

Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting – July 11, 2017
Monroe County Ag Service Center – 820 Industrial Dr., Sparta, WI

Committee Members present: N. VanWychen, D. Pierce, and M. Halverson, D. Olson. and D. Hall

Committee Members absent: J. Schroeder

Also Present: J. Bialecki (County Administrator), C. Ziegler (Forestry), B. Micheel (LC), C. Mulder (LC), J. Roll (Hist), M. Modjeski (Warden), A. Karrels (Deke Slayton Museum) B. Halfman (UW-EXT), M. Hanson (UW-EXT Assist. Dean), C. Saxe (UW-EXT Area Dir., J. Fields (NRCS), C. Schnitzler (CO Board Chair), M. Bauer (MFL Specialist), C. Caulum (MFL Forester), and S. Brownell

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

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

Public Comment Period: J. Bialecki, County Administrator, presented Jarrod Roll with a 15 year Service Award.

Approve Minutes from the June 13th NR & Extension Meeting: The Committee reviewed the minutes. *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by D. Pierce, seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried, 5-0-1.*

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: A. Karrels announced that Volunteers have installed hanging the Deke Slayton Stringer Formula 1 Race Plane during the first part of May. Karrels stated they had cards printed and handed out at the Bike Trail for Buy one get one Free Admission. She mentioned it has been a busy summer. Karrels announced the Pig Roast Fundraiser being held this Friday July 14th at the Justin Trails Resort at 5:30 p.m.

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto- J. Roll reviewed June expenditures and presented report to the committee (attached). J. Roll gave an update on the water damage at the Wegner Grotto County Park which occurred as a result of precipitation and inadequate drainage. Jarrod stated he had submitted documents to the D.O.T. of the increasing drainage issue, which the Local History Room Board of Trustees believes is related to the 2016 season construction on Hwy 71. J. Roll also announced, this will be the 4th year for the “Art Outdoors” to be held at the Wegner Grotto County Park on Saturday, Aug. 26th.

1. Discuss/Approve Museum Building Security System Upgrade: Has been tabled till the August 8th meeting.

Motion was made by D. Pierce to approve Deke Slayton/Bike Museum and Local History Room reports and seconded by M. Halverson as submitted. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Youth Summer Camp Report: Ella Manske presented her Youth Summer Camp Report having attended the Sand Lake Conservation Camp in June. She had a wonderful time and described some of her experiences in the outdoors and proudly displayed a small leather bag with designs that she made. Ella was awarded the Conservation Youth Camp Award and her picture was taken with Chair N. WyChen and County Conservationist B. Micheel. (attached).

Conservation Congress Update: S. Brownell presented his report after attending the Wisconsin Conservation Congress State Convention held in Oshkosh WI. In May. Brownell discussed the ongoing issues of baiting and feeding deer. He also talked about the online voting that was discussed for the counties in Wisconsin.

Land Conservation Department:

1. **Review June Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed expenditures, report attached.
2. **Review/Approve non-Lapsing Account:** Motion was made by D. Pierce and seconded by M. Halverson for pursuing the setup of a non-Lapsing Account for the Conservation Stewardship Awards Banquet. Motion carried 5-0-1.
3. **County Conservationist Report:** B. Micheel presented the departmental report to the committee (attached). B. Micheel mentioned that J. Armstrong (Mic) of NRCS, will discuss Invasive’s at the Town Association Meeting for the Invasive Species Working Group for public education at the August

meeting. Micheel also discussed process for handling complaints from land owners regarding rill and gully erosion. Micheel will start with sending a letter to those with issues inviting them to come in and discuss the problem. Micheel mentioned the September 1st deadline for accepting nominations for the Stewardship Awards.

