

MINUTES (Approved 7.13.12)
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, ROLLING HILLS COMPLEX, ROOM 220
THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nodji Van Wychen at 9:08 a.m.

Members present were: Nodji Van Wychen, Mary Cook, Gail Chapman, and David Pierce. Agents present were: Bill Halfman, Karen Joos, Will Cronin, and Amy Steies. Others present were: Alli Karrells and Jarrod Roll. Members absent were: Dale Greeno, Sara Donnerbauer, and Amy Steies.

Motion was made by Mary Cook to accept the minutes for the past meeting as printed. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 4-0-1.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension Office, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220.

THE DEKE SLAYTON MEMORIAL SPACE AND BIKE MUSEUM REPORT was given by Alli Karrells. Motion was made by David Pierce to accept the Museum Report. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 4-0-1 (report attached)

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

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS

- ◆ Discussion of Other Potential Projects – no projects discussed

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS— The Extension educators provided education current programs/impacts. Motion made by Gail Chapman to accept agent program reports and office bills/credit card expenditures. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 4-0-1 (reports attached)

UPDATE ON 4-H POSITION TIMELINE Bill Halfman updated the committee that Eau Claire County has decided to go with a 100% time 4-H and Youth Development Agent position and that it has been posted. Monroe County will probably need to look at extending Sara's leave of absence for approximately one month to allow that hiring process to work through.

MONROE COUNTY EXTENSION 133 CONTRACT UPDATE Motion made by Mary Cook to approve the amended 2012 Monroe County UW Extension 133 Contract as presented. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 4-0-1

Motion was made to adjourn by David Pierce, seconded by Gail Chapman, and approved on a 4-0-1 vote at 10:20 a.m.

Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

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CNRED Agent Update, June 7, 2012

The CNRED Agent has been engaged in the following activities:

- The Agent is organizing a regional training for the WEDC's Locate in Wisconsin System, in collaboration with the Juneau County Economic Development Corporation and the 7 Rivers Alliance.
- Agent presented an overview of the strategic planning process to the Scenic Bluffs Community Health Centers in Cashton. Scenic Bluffs will begin the planning process in the fall, as part of a Wisconsin Partnership Program grant to create a community wellness program.
- Agent will also facilitate the strategic planning process for the Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition.
- Agent presented an overview of Monroe County economic development work to the Town of Oakdale.
- Agent planned and facilitated the Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership program Economic Development session, which included site visits to the Vernon Economic Development Association, Viroqua Food Coop, Kickapoo Valley Reserve, Organic Valley and Gallery 1012 in Tomah.
- Agent attended an Extension orientation for untenured faculty to the tenure process.
- Agent attended the annual retreat for Southern Region CNRED colleagues. Monroe County will be moving the Southern Region next year.
- Agent worked with the Monroe County Unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association to organize an informational meeting on Sand Mining. Agent secured speakers for the event from the DNR and Monroe County government, and handled the announcement of the event.
- Agent attended the kickoff meeting of Extension's new "Engaging Young People to Sustain Communities, Families and Farms" multidisciplinary team. Among the team's goals are improving programming related to the retention of talented young people and the expansion of youth in local government.
- Agent will present a synopsis of the Extension response to the growth of the sand mining industry to the Western District WACEC meeting along with La Crosse County CNRED Agent Karl Green.

Monroe County Office
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee

Report by: Karen Joos

June 7, 2012

Program Related

- Worked with the Monroe County Health Department in facilitating the second agency/community partner meeting focused on developing the Monroe County CHIPP (Community Health Improvement Process and Plan).
- Created evaluation report for Tomah School District's spring Strengthening Families Program
- Monthly meeting of Monroe County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force focusing on rapping up this spring's activities and setting goals for the fall
- Monthly meeting of the Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition focused on Drug Free Community grant updates (site visit from SAMSA) and environmental strategies. Also assisted them in plans for upcoming Strategic Planning
- WEAU-TV 13 Noon Show, on Credit Reports
- West District Faculty meeting, E-Parenting Program
- Attended the quarterly meeting of the Monroe County Housing Coalition, working on review of past goals, possible restructuring, and future goals. The Education Committee is looking to plan another Landlord Workshop in fall.
- "Gracious Space: Techniques for Effective Group Leadership" presentation for UW-Extension/UW-Colleges Office of Inclusion
- Monroe County bi-weekly OWI Court Team
- Monthly HCE Bridge
- Wrote weekly Karen's Korner columns for the Sparta and Tomah newspapers

Jackson/Monroe/Vernon Leadership Program

- Facilitated the Jackson/Monroe/Vernon Leadership Program Legislative May Seminar. The day included visits to Vernon County Economic Development in Westby, Viroqua Food Co-op, Kickapoo Valley Reserve, Organic Valley and Gallery 1012 in Tomah.
- Planned and coordinated Class VI graduation held at Three Bears Resort, Warrens. Representative Amy Sue Vruwink joined us for the evening.

