogen for the plants to use," said Herricks. Jack also has 1,200 taps for maple syrup, another step to diversify and make his land more productive, while cleaning up and improving his wood lots.

Helping people help the land



Left: Herricks Dairy Farm landscape. Right: Herricks Dairy cows eat feed produced on the farm.

As the Herricks expand their dairy, they have started harvesting more corn for silage and there is less residue left on the fields. He protects the soil and builds organic matter by planting cover crops. "We've been using cover crops, like winter rye, for the past eight years to get cover on the ground; we make an effort to have the least amount of brown ground time we can, keeping something planted in the soil to keep it protected," explains Jack.

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"It's very humbling when I walk across the farm and think my family has made a living here for over 100 years," said Jack. This is a great example of sustainability. The conservation practices Jack has implemented also help enhance his farms profitability, "The economics have to work out, over time, using no-till and cover crops, have worked and been economically profitable," said Jack. He's seen organic matter go up from 2.6 percent to current soil test levels over 4.3 percent. "Due to our healthy soil and the use of cover crops, we are able to feed all our livestock, and are self-sufficient in forage and grain," said Jack.

In the early 1990s, the middle Kickapoo River Watershed, where Herrick's farm is located, was targeted for improvement. Through the targeted efforts, Herricks was able to install many water retention structures. During the initial assessment, a biologist walked Brush Creek in the watershed and deemed it a dead trout stream; it was not good fish habitat. The same biologist walked brush creek 20 years later.

From the efforts put forth by the area farmers and partners, the creek was deemed an active fishery, had deeper water, and other improvements noted. "We have double the live-stock than the rest of the watershed has; I feel the report is a direct reflection on us and how we manage our land and our manure," said Jack. "The quality shows up in the water, and that's when you know your conservation decisions are making a true difference," explained Michelle Komiskey, NRCS Monroe County District Conservationist.



Above: Michelle Komiskey, NRCS District Conservationist, and Jack Herricks, Herricks Dairy Farm, discuss conservation planning.

Jack knows farming is his calling. He enjoys being a responsible steward and it motivates him to make the best decisions he can. "The working relationship with NRCS has been a true partnership. I see them as a resource for advice and design assistance. I might have ideas, but I can go to them and say, we'd like to do this, and they can help. It makes a huge difference to have staff I can call on and know I will get qualified answers and information," said Jack. "Were partnering together to make conservation work in this community," said Komiskey.

Palmer Amaranth

In Wisconsin



What is Palmer amaranth?

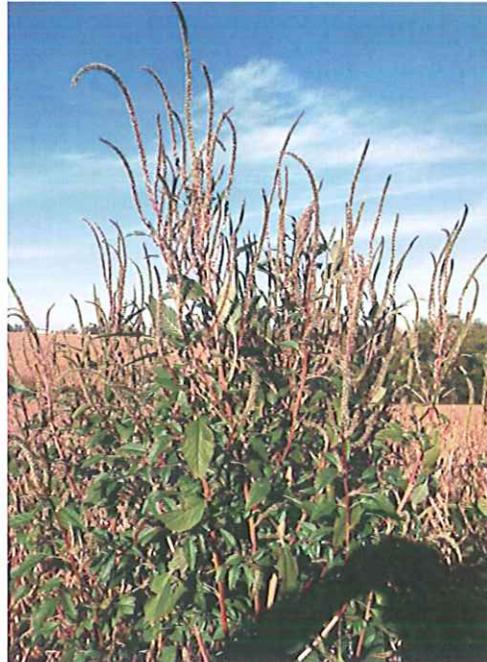
Palmer Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*) is a problematic annual broadhead weed in the amaranth genus. It has several common names including carelessweed, dioecious amaranth, Palmer's amaranth, Palmer amaranth and Palmer's pigweed.

It is native to most of the southern half of North America but has recently been found and documented in Wisconsin. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Wisconsin Department of Agriculture; University of Wisconsin–Extension; landowners and other partners are working to eradicate these infestations before they spread to new areas. Palmer amaranth is very fast growing and highly competitive.