4. **Soil & Water Conservationist Report:** C. Mulder gave an update on CREP re enrolls for the October 1, 2017 start date. C. Mulder discussed her ongoing designing projects for this year, noting the excessive rainstorms effect on construction (reports attached).
5. **Approve Fishing Easements:** Motion was made by D. Pierce and seconded by M. Halverson to approve fishing easement for Randy Giraud. Motion carried 5-0-1.
6. **Approve Cost-Share Agreements:** None

NRCS Report: J. Field reported 6 applications funded for Streambank Restoration on the Upper Kickapoo River Watershed in the amount of \$182,000 and 5 projects funded thru Trout Unlimited RCPP for \$143,000.

DNR Reports:

1. **Private Lands:** None
2. **Warden:** M. Modjeski reported that the CDAC Deer Advisory Meeting will be held at the Sparta City Hall on Aug. 22.
3. **MFL:** Introduction of Bauer and Caulum each noting the area they are responsible for in regards to the MFL. Caulum will be the contact for the northern half of Monroe County and Bauer the Southern half. (see attached map).

Forestry & Parks:

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** C. Ziegler presented his department report (attached).
2. **Park non-lapsing Account:** Motion was made by D. Pierce to move forward for Ziegler to draft a Resolution to set up a non-Lapsing Capital Improvements Account for the Park Dept. The deposits will be the annual surplus revenue, up to \$20,000 per year and capping out at \$150,000, seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried 5-0-1.
3. **Forestry Revenue Account:** A new revenue account will be added to the 2018 forestry budget for "Other County Revenue" to be deposited in. Budget amount will be about \$600.00.
4. **Review Forestry & Parks Expenditures:** C. Ziegler reviewed the June monthly expenditures.

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

Extension Office Business:

1. **Review of June Expenditures**
2. **4H & Youth Development Report (Goede & Hurtz) – report attached**
3. **Family Living Report (Eggert) –report attached.**
4. **Agriculture Report (Halfman) –report attached.**
5. **UW EXT nEXT Generation update/planning for 2018-discussion/action:** M. Hanson the Assistant Dean discussed budgeting salary and the MC Pricing model with a flat rate fee schedule for the position pay scale.

Motion made by D. Pierce to accept Agent reports and review of expenditures, seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried 3-0-2.

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

Motion to adjourn: was made at 11:50 a.m. by D. Pierce, second by M. Halverson. Motion carried, 3-0-2.

Recorder: Connie Holzl



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

Highlighted Projects and Activities by Team

- Provided public programming and outreach to 150+ at the Monroe County Dairy Breakfast
- Sent updates and additional indexes to website; promoted these website updates via newspaper, eblast, Facebook, etc.
- Continued planning and fundraising for "Monroe County A-Z" exhibit (and the removal of large artifacts currently on display); met with Kent Miller who has agreed to fabricate some of the interactive components; met with Pica Grove to go over entire project; met with Lisa Brabant to create original art for the exhibit; researched names and addresses of area businesses, organizations, and foundations which will be sent a donation request letter
- Provided educational programming to 164 students at LHR
- Organized a court record re-boxing day with volunteers at the LHR
- Participated in Ft. McCoy archaeology site tour; met with archaeological staff about presenting a program at LHR in winter and install a corresponding exhibit about archaeological projects at Ft. McCoy
- Promoted the encore presentation of the program "All but forgotten institutions: a glimpse into the history of the Monroe County Poor Farm and Asylum"
- Replaced the ScanPro1 computer and installed new software
- Managed clean up/beautification efforts at Wegner Grotto, as well as the matter of water damage at the Grotto
- Processed recent donations to LHR (assign accession numbers, photograph, assist with cataloging, assign to a home location)
- 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 Karrels 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): runs Facebook; teaches students; assists with research, exhibits, marketing, etc.
- John Lasko: represents and promotes LHR at public events and in the region
- Jane Schmidt: indexing newspapers
- Jim Ebert: indexing newspapers
- Sandy Waltermann: creating a master index of Monroe County graduates
- Barb McGreevy: church indexing project
- Adam Balz: indexing cemetery records; writing County School histories
- Marilyn Beall: indexing the special Federal Census Schedules
- Barb Reisinger: indexing eighth grade graduation records
- Sara Oostick: cataloging LHR artifacts currently on display in Past Perfect
- Angelina Ebert: indexing WWI Army Transport Service Records

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Art Outdoors

At the

Wegner Grotto County Park

(The "Glass Church") Just 15 minutes north of Sparta



- *Free Family Fun!
- *Paint a Postcard!
- *Make a Mosaic!
- *Play with Clay!
- *See Art Demos!