Other Activities

- As Chair, attended the Sparta Chamber Education Committee meeting, working on reassessing plans and goals for 2012
- In an advisory capacity, attended the Monroe County Home & Community Education Executive Board meeting
- Attended the Coulee CAP Board annual meeting as a Monroe County Board and Planning & Evaluation Committee member

Future program plans:

- OWI Court and evaluation plans
- COMPASS NOW follow-up
- Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership Program Steering Committee planning
- Rent Smart presentation at NIFEL

STRENGTHENING MONROE COUNTY FAMILIES

UW-EXTENSION PROGRAM BUILDS RESILIENT YOUTH AND MORE EFFECTIVE PARENTS

UW-Extension, in partnership with Tomah Area School District] has brought the Strengthening Families Program for Parents and Youth 10-14 to Monroe County. This nationally recognized program has been scientifically evaluated and shown to be effective in **preventing alcohol and other drug use** as well as in **preventing aggressive and hostile behavior** in youth.

The Strengthening Families Program 10-14 (SFP 10-14) is part of a new class of programs that are certified as effective by federal agencies such as the Department of Education and the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Such evidence-based programs are part of UW-Extension's current initiative **bringing the**

most effective, state of the art and scientifically proven programs to Wisconsin's families. What's more, the program is cost effective; studies show that **for every dollar invested in the SFP 10-14, \$9.60 is saved** in future costs such as drug treatment and juvenile detention.

Over the last several weeks, 8 families participated in seven nights of learning and fun at the Robert Kupper Center. Families enjoyed dinner together, and then the 11 parents and 8 youth met in separate groups. During the last hour of each session, families worked together on activities and skills. At the last program session, participants completed a questionnaire about what they learned as a result of the program.

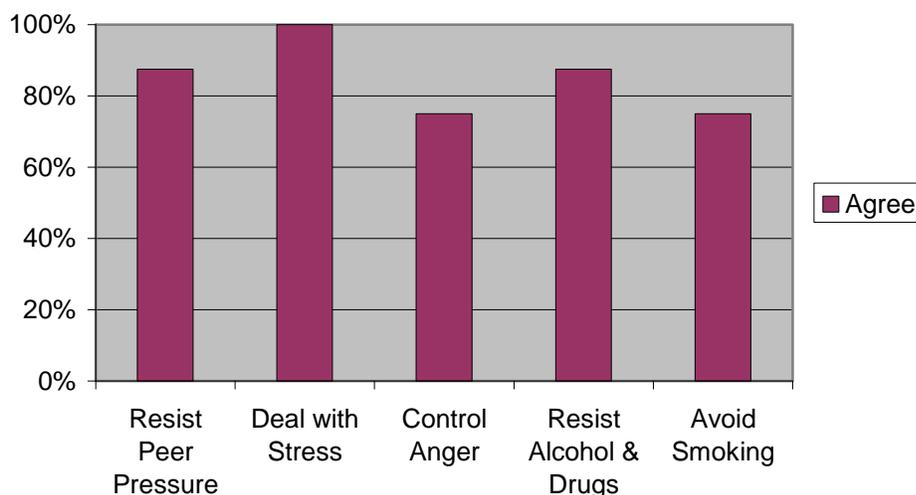
National studies have documented that SFP 10-14 reduced not only alcohol and tobacco use, but also marijuana and methamphetamine use.

Better Relationships with Parents!

Youth learned...

- How to see issues from their parents' points of view
- Ways to be more comfortable talking with their parents
- How to work with their parents without yelling or getting mad.

Program Effectiveness: % of youth who learned to...



STRENGTHENING MONROE COUNTY FAMILIES

Value for Youth

Parents and Caregivers Say...

- I use 90% of these skills and it seems to work very well.
- All the ideas have helped me to understand my son and myself
- This program has valuable skills to help in parenting teens
- Quality time as a family helps communication
- The program teaches you how to handle problems with your child.

Peer Pressure to use drugs increases the chances that young people will do just that. Youth are more apt to use drugs if their friends do. Teens need the skills to resist negative peer pressure which is a powerful force on their behavior. Of the youth who participated in this class...

- 87.5% learned ways to keep from being pushed by friends to do things like smoking, drinking alcohol or using other drugs.
- 100% learned steps to keep from doing something they know is wrong.