Why the concern?

Palmer amaranth is a very fast growing weed that has spread east and north out of native areas. It has developed resistance to multiple classes of herbicides, including glyphosate, and their different modes of action, making it very difficult and expensive to control, especially on productive farmland. It also is a highly competitive weed, and has been shown to be the most competitive of the pigweed species. Palmer amaranth has an extended germination and emergence window, rapid growth rates, high water use efficiency, and produces large quantities of seed. It is a very prolific seed producer, producing up to 250,000 seeds from one plant.

Palmer amaranth has a fast growth rate of 2–5 inches in 3 or fewer days and commonly reaches heights of 6–8 feet, greatly inhibiting productive crop growth. Yield losses have been reported up to 91% in corn and 79% in soybeans. The weed can also compete with and decrease other agricultural crop production.



Banner photo: Palmer amaranth seeds, shown here, are very prolific; one plant can produce up to 250,000 seeds. Above: A male Palmer amaranth plant found in a Dane County, Wis. farm field.

Palmer amaranth can also be toxic to livestock animals due to the presence of nitrates in the leaves.

What can you do?

As landowners and farmers, be proactive in identifying palmer amaranth on your property to prevent establishment. Familiarize yourself in the look and identification of this species, actively searching for it in your crop fields, borders, ditches, conservation lands and around dairies.

If you suspect Palmer amaranth on your property, immediately call your local county extension agent and/or crop consultant to report it. Avoid entering areas where the plant is suspected or confirmed. If you must enter an infested area, always clean vehicles,

For More Information

Visit the University of Wisconsin–Extension website at <http://www.uwex.edu/> for more information on the weed, identification tips, and management techniques.

Use the search function on the website and type in Palmer amaranth.

Watch videos on identifying Palmer Amaranth and other herbicide resistant weeds in Wisconsin available at the following University of Wisconsin–Extension website: <http://wcws.cals.wisc.edu/tag/palmer-amaranth/>

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*Photos provided by
Dr. Vince Davis, Assistant
Professor, University of
Wisconsin–Extension.*

equipment and clothing prior to exiting the area that has come in contact with the weed. Be certain machinery is clean when moved field to field.

If planting grasses and other flower mixes for conservation plantings, use only local reputable sources to ensure native plants are compatible with Wisconsin's climate. Limit soil disturbance and utilize cover crops to prevent and help suppress weed infestations. Hay may also be planted to help provide protection against this weed.

How do you identify Palmer amaranth?

- Palmer amaranth is a summer annual that commonly reaches heights of 6–8 feet, but can reach 10 feet or more.
- Green leaves are smooth and arranged in an alternative pattern that grows symmetrically around the stem. Leaves are oval to diamond-shaped. There is a small, sharp spine at the leaf tip. Some Palmer amaranth leaves have a whitish V-shaped mark on them. Not all plants display this characteristic.
- There are separate male and female plants.
- Palmer amaranth looks similar to our native pigweeds such as common waterhemp, wadroot, and smooth pigweeds.
- Redroot and smooth pigweeds have fine hairs on their stems and leaves. Palmer amaranth and waterhemp do not have these hairs.
- The stalk connecting a leaf to the stem of Palmer amaranth is longer than the length of the leaf. For common waterhemp, the stalk connecting a leaf to the stem will only be half the length of the leaf.
- Seedhead spikes on female Palmer amaranth plants are much taller, up to 3 feet long, and more prickly than waterhemp or redroot and smooth pigweed spikes. Palmer flower heads are sharp and prickly to the touch with bare hands.