All Ages and Skill Levels Welcome!

Saturday, Aug. 26th

Come anytime from 9am-3pm

*A \$1.00 per person donation is greatly appreciated to defray programming costs. Lunch will be available to purchase on site.

Art Outdoors

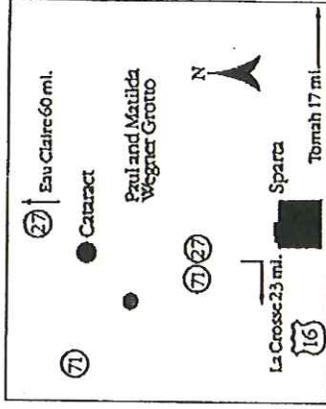
At the

Wegner Grotto County Park



***All Ages and Skill Levels Welcome!**

DIRECTIONS: North of Sparta off Hwy 27, west on Hwy 71, near the town of Cataract. 7788 Daylight Road, Sparta, Wisconsin



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July 11, 2017 LCD- Staff Reports

Bob Micheel- County Conservationist

LCD Business:

- Replacement Truck for the 2007 F-150 Arrived on July 5th.
- Lake Tomah Committee – DNR surveying water quality on specific streams feeding Lake Tomah. One focus area is upstream and downstream of the P-Trading site on Linehan's farm.
- PL566 Structures – Vernon County mowing this week.
- Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group Update: Good interest and representation from various groups/agencies across Monroe County. Planning to hold "Train the Mower" workshop for Township & County Hwy staff towards the end of summer; staff plan to give an invasive species presentation at the next Town's Association meeting coming up in August; For public education, invasive specimens will be displayed at the local Farmers Market and articles submitted to the Sparta and Tomah papers.
- Complaints– Rill & gully erosion in cropland becoming more frequent observation along with landowner complaints. Poor tillage choices and or waterways removed or never established becoming more frequent. Overstocking of livestock complaints increasing. Review LCD's role in handling complaints.
- NOD/NOI Funded Projects: Vaassen roofed barnyard structure is complete with heavy use access roads remaining. Henze working on finalizing design and seeking contractors.
- NOD Site Visit– DNR (Koperski) & I completed a walkover of the Burkhalter farm outside of Wilton for NR151 compliance from 2016. Main stream corridor excluded and vegetated as required. Cattle feedlot portion to the east has destroyed two spring sources that feeds the Kickapoo River and overstocking creates a compliance issue. Feedlot co-mingles with non-metallic mining operation on his farm.
- Monroe County Stewardship Awards – Tree farmer, Conservation Farmer, and Conservationist nominations being accepted. September 1st Deadline
- CREP plantings completed this past week.
- ATC Mitigation Funds – Review potential options.

Meeting Schedule:

- July 13, 14th – County Conservationist Meeting
- July 20th – Golden Sands RC&D
- July 27th – Mississippi Valley Conservancy Field Tour at John Durbow's
- June 29th – Oak Brook Trout Unlimited work day in Sparta
- August 8th – Natural Resource & Extension Committee meeting

July 11, 2017 -- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report

Christina Mulder

- **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**
 - Preparing re-enrolls for the October 1, 2017 start date
 - Working with the DATCP State office to prepare the perpetual easements
- **Designs & Construction for Conservation Practices**
 - Designing projects (dams, riprap, and stream crossings) for this year
 - Construction going on at Witt, Baldwin, and Thayer
 - Some construction has been affected from excessive rainstorms. Grass has not been established on streambanks and grassed waterways so gullies are forming during rain events. Contractors will need to repair the projects before payment goes out.