Controlling Anger and Stress also helps protect youth from being vulnerable to substance abuse and from acting out in potentially aggressive ways. Of the youth who participated in this program...

- 100% learned better ways to deal with stress.
- 75% can control their anger better.

Avoiding Drugs altogether is key for healthy youth development. After participating in this program...

- 87.5% of youth know more ways to say no to drugs and alcohol.
- 75% of youth learned new ways to avoid smoking.

Value for Parents

Parent child communication is very important to preventing substance abuse among teenagers. As a result of participating in the SFP 10-14...

100% of parents are better able to talk to their children about important family rules and expectations AND every parent acquired skills to talk with their children about how important it is for them to not use alcohol and other drugs.

Parental monitoring is one of the most powerful predictors of adolescent problem behaviors; youth substance abuse and delinquency are higher when parents fail to know where their children are, who they are with and what they are doing. After participating in the SFP 10-14...

- 90.9 % of parents are now more likely to set appropriate limits for their children, encourage positive behaviors in their children AND all parents reported they are less likely to blame or criticize their children.

Establishing firm rules for children's behavior. If parents set clear rules and expectations, youth are less likely to get in trouble. As a result of the SFP 10-14...

- 90.9%% of parents are more likely to monitor the whereabouts of their children and ask, "Who, What, When, and Where?" when their children leave the house.

Amy Steies



Agent met with the Assisted Living Volunteer Coordinator from the Morrow Home in Sparta about getting the word out in regards to intergenerational volunteer opportunities available. An announcement appeared in the June "Cloverlink" newsletter. Ideas for the 4-H youth and leaders included hosting monthly BINGO games, pet visits, Adopt-a-Grandparent program, bringing in and practice explaining how he/she made projects for the fair, playing an instrument, singing, conducting arts/crafts activities, hosting banana-split-making parties, etc. Spending time in such an environment allows youth to be exposed to people of an age group they may not have much experience with as well as help them learn about how people lived generations ago.

Agent prepared activities for and set up several kids' activity stations for the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast that took place June 2nd at the Brueggen Farm. Youngsters partaking in the activities not only got to be creative in making their craft (one example is a barn-themed photo frame), but could take items home with them to remember their day on the farm. Ambassadors/Junior Leaders also assisted with various activities around the grounds of the Dairy Breakfast. A promotional display was set up to highlight Monroe County 4-H.

Agent has been working in collaboration with La Crosse County to prepare for Upham Woods summer camp. Camp counselor trainings have been held and more will be held to help plan for the event, meet other counselors, and know the expectations of them as a role model for the camping youth. Agent is in charge of planning Outpost camp for the interested campers from both counties, and has prepared a time and activity schedule as well as planned for meals.

The purpose of camp for all youth who attend include:

- *To have recreational and educational experiences in a residential camp atmosphere
- *To meet and learn to work with other young people
- *To study and enjoy the beauty of Upham Woods and to gain an appreciation for nature
- *To make new friends and enjoy the fun of camping

There are 27 total campers thus far attending from Monroe County during the June 30-July 2 session.

Junior Leaders performed community service during their May 20th meeting by cleaning up the Evans-Bosshard Community Garden in Sparta.



Amy Steies



Agent has been getting the needed information to and from youth and adults who wish to attend the Wisconsin State Fair. In addition to those showing Dairy or Livestock animals, we have individuals from Monroe County who are interested in being adult facilitator for a Clothing event, youth helper in the Activity Station area, as well as having two groups interested in performing their Drama or Mini Drama to audiences at the Fair. These participants will enjoy exposure in a location that may be very different from where they live, will allow them to get used to performing or presenting in large groups of people, as well as help them learn about more opportunities that Wisconsin 4-H and the State Fair may have to offer them in the future.

Upcoming Events

June

7-Camp Counselor Training, West Salem

8-4-H Family Picnic Registration due to UWEX Office

Deadline for Dairy Window Display to be up; contact UWEX Office with location

10-Horse and Pony Project— Mounted Horse Practice @ Tomah Fairgrounds, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

11-Deadline for Clothing Preview Entries due to UWEX Office

12-Boys and Girls Club of Tomah, 9:30-11 a.m.

14-4-H WISLINE, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Orientation for State Youth Conference Participants, Hamilton Town Hall, West Salem @7:15 p.m.