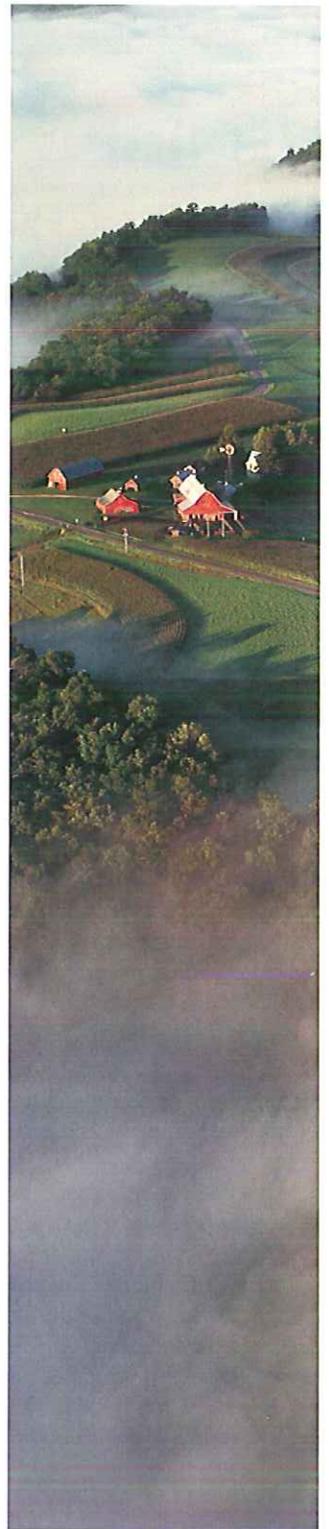
A female Palmer amaranth plant found in a Dane County, Wis. farm field.



Comparison of a Palmer amaranth petiole (the stalk that joins a leaf to a stem) length to the leaf blade length.



Comparison of Palmer amaranth (left) to other similar species. Photo courtesy of University of Illinois.





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County Historian's Report, January 2017
Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

Highlighted Projects and Activities by Team

- Processed donations to the 2016 Annual Fund (entered donation amounts, generated receipts for each donor, sent thank you letters)
- Publicized LHR educational programs and Transportation Grant Program to county educators
- Uninstalled the Christmas Village display (packed up and returned the buildings and accessories; dismantled background and base; cleaned, reinstalled military display)
- Promoted History-Live series of presentations (designed flyers, wrote press release, sent out press release and flyers via email, newspaper, websites)
- Designed promotional placemats; contacted county restaurants to request participation; delivered to participating restaurants
- Began planning and fabrication of a 1950s photography exhibit of Rasmussen Photography Studio, Sparta
- Continue planning for "Monroe County A-Z" exhibit, including meeting with Pica Grove to go over exhibit design and interactives to ascertain cost
- Trained and supervised FOUR new LHR volunteers on their respective projects
- Cleaned up and reorganized several storage areas including the break room pantry, the "Military Closet," the Court Records Room, and the bathroom hallway.
- Coordinated the removal, transfer, and sale of unused exhibit furniture
- Investigated/researched youth/high school board members
- 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; artifact cataloging; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: researching Monroe County in WWI; answer research requests; assist with exhibits
- Hannah Scholze (Museum Services Associate)
- John Lasko: represents and promotes LHR at public events and in the region
- Jane Schmidt: indexing newspapers
- Jim Ebert: indexing newspapers
- Sandy Waltherman: creating a master index of Monroe County graduates
- Barb McGreevy: Monroe County passport indexing project
- Adam Balz: indexing and transcribing Tomah G.A.R. book
- Marilyn Beall: various archiving and collections projects
- Barb Reisinger: indexing St. Paul's Tomah Church records
- Sara Oostick: catalog and research archaeological specimens from Tar Valley

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MONROE COUNTY

Notice of Budgetary Adjustment

Unanticipated Revenue or Expense Increase or Decrease Not Budgeted

Date: January 24, 2017
 Department: Local History Room
 Amount: \$385.60
 Budget Year Amended: 2016

Source of Increase / Decrease and affect on Program:
 (If needed attached separate brief explanation.)

Reimburse Local History Room Salaries from Local History Room Trust
to pay for additional On-Call hours needed to cover public
programming and community outreach initiatives

Revenue Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
85120000 485000 LHR10	LOCAL HISTORY ROOM TRUST	\$ 21,254.50	\$385.60	\$ 21,640.10
15120000 492800	TRANSFER IN LOCAL HISTORY ROC	\$ 21,254.50	\$385.60	\$ 21,640.10
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Adjustment			\$ 771.20	

Expenditure Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
85120000 599999	TRANSFER OUT	\$ 21,254.50	\$385.60	\$ 21,640.10
15120000 511000	SALARIES	\$ 63,799.00	\$385.60	\$ 64,184.60
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Adjustment			\$ 771.20	

Department Head Approval: _____
 Date Approved by Committee of Jurisdiction: _____

Following this approval please forward to the County Clerk's Office.