Bryce Richardson

- **Design of Conservation Practices**
 - Completed 724 lin ft. of riprap. (Wacker, Muehlenkamp) Ongoing construction and design.
- **Nonmetallic Mining**
 - Received a reclamation plan for Wisconsin White Sands 2. Quite a few changes required before it can be brought to the Committee for approval.



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Transect Survey Summary

2017 Acres of Corn 74,900 12,006 acres less than 2016.

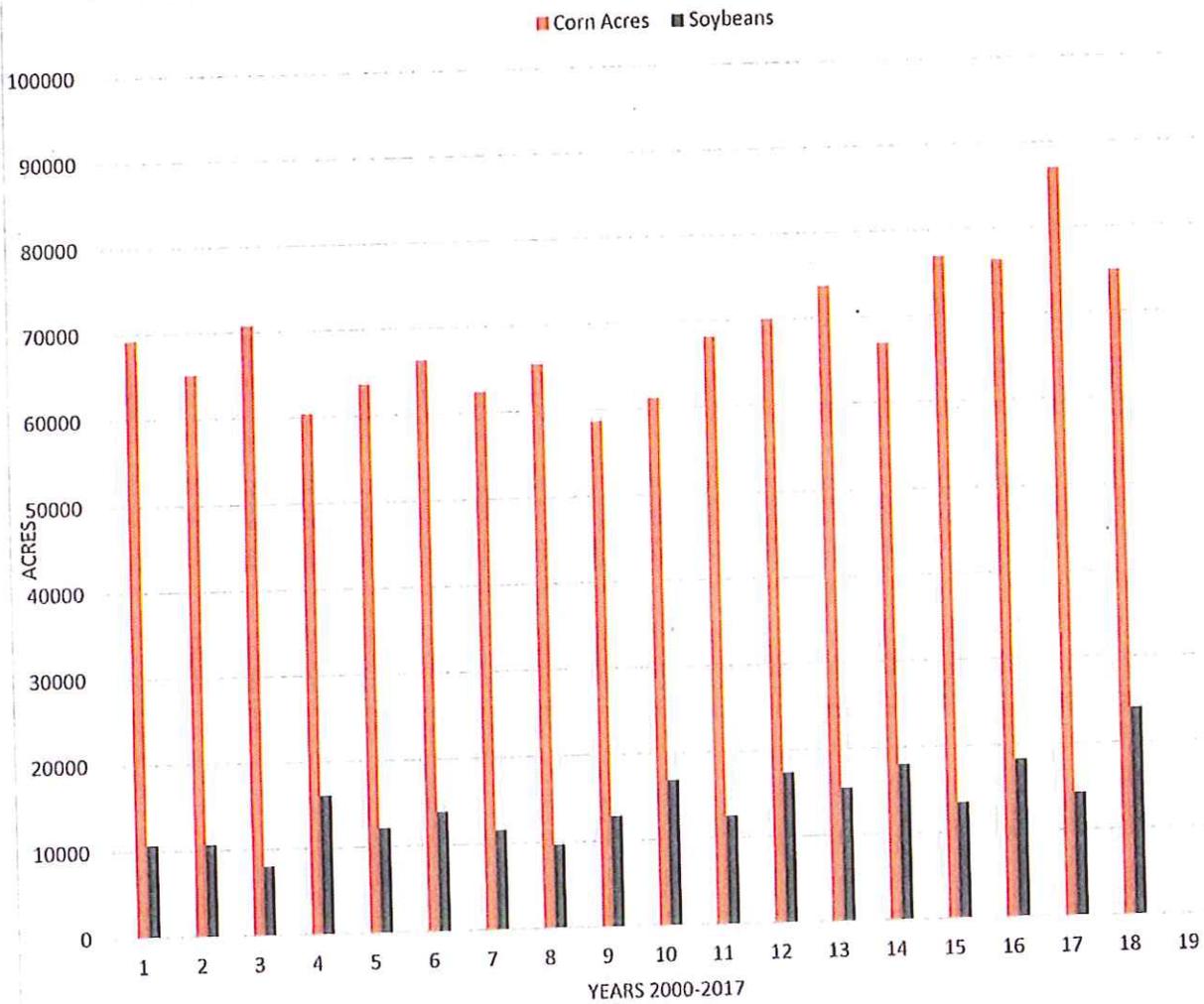
Acres of Soybeans 24,013 9720 acres more than 2016.