15-Junior Leader Trip Registration due to UWEX Office

Graduation Awards due to UWEX Office

Deadline for club leaders to get fair exhibitor counts to Barb Ornes

16-Cloverbud/Explorer Day Camp, 10-2

17-Horse and Pony Project— Mounted Horse Practice @ Tomah Fairgrounds, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

18-Upham Woods Camp Paperwork due to Extension

18-20-Tractor Safety w/ La Crosse County in Sparta

19-4-H Family Picnic at Leon Community Center

20-WI State Fair Entry Forms/Dorm Forms due to UWEX Office by 4:30 p.m.; binders will be made so entries can be sent to State Fair so NO EXCEPTIONS on deadline

20-SW AASD, Vernon County

21-24-Elroy Fair

21-24-Tractor Pull, Tomah Rec Park

25-28-State Youth Conference Trip

25-Clothing Preview, 8:30 a.m. Registration @ Rolling Hills Auditorium, Sparta

28-Foods Revue Registration Deadline

30-Club Leaders' deadline for turning in attendance records to UWEX Office

30-July 2-4-H Summer Camp @ Upham Woods

July

June 30-July 2-4-H Summer Camp @ Upham Woods

4-Office Closed

10-Boys and Girls Club of Tomah, 9:30-11 a.m.

13-Junior Leader Trip to Madison; 8:00 a.m. leave time

17-19-Farm Tech Days, Outagamie County

18-Foods Revue, 6:00 p.m. Registration @ Sparta United Methodist Church

21-Fair Set-up @ Monroe County Fairgrounds, 9:00 a.m. Stall Set-Up

23-Exhibit Hall Cleanup

25-29-Monroe County Fair

29-Clothing Preview Style Show, 2:30 p.m. @ Monroe County Fairgrounds

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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update May 12, 2012 to June 7, 2012

The Ag Agents from Monroe and Vernon Counties arranged and conducted farm visits with Army National Guard members to three Amish farms in the Cashton area. The purpose of the visits was to help prepare the National Guard folks for their humanitarian mission to Afghanistan where they are going to try to help the people there improve their farming practices. The level of technology available to the Afghanistan is about the same level of technology used by Amish farmers in the area. We received several positive comments from the soldiers and the Colonel indicated that the farm visits were very useful.

Two Cashton High School Students are going to partner with the Ag Agent on two of the foliar fungicide projects this summer (alfalfa and corn grain) and use them as science projects for school. We get them involved in the project by helping with field ratings and measurements.

First cutting hay was harvested from the alfalfa foliar fungicide plot near Tomah. Results have not been completed yet. The second cutting re-growth has had the treatments applied. One of the corn grain plots has been marked off and treatments applied. Two more grain plots will be put in place very soon. The corn silage plot will not happen this year due to problems that the University of Minnesota had with their new plot planter.

Specialty crop grant funding was received for an applied research project to evaluate pest and fertility management of high tunnel tomato production. The goal is to develop recommendations for Wisconsin high tunnel tomatoes growers. One of the area growers will be a cooperator on this trial. Some of the grant funding will cover the Ag Agent's travel to this grower for this project.

The Western Wisconsin Beef Producers, a group that works with the UW Extension Ag Agents, awarded five \$300 scholarships in their first year of offering scholarships.

An educational workshop for youth enrolled in the sheep project was held at the Equity Sale Barn in Sparta on May 31st. There were 25 participants at the workshop. The La Crosse County Ag Agent organized this workshop for youth in La Crosse and Monroe Counties.

The Extension Office had an educational display at the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast. The Ag Agent answered a number of questions about weeds and other numerous topics.

Upcoming Events

June 14 Tillage Field Day, Jackson County

June 18-20 Tractor Safety- Sparta

July 23 Apple and Small Fruit Workshop

July 17-19 Farm Technology Days

July 21 Fair work day

July 25-29 Monroe County Fair

August 1 Carcass Evaluations/ Contest

August 8 Wisconsin Cranberry Growers Summer Field Day

August 20-21 Manure Expo at USDA Dairy Forage Research Center- Prairie du Sac

August 14-15- Area Agronomy Days

Deke Slayton Memorial Space & Bicycle Museum

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Informational Report:

	2012	January Month	February Month	March Month	April Month	May Month	
Audience Served							
Volunteer Hours:		43	206	63	472	273	
Number of Groups:		5	5	7	7	13	
Adult Members Served:		23	8	36	18	11	
6-15 Age Members Served:		4	1		3	0	
< 5 Age Members Served:		1	3		3	2	
Adult Non-Members Served:		89	89	79	119	98	
6-15 Age Non-Members Served:		19	7	21	27	24	
< 5 Age Non-Members Served:		18	6	12	7	7	
Number Served in Groups:		62	467	556	468	563	YTD
Total Audience Served:		216	581	704	645	705	2146

Past Events:

May 9 & 11	St. Pat's School- 100 students in for school groups
May 23:	Meadowview- 5th graders
May 25:	Maplewood Elementary- 3rd graders
May 29:	Blue Star Museum program begins
May 30:	Tomah- 4th & 5th graders
May31:	Melrose/Mindoro- 6th graders
June 2:	Dairy Breakfast

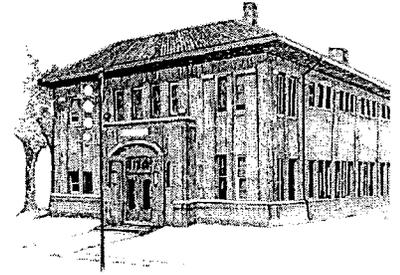
Upcoming Events:

June 7:	Take a Poem to Lunch- guest speaker Lisa Brabandt
June 9:	Bike Decorating Contest
June 10:	Butterfest Parade
June 14:	Seeing Stars Planetarium Event
June 16:	Brat Sale at Piggly Wiggly
June 19:	Glow in the Dark Teen Night at the Museum

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

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County Historian's Report, May 2012

Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Presented Immigration history program to 48 N.O.W. students at their school
- Gave keynote presentation to the WI Heritage Fair audience of 64 in Tomah
- Applied for a WI Historical Society Mini Grant (for archival supplies)
- Presented "Farmer Goes to War" program to 46 Warrens 4th and 5th graders at their school
- Provided educational programming to 395 students from Maplewood, Meadowview, Lemonweir, Melrose-Mindoro, and Sparta area home school students at LHR
- Gave Civil War demonstrations at Norskedalen and West Salem Middle School, 170 total.
- Promoted, hosted, and presented at our last 3rd Thursday Civil War program
- Continued researching/writing "Farmer Goes to War" book
- Researched and participated in a role for the Deke Slayton Museum Cemetery Walk
- Regular tasks: provide research assistance to the public via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons; create agenda and minutes; process photo duplication orders; balance LHR financial books and draft monthly report; process mail and bills; check fire extinguishers; send time sheets; process new donation offerings; chat with public; confer with Alli Karrells about museum issues and activities; attend Ag/Ex meeting; attend Co. Economic Development & Tourism Committee meeting and participate in related projects

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

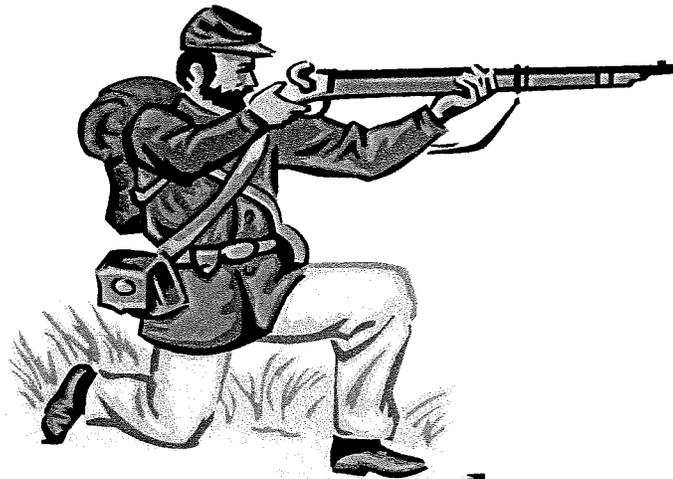
- Janet Hendersin: process new donations: assign accession numbers, catalog, store; assist researchers; assist with exhibit development
- Paul Kuester: work on indexing projects; work on clerical duties as assigned
- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Sharon Wolford: assist with research requests; index Monroe County Rural School Annual Reports.
- Dennis Burek: data entry projects; assist with clerical duties; process photo requests
- Barb Reedich: research Water St. businesses for book/walking tour; research requests
- On call (Carolyn Hendersin, Dennis Burek, Mary Zischke): data entry; research assistance
- John Lasko: locate and print requested newspaper articles
- Kathy Nuttall (working from home): indexing Monroe County Rural School Annual Reports
- Helga Rogers: data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Katie Marx: transcribing Civil War era newspaper articles for the book



Civil War



Experience Day



Monroe County Courthouse Lawn

Saturday, June 30th 10-2, Sparta

- Watch musket firing
- Taste Hard Tack
- Play games from the 1800s
- See uniforms & equipment
- Do fun crafts
- Witness drill demonstrations
- **Much more!**

What? A day filled with Civil War demonstrations & activities
When? Saturday, June 30th, 2012 10am—2pm
Where? Monroe County Courthouse lawn, intersection of Court & Main Sts., Sparta, WI. Call 608-269-8680 for more info
Who? Fun for all ages!

Sponsored by the Monroe County Local History Room & Boy Scouts Venture Crew