Date Approved by Finance Committee: _____

Date Approved by County Board: _____

Per WI Stats 65.90(5)(a) must be authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the governing body.

Date of publication of Class 1 notice of budget amendment: _____

History Highlights from the Monroe County Local History Room

Research project revealing about Poor Farm, Asylum

by Scot Simpson
Local History Room
volunteer researcher

Note from Jarrod Roll, Director of the Monroe County Local History Room: On Thursday, February 9, volunteer researcher Scot Simpson will present a program at the Local History Room titled, "All but forgotten institutions: a glimpse into the history of the Monroe County Poor Farm and Asylum." Scot will share his experience with indexing the old records of Monroe County's Almshouse and Asylum and reveal how he discovered more than just names and dates—he discovered forgotten people and compelling stories. In light of his program, this installment of "History Highlights" features Scot's story about indexing those records and how he discovered much about the people whose names were recorded within.

The Monroe County Poor Farm and Asylum records indexing project began when in January 2014 when Director Jarrod Roll gave me three volumes of records to index. They included:

- The Poor Farm Register, a year-by-year roster of the inmates (and they were called "inmates") of the Monroe County Poor Farm from its opening in 1898, in the then new location (what is now Rolling Hills). The old Poor Farm had been located on County Road A.

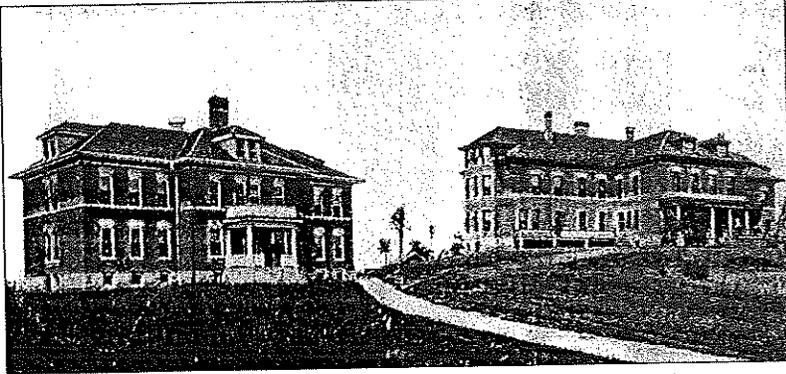
- The Record of Inmates, a chronological register of inmates of the Monroe County Asylum from its opening (next door to the Poor Farm), in 1903 until mid-1933.

- The Index to Patients, an alphabetic listing of Asylum inmates' records from 1903 until the mid-1950s

- My project involved taking information from these three volumes to produce a Poor House/Asylum index to add to other indexes available through the History Room website (www.monroecountyhistory.org). I completed this project in March of 2016, having compiled an index of 1,589 entries for the combined three volumes. To say I learned a lot about these all but forgotten institutions over the last couple of years would be a gross understatement. This narrative is my attempt to chronicle my work on this project.

Both the Poor Farm and Asylum buildings remain standing and in use on the Rolling Hills grounds. There is also the Poor Farm Cemetery on the grounds behind and on the north side of the Asylum. I have been on guided tours of both the Poor Farm and Asylum facilities and have been a frequent visitor to the cemetery. I am grateful to the Rolling Hills staff for their time and valuable information.

As I began transcribing the Poor Farm Register, and my first surprise was to learn how many of the inmates were foreign-born. A



A postcard of the Monroe County Almshouse and Asylum postmarked 1914.

large number were from Germany and Scandinavia, arriving during the great European migration of the late 19th century. In census records many of these future Poor Farm residents had been listed as being employed as laborers or more specifically farm laborers.