Forage 40,880 acres 3716 ac. more than 2016.

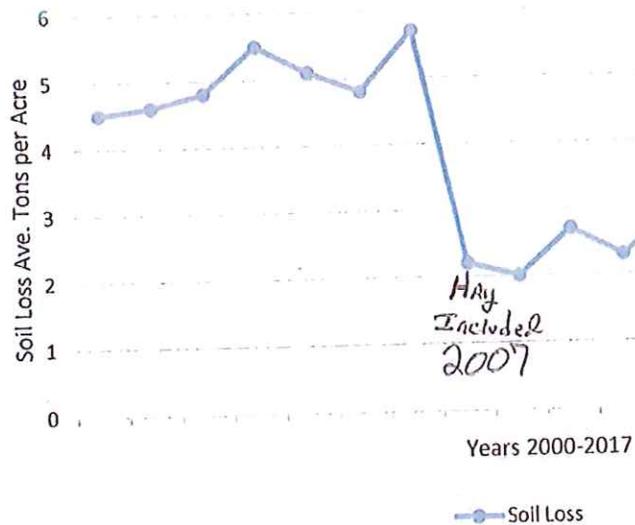
Total Cropland for Monroe County including Hay is 147,513 ac.

Soil Loss Average 3.8 tons per acre (.1 T/A less than 2016 and 1.8 T/A more than 2008)
Red numbers = 15 year highs