Another surprise was how much turnover there was in the Poor Farm population. In any given year, there averaged 25-30 inmates in more or less permanent residence, with often just as many (and sometimes more) being admitted and discharged during any given year. Several inmates were readmitted a half-dozen or more times over the course of the years recorded in the register. Beginning in the depths of the Great Depression (1931-1934) the comings and goings of inmates were listed on loose-leaf note paper inserted in the Register. And of course, the number of Poor Farm residents was very large during that period. The Asylum population averaged 75-80 inmates and did not have very much turnover.

The causes of admission were interesting. The language that was used in describing people and their conditions would never be tolerated today, making this project a fascinating look into a bygone era. It was no surprise that many inmates' cause of admission was old age. What was surprising was how many of these people were later discharged. If they were admitted because of age, why were they discharged later when they were even older?

The incompleteness of the data in all three volumes was another interesting finding. Some years ages were listed for some or most inmates, some years no ages were recorded at all. The same was true of nationalities and cause of admission, even departure. Most departures were listed as "discharge", "death", "transfer", or "escape" (also called "elopement"), but sometimes an inmate would be listed as residing in the Poor Farm one year, and just not be listed the next. During the course of my project I was fortunate to visit with the director of the Black River

Falls History Room, Mary Murray Woods. Mary is the author of The 125-Year History of Pine View Care Center an excellent chronicling of Jackson County, Wisconsin's equivalent of Rolling Hills. She has written in great detail of the records of the Jackson County Poor Farm and showed me their Register. I was very surprised to see how much more complete and thorough the Jackson County Poor Farm's records were.

Death was another item of great interest. I was surprised to see notations in the Poor Farm Register of a death date and "Buried on farm." When inmates died with no family, church or friends to take care of them, they were buried in the Poor Farm Cemetery. Those who died between the years 1926-1928, had head stones with their names recorded, but no other information on them. Those buried in the Poor Farm Cemetery outside that time period had only stones with numbers. When I began this project there were 59 people known to have been buried in the Poor Farm Cemetery. During the course of my research (checking death certificates at the Monroe County Register of Deeds), I found 40 more people, who had been buried in unmarked graves. Some death certificates recorded that the body had been shipped to the University of Wisconsin Department of Anatomy in Madison. Even checking death certificates was not always helpful; for some who had died on the Poor Farm or Asylum there was no place of burial recorded at all.

Transfers were interesting. When the Asylum opened in 1903, many of the Poor Farm inmates were relocated to the new facility. In addition, during that same time period, many Monroe County residents, who had been inmates in Asylums in other counties were transferred back to the new Monroe County Asylum. Transfers from the Poor Farm often had very different dates, with the Poor Farm listing, say a late March transfer, and the Asylum recording an early April admission date. A couple of inmates

were listed in the Poor Farm Register as being transferred to the Asylum but did not appear in either Asylum volume.

Since both the Asylum volumes of inmate records date back to the 1903 opening date, some inmates had an entry in both volumes. A few in the chronological register had duplicate records in the chronological volume.

When I began this project all I knew about the poor house was the expression, "You kids will drive me to the Poor House!" I know more now. I have had older members of the Sparta community tell me about going on field trips as school children to the Poor Farm and Asylum. They described it as a "scared straight" type of experience. Those were two places you never wanted to wind up.

I am very grateful to Jarrod Roll for providing me with the fascinating and educational project. Many thanks to Jarrod, as well as Hannah Scholze, for their guidance and expertise, and for introducing me to, and instructing me in the use of valuable research tools such as FamilySearch.org and FindAGrave.com. The staffs at Rolling Hills and the Register of Deeds were unfailingly helpful and generous with time and information. The same is true of Mary Murray Woods at the Black River Falls History Room. And finally I would like to thank President Franklin Roosevelt for establishing the Social Security Administration that was so instrumental in making the Poor House a bygone institution. No matter how many times I would leave a room with the lights and television set still on, my family was never going to wind up in the Poor House.

"All But Forgotten Institutions: a glimpse into the history of the Monroe County Poor Farm and Asylum" will be presented on Thursday, February 9th, 7pm, Monroe County Local History Room, 200 Main St., Sparta. \$1.00 admission donation appreciated. For more info visit: www.Facebook.com/mclhr

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February 6, 13, 20
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY
NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 16-CV-74

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for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Ser
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Plaintiff,

vs.
GARY L. CHESEBRO JR. a/k/a/
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INC. and GUNDERSEN CLINIC I
Defendants.

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of \$164,246.66 the Sheriff will
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PLACE: On the courthouse
the City of Sparta.

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of Lot 121, all in Block 1, Ric
Subdivision, City of Sparta,
County, Wisconsin.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 42
St., Sparta, WI 54656-1118
DATED: January 26, 2017

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Monroe Cour
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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February 6
PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF WELLS
PUBLIC NOTICE IS,
GIVEN that the board for
of Wells will hold their meet
meeting on Thursday, Fe
2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the
located at 11754 County
Norwalk, WI 54648.

- AGENDA
1. Call to order.
 2. Approve minutes for C regular meeting held on Ji 2017.
 3. Treasurer's report.
 4. Audit the bills.
 5. Doug Jones/Scott Litt LLC - C.U.P. for fixed intern service rescheduled m February 20, 2017.
 6. Monroe County WI February 16, 2017 in Toma
 7. Meeting with the b Village of Helvina.
 8. Updates on roads and
 9. Schedule Match mee
 10. Adjournment.

Diane E. Schwau
Clerk - Town of W
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPOINT WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD MEM

Notice is hereby given that the Board Appointment Committee of Technical College District will accept applications for the appointing persons to the Western Technical College District Board.

The terms of office for three Board positions expiring June 30, 2016 a terms beginning July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2020.

- One Additional Member, Resident of the Western Technical Collee
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- One Elected Official Member, Resident of the Western Technical C

DPI seeks Summer Food Service Program sponsors

Wisconsin's Summer Food Service Program is seeking sponsors to provide meals to economically disadvantaged children during the

schools and nonprofit organizations step up their sponsorship and number of nutrition sites so they can serve the many families who need

will be required to attend a training session on March 24 in Madison. Continuing sponsors for the 2017 summer program are encouraged to

Forestry & Parks Report (February) – Ziegler

Forestry:

- County Deer Advisory Committee Meeting
- Snowmobile Automated Reporting System (SNARS) training- Sparta
- Sale 138, start up
- Tree Planting Bid Packet
- Recon

Parks:

- Met with R.A.P.: Angelo Wayside
- Met with Contractors for the shed addition
- February Department Head Meeting
- Met with Art's Tree Service
- Park's Meeting: Jackson County



Joshua L. Goede

Agents for Change

The Agents 4 Change presented a tobacco prevention lesson during the school day back on January 9th to Cashton 4th Grade. The students were very excited to learn from the high school aged 4-Hers. Peer education on health issues is proven to have a higher impact on students. Hopefully these students think about what the high school peers showed them when they are offered tobacco or alcohol.

The Agent will also follow up with the Cashton School district and arrange a sprin date to present the Consequences of Alcohol lesson to 5th grade in Cashton in a similar format. The Agents 4 Change local 4-H alcohol prevention training will be the end of February. We are looking for a day that does not interfere with other school activities.

Monroe County Safe Community Coalition

The Agent continues work with the Marijuana Work Group of the coalition and has attended meetings looking at how Marijuana is perceived in the community. The group is also planning educational sessions the end of April both in Tomah and Sparta. The Agent has been asked to bring a focus to youth perceptions. We will also survey the perceived risk/value of Marijuana use.

The Coalition is also bringing the very successful "Wake Up Call" event to Ft. McCoy in April.

Child Abuse Prevention Taskforce

The Agent is again working with the Monroe County Child Abuse Prevention Taskforce. The Agent has headed up the Button making contest as well as the helped create a logo and tee shirt for 2017. The proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month will be April 4th, 9am at the Sparta School District Administration Building

Advanced Space Academy

The Agent spent the week of January 22nd in Huntsville, AL with 13 WI 4-Hers 2 from Monroe County. This was a fantastic learning experience for all involved including Space Camp Leaders. We talked about how to incorporate the reflection part of experiential education in to the programs they run at Space Camp. My co-chaperone and I were also able to develop plans for improving the traditional WI 4-H Space Camp as well.