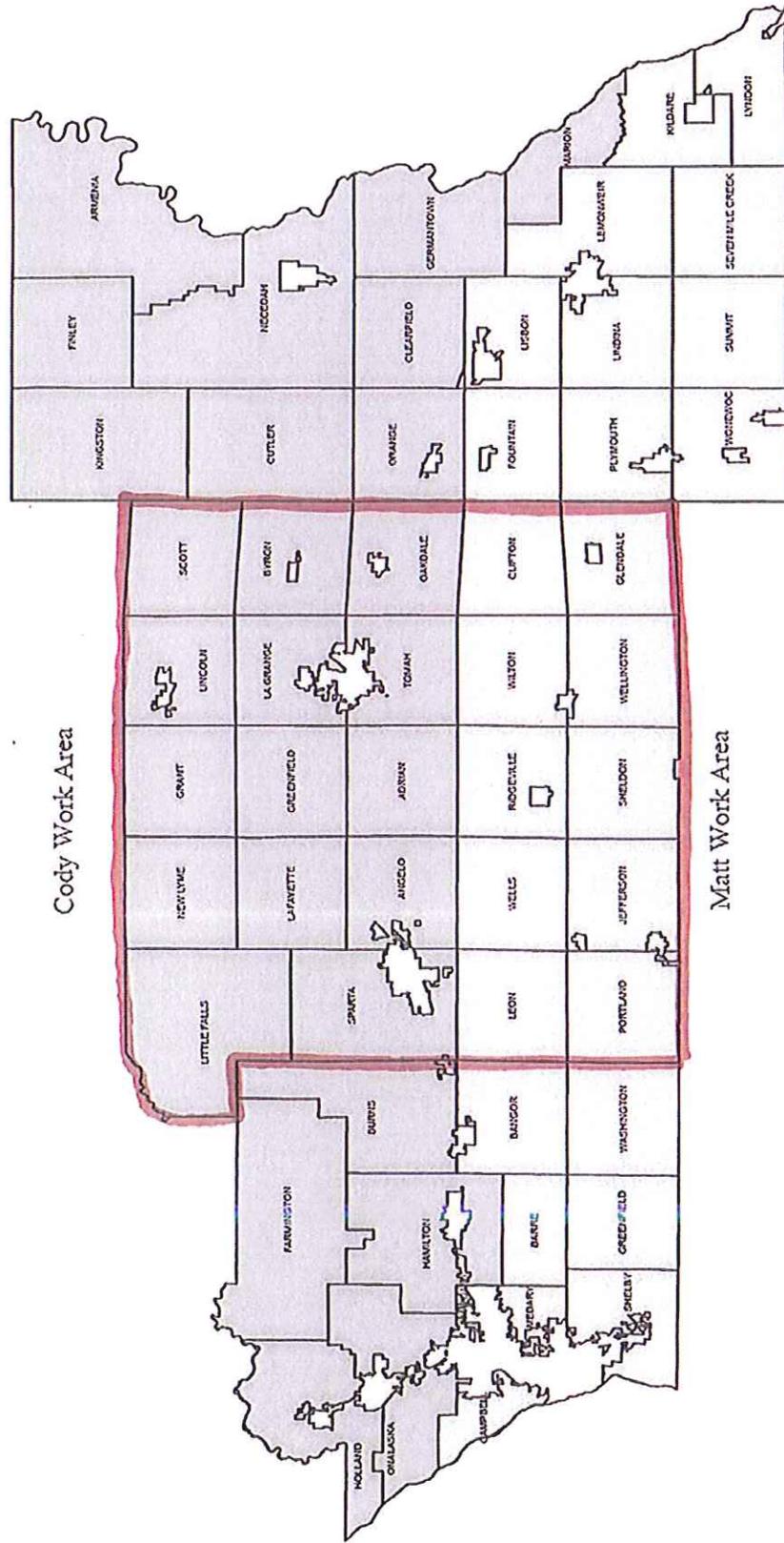
	Corn	Soybeans	Soil Loss Ave.
2000	69,266 ac.	10,707 ac.	4.5 T/A
2001	65,131 ac.	10,707 ac.	4.6 T/A
2002	70,782 ac.	8,030 ac.	4.8 T/A
2003	60,373 ac.	16,060 ac.	5.5 T/A
2004	63,644 ac.	12,194 ac.	5.1 T/A
2005	66,321 ac.	13,681 ac.	4.8 T/A
2006	62,455 ac.	11,599 ac.	5.7 T/A
2007	65,466 ac.	9,719 ac.	2.2 T/A (hay included)
2008	58,605 ac.	12,864 ac.	2.0 T/A
2009	61,178 ac.	16,866 ac.	2.7 T/A
2010	68,150 ac.	12,578 ac.	2.3 T/A
2011	70,041 ac.	17,438 ac.	2.9 T/A
2012	73,756 ac.	15,437 ac.	3.1 T/A
2013	66,895 ac.	18,010 ac.	3.2 T/A
2014	76,901 ac.	13,436 ac.	3.3 T/A
2015	76,329 ac.	18,296 ac.	3.6 T/A
2016	86,906 ac.	14,293 ac.	3.9 T/A
2017	74,900 ac.	24,013 ac.	3.8 T/A



Ave Annual Soil Loss per Acre



MFL - 2017



Forestry & Parks Report (July) – Ziegler

Forestry:

- Closeout sale 146
- Recon – Lincoln
- Preliminary work for timber sales
- Installed gate(s)

Parks:

- Department Head Meeting
- 2018 Budget
- Assisted with Highway Dept. Interviews
- Angelo Wayside issues



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Highlights Update June 12, 2017 to July 10, 2017

Tractor and Machinery Safety Certification was held June 19 through 21. This year there were 18 participants in the class, 17 passed and received their certificates of completion. Ag Instructors from Tomah, Brookwood, Sparta and New Lisbon assisted with teaching along with the Ag Agent and 4-H Agent. Guest speakers included the Sparta Area Fire Department, and retired sheriff Chuck Amundson. St. Joseph Equipment provided three tractors for the class.