Clover College/Jr. Leader Lock-In

ON January 14th, we held the annual Clover College. There were 20 Cloverbuds (K-1) members in attendance. They had a great time learning about buildings, eggs, nutrition, and dogs. They also had fun making a craft and playing with the parachute.

After the Cloverbuds went home the Jr. Leader who had led the learning for the day had their annual lock-in. They had lasagna for supper, got to play in the 3Bears Water Park, and had a great time with 4-H Friends. They also held a business meeting and made tie blankets for community service.

Festival of Arts

Our annual event to celebrate creativity and talent will be held at Sparta's Meadowview Elementary on Sat. March 4th from 9am-2pm. This event allows the 4-H youth a venue to participate in 4-H that is not "cows and plow". There are many speeches given, performances and art on display. All are welcome to stop by and see what 4-H does outside of the agriculture arena.

Fur, Fin, & Feather

Our annual Fur, Fin, & Feather program is slated on April 1st. This show is a fun competition. There is lots of learning about their animals and how to show them. There is also a fun raffle to cover the cost of the show.

- **Community Learning Centers**
 - Working in Jan. with a problem solving task. The youth put pictures in the correct order W/O talking or showing the images.
- **Jr. Leaders**
 - See above for Agent 4 Change
 - Meetings planned for March and May
 - Will Plan Clover Camp for June 17th
- **Youth Protection Program**
 - 3 Adults queued to take class on Feb. 11th.
 - Materials prepared for next 12 adults entering the system.

COMING SOON

- Festival of Arts, March 4
- Fur, Fin, & Feather, April 1



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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update January 10 through February 13, 2017

- StrongWomen
 - Classes started and we're at the start of Week 5 already! Everything is running smoothly and the men & women are all enjoying the class. I have been really busy with the program co-teaching and subbing already and now things are starting to slow down just a tad so I'm only teaching the one class right now.
 - Ordered new t-shirts that say StrongBodies on them and have our newly designed logo on them. These are a great way to advertise the program!
- StrongWomen- Statewide
 - We had a new logo designed that incorporated both men and women- StrongBodies by a local Sparta woman. This logo was originally going to be used across the state of Wisconsin but the *National* program wanted it as well. So the new logo will go nationwide (back side of page)!
 - Still working on online advanced training. Our promotional video was just published and if you go to our StrongWomen Wisconsin webpage you'll see it there! We hope to have this video shared through social media and other websites and increase participation in the StrongWomen/StrongBodies program! (<https://youtu.be/-ovJpUEAi6Q>)
- Achieving the Extension Mission through Volunteers
 - This is an online course that I'm taking through the U of MN. It has really been interesting so far! I signed up for it because I'm having trouble getting volunteers for the StrongWomen program so I thought the course could give me some insight. And it has! I have developed a Volunteer Position Description as a result of the class already and am continuing to learn from the course. Hopefully I will better be able to recruit volunteers for the StrongWomen program as well as other programs.
- Healthy Living Team: Active Communities Workgroup In-Person Meeting

- Help on January 30th in Madison. I co-facilitate that state team. We got through a lot of information and are formulating our plan for the coming year!
- Community Health Improvement Plan: Nutrition Workgroup
 - I am on this workgroup and our goal is to increase fruit and vegetable consumption of Monroe County residents. We meet monthly.
- Safe & Healthy Food Pantry Project
 - Working on our last assessments now. Then we're starting grant writing due around April!

Continuing Events

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

Upcoming Events

- SW Regional Conference (2/28-3/1)

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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update January 10, 2017 through February 13, 2017

The two high school students who were co-investigators this past summer on research projects presented their projects at the Junior Science and Humanities Competition at UW La-Crosse. One of the students placed 2nd and received a \$1500 scholarship, the other student placed 5th. Both students also received an all expense paid trip to nationals in San Diego this spring.

The Ag Agent and the Ag Agent from Grant and LaFayette County had a booth at the La Crosse Farm Show focusing on our Livestock Transportation Safety outreach project. In spite of the weather we had a steady stream of people to visit with both days. The Farm Show Organizers waived the basic booth fee of \$380 for UW Extension because they indicate it is important to have UW Extension at the show.

A new beef backgrounding enterprise budget spreadsheet tool was developed by the Ag Agent along with the Ag Agents in St. Croix and Grant Counties to help people evaluate backgrounding feeder calves on pasture.

The Ag Agent met with the Livestock Superintendents to review and update the Monroe County Fairbook. The Ag Agent also attended the Jr. livestock Committee meeting. Youth Exhibitors have through March 1st to get their Market Beef ID's in to the Extension Office.

There were six participants at the Estate Transfer Planning webinar held on January 26th. The Ag Agent also worked with a family to discuss their options for their particular estate transfer situation.

The Ag Agent assisted with the Western Wisconsin Beef Producers Cooperative Annual Meeting. UW Extension has been identified as a partner with this group since their start up.

More review and editing was done with the tractor safety videos. They should be done in time for use this spring.

The Ag Agent conducted the Private Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing workshops at this time. There are 83 licenses up for renewal in Monroe County this year.

Ag Agents in Buffalo, Chippewa and Monroe, along with two UW Extension Soils Specialists have received funding for a summer intern to work on projects related to measuring soil characteristics and help with agronomy related field projects.

Ag Agents in Monroe, Richland and Grant Counties have been asked to cooperate with two faculty at UW River Falls to conduct a Beef Cow Reproduction Workshop in southwestern Wisconsin.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

Feb 16 Winter Crops Update- Sparta

Feb 23 Cattle Feeders- Sparta

Feb 25 Hops Workshop

Feb 28- March 1 Regional in-service

March 3 Bovine Well Being Conference- Stratford

March 10 Soil Conservation and Cover Crop workshop

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Summary of Recommendations

The Integration Work Group identified six core recommendations related to the structure and staffing for county offices in the future. We suggest reading these recommendations sequentially as the concepts presented in each lay the groundwork for subsequent recommendations.

- **Maintaining an Extension Office in Every County**
- **Restructuring Geographic Administration**
- **Connecting Counties and Tribes with Regional & Statewide Resources**
- **Differentiating County- and Tribe-Based Educational Positions**
- **Sharing Educational Positions Across Counties/Tribes**
- **Establishing New Agreements Between Counties & Cooperative Extension**

February Feedback Survey

[Click Here to Take February Feedback Survey](#)

Read the Questions Prior to Completing the Online Survey (PDF) (221 KB) – February 9, 2017

February Communications Timeline

What follows is the planned February communications timeline for the *nEXT Generation* project. If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback around the survey and deliverable, or would like to receive our project updates, we encourage you to send us an email at nextgencommunications@ces.uwex.edu.

- **Recommendations and Survey:** We will make the February recommendations and survey available on **February 9**. Anyone who is interested in providing feedback on these recommendations may complete this survey. We will close the survey on **February 23 at 5 p.m.** We will synthesize the results of the survey and make final decisions later in February and March.
- **Daily Q&A Conference Calls:** The *nEXT Generation* Project Management Team will be holding a daily 30-minute conference call from 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. for questions related to the recommendations and survey from **February 10 through February 23**. The conference line for these calls will be: (855) 947-8255, Passcode: 6137001. All are welcome to participate.
- **WCA Q&A Webinar with Mark O'Connell and Project Sponsors:** The *nEXT Generation* sponsors will be holding a Q&A webinar with WCA Executive Director Mark O'Connell on **February 13 at 10 a.m.**
- **Q&A with the Dean:** The *nEXT Generation* Project Management Team will hold a conference call with Dean Karl Martin to address questions about the recommendations and survey on **February 15 from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.** The conference line for this call will be: (855) 947-8255, Passcode: 6137001. All are welcome to participate.