The Ag Agent is part of the Soil Conservation Recognition Committee and the County Invasive Species group and attended both group meetings.

The annual summer Crops Day was held near Tomah, we had 20 people attend the afternoon workshop. Topics covered included soil fertility, weed management, current year bug problems and general questions. The nice weather that day finally allowed people to be making hay and spraying weeds and did not help attendance.

UW Extension in cooperation with UW River Falls held an area Beef Cow-calf field day at Woodhill Farms near Viroqua. There were 158 participants at the workshop. Topics covered were cow nutrition for reproduction success, management practices to minimize heat stress during the summer and body condition scoring of beef cows.

The Ag Agent met with the new staff at the Wisconsin Beef Council to discuss Beef Quality Assurance and opportunities for BQA promotion.

Plot work continues with the various trials.

- The sidedress treatments were applied to the corn plots and color measurements and soil sampling will take place later this week.
- The second half of the split applications were applied to the hops plants, they are flowering and putting on cones at this time. Harvest will occur in August.
- The Hubbard squash are planted for the cucumber beetle control trial using the spider venom product along with some additional materials. Within the next two weeks we should begin with treatments.

The Ag Agent attended an Herbicide Management Field Day at Rochester MN that was put on by University of Minnesota Extension. The field day provided the opportunity to see several herbicide programs in corn and soybeans and learn about managing resistant weeds.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

July 26-30 Monroe County Fair
Aug 2 Carcass Judging
Aug 9 Cranberry Field Day- Warrens
Aug 10 Hops Growers Summer Field Day- Tomah



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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update June 14th to July 11, 2017

- StrongWomen
 - Spring/ Early Summer sessions wrapped up.
 - Summer classes are starting. There will be one in Tomah and one in Sparta; both at 8am starting the week of July 10th. Previous participants only.
- Walk With Ease session wrapped up and new session started.
- Attended the National Wellness Conference in Twin Cities, MN June 19-21.
- Traveled to Australia with family

Continuing Events

- Continuing to post and promote the facebook site and Pinterest site

Upcoming Events

- Monroe County Fair 7/26-7/30



Joshua L. Goede

Arts Camp

The Agent is a co-chair on the steering committee for the statewide Arts Camp held in October at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The Agent will serve as the camp director. The group released the counselor application through 4-H Online. One Monroe County youth has signed up to be a counselor. The participant application will be released on Sept. 1 also through 4-H Online.

Tractor and Machinery Safety Class

The Agent helped teach the annual Tractor Safety class. The class was smaller than in years past but to great advantage to the youth attending. It is easier to make sure all the youth are "getting it" when there are smaller class sizes. Again, the Tomah, Sparta, NOW, Agriculture teachers assisted as well as the New Lisbon Ag teacher. Despite the weather the class can be considered a success.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

The agent attended and presented 2 seminars at the 2017 WI 4-H & Youth Conference hosted on the

campus of UW-Madison. There was one Monroe County youth attending as a representative of the National Guard Families Program.

Monroe County Fair

It's that time of year again. The fair will be here before we know it. The office and agents have started looking at what needs to come together before July.

3-6 Grade Day Trip

The Agent and Summer Assistant headed to south central WI with a group of excited youth to tour the Arena Cheese Plant and then headed over to the Cave of the Mounds.

Summer Programing

The Agent and Support Staff have started planning for our summer programs. Foods Review will be on July 19 at St. Patrick's Church.

The Summer assistant Jessica has planned and started to implement our other big summer programs. (see Report)

Continuing Programs

• Community Learning Centers

- Summer Break, will meet with directors in early August

• Jr. Leaders

- Clover Camp was a great success with 9 members participating. The Eagles club worked great. The highlight for most was fishing and being on the water front.
- Eagle's Club postponed clean up and painting until Fall.
- The Ice Cream stand was not super successful at Tractor pull due mostly to weather. We netted \$126. Hopefully fair will go better.
- Chicago Experience planned for August 15-17, 2017.

• Monroe County Safe Community Coalition

- Had our first meeting to develop Marijuana curricula for training with 9th grade students to teach them how to teach it to 6th grade students in 2017-18.
- 4-H Is worked into the 17-19 United Way Grant to bring AODA training to Cashton and N.O.W.

Youth Protection Program

- Working on finding a class time for final 2016-17 adults to attend.

COMING SOON

- 2017 Monroe County Fair, July 26-30
- 2017 4-H Summer Camp & Outpost, Aug 5-8
- 2017 Jr. Leader Road Trip to Chicago, Aug 15-17
- 2017 State 4-H Dog Show, Tomah, Aug 18-20
- 2018 Monroe County 4-H Plat Book arrives in October



Jessica Hurtz

Cloverbud Camp

On June 17th at Sparta's Eagle Club, the assistant helped in coordinate a Cloverbud Camp for 4-H youth in kindergarten through second grade. Our theme focused on exploring water. Children went fishing, conducted a water density experiment, completed crafts using water, played park games, and used a stream table to talk about the flow of water and its effects on the environment.

Tomah Truck and Tractor Pull

On Friday, June 23 and Saturday June 24, the assistant managed the Jr. Leaders during the Tomah Truck and Tractor Pull. Jr. Leaders worked in the grand stand concession stands serving those who came to view the truck and tractor pull. The assistant worked to help ensure the concession stand ran efficiently.

Day Trip

On Friday, July 7th, the assistant coordinated a day trip for the 4-H youth in grades third- sixth. Our first stop on our day trip was to the Arena Cheese Inc. Factory in Arena, WI. The children were able to look at the factory through an observation window while the owner taught us about the cheese making process. Children also got to sample a variety of the fresh cheeses made in the factory. After the Arena Cheese Inc. Factory visit, we made the short drive to Blue Mounds, WI to visit the Cave of the Mounds. Children toured the cave as well as each child was provided with his/her very own collection of rocks, minerals, and gems to investigate after exploring the materials that form the earth.

The day trip provided children with the opportunity to learn about Wisconsin's natural landforms and about the dairy industry. During this day trip, the assistant aided in transporting the children to the designated location.

Boy and Girl Science Day

The assistant will coordinate a science day for girls on Tuesday, July 11th and for boys on Thursday, July 13th. The assistant will conduct a variety of scientific experiments with 4-H youth in grades third through sixth. Experiments will be developmentally appropriate as well as differentiated to appeal to the girls on Tuesday and the boys on Thursday. Boys and girls will use the scientific method to explore surface tension, build a tennis ball tower, participate in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) car challenge, make butter, and many participate in many more scientific experiments. The camp will run from 8:00- 4:00 with a drop off time starting at 7:30. There will be seven girls attending the Girls Science Day Camp and eight boys attending the Boys Science Day Camp.

Monroe County Fair

During the week of the Monroe County Fair, the assistant will be assisting as a manager in the youth exhibit hall. The assistant will be working alongside the agent to set up the exhibit hall, assist within the different departments during judging, as well as be available to answer questions for youth and exhibitors during the fair.

Coming Soon:

Summer Programs:

- Science Days
 - Girls Science Day- July 11 at Rolling Hills
 - Boys Science Day- July 13 at Rolling Hills
- Foods Review: 4-H Youth will have the opportunity to bake/cook snacks, breads/muffins, desserts, main dishes, and traditional holiday foods that will be judged based on the age of the participant. Youth bring a complete place setting, recipe card, and menu.
 - July 19 at St. Patrick's Church
- Monroe County Fair
 - July 26- 30
- Summer Camp: Upham Woods
 - August 5-8