

Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting – May 9, 2017
Monroe County Ag Service Center – 820 Industrial Dr., Sparta, WI

Committee Members present: N. VanWychen, J. Schroeder, D. Pierce, and M. Halverson.

Committee Members absent: D. Olson, D. Hall

Also Present: C. Ziegler(Forestry), B. Micheel (LC), C. Mulder(LC), B. Richardson(LC) J. Roll (Hist), M. Modjeski (Warden), B. Halfman (UW-EXT),and Don Nelson(Wellington Town Board)

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

Call to Order: Chairman VanWychen called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Public Comment Period: There was no public comment.

Approve Minutes from the April 11th NR & Extension Meeting: The Committee reviewed the minutes. *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by M. Halverson, seconded by J. Schroeder. Motion carried, 4-0-2.*

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: No Report

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto- J. Roll reviewed April expenditures and presented report to the committee (attached). J. Roll handed out a flyer announcing 2017 Public Lecture Series of Live History (attached).

1. **Discuss/Approve Budget Adjustment: proposal by the Local History Room:** *J. Schroeder made a motion to approve the Local History Room's budget adjustment for \$13,000 to cover cost of developing the new interactive exhibit at the Local History Room called, "Monroe County: A to Z," seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried 4-0-1.*
2. **Discuss/Approve Resolution for County Farm Education Grant for Local History Room Exhibit:** *"Monroe County: A to Z": Motion was made by D. Pierce to approve the Resolution for the \$11,000 County Farm Grant for the Local History Room "Monroe County: A to Z" Exhibit, seconded by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 4-0-1.*

Land Conservation Department:

1. **Review April Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed expenditures, report attached. C. Holzl gave final figures for the tree sales, noting the total trees sold reached 5,100 and calls are coming in to be placed on next year's tree order mailing list.
2. **County Conservationist Report:** B. Micheel presented the departmental report to the committee (attached).
3. **Soil & Water Conservationist Report:** C. Mulder discussed the CREP re enrolls and Farmland Preservation Program, noting the response of 8 landowners reached by postcards mailed out to 7 eligible townships in the AEA. Mervin Thayer and Marita Flasher signed applications. B. Richardson discussed enforcement issues with Gerke Excavating regarding solid waste disposal in the Jackson Quarry. Some cleanup has been completed but it was requested by Richardson that the railroad ties floating in the water be removed. Discussion ensued regarding enforcement timeline. B. Richardson's report of his activities with continuing surveying, designing, and bidding projects for 2017. (Reports attached).
4. **Discuss/Approve Kauffman Quarry Reclamation Plan:** B. Richardson presented the nonmetallic reclamation plan summary for the Kauffman Quarry operated by Kendall Trucking and EXC. Discussion followed. D. Nelson asked a couple questions. *Motion was made by D. Pierce to approve the Kauffman Quarry Reclamation plan as presented, seconded by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 4-0-2.*
5. **Discuss/Approve Summer Camp Scholarships:** *Motion was made by J. Schroeder to approve the \$50 Summer Camp Scholarships for Ella Manske, Zoe Cole, and Josie Eckelberg from the Innovations Stem Academy totaling \$150, seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried 4-0-2.*
6. **Approve Fishing Easements:** *Motion was made to approve fishing easement for Ted Milne as presented by D. Pierce and seconded by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 4-0-2.*
7. **Approve Cost-Share Agreements:** *Motion was made by D. Pierce to approve cost share agreements (list attached), seconded by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 4-0-2.*

NRCS Report: No report

DNR Reports:

1. **Private Lands:** C. Walroth not present but sent written report that was handed out to the committee.
2. **Warden:** M. Modjeski gave an update regarding 3 citations issued to Kraemer LLC for the unclosed exploration of bore holes in 2016. M. Modjeski also mentioned the success of the two "Learn to Hunt Turkey" classes that were given.

Forestry & Parks:

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** C. Ziegler presented his department report (attached).
2. **Don Weiland Access- Town of Lincoln:** C. Ziegler discussed the Easement for Don Weiland Access in the Town Of Lincoln. *Motion was made by M. Halverson to propose a free 5 year easement access permit with option to re-enroll every 5 years, seconded by D. Pierce. Motion carried 4-0-2.*
3. **Review Forestry & Parks Expenditures** C. Ziegler reviewed the April monthly expenditures.

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

Extension Office Business:

1. **Review of April Expenditures**
2. **4H & Youth Development Report (Goede)** – report attached
3. **Family Living Report (Eggert)** –report attached.
4. **Agriculture Report (Halfman)** –report attached.
5. *Motion made by D. Pierce to accept Agent reports and review of expenditures, seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried 4-0-1.*

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13th at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Ag Services Center in Sparta.

Motion to adjourn: *was made at 10:50 a.m. by M. Halverson, second by J. Schroeder. Motion carried, 4-0-1.*

Recorder: Connie Holzl

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

Highlighted Projects and Activities by Team

- Promoted and hosted History-Live program about the Wisconsin Farmers Union, including writing press release, posting event info on a variety of websites, newspapers, via group emails
- Continued planning for "Monroe County A-Z" exhibit, including reviewing the job quote and following up with items overlooked from quote; also created a preliminary fundraising plan
- Provided educational programming to 135 students from N.O.W., Cataract, and Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton at LHR
- Attended WI State Genealogy Conference in WI Dells
- Gave presentation to St. John's Ladies Aid Society about the research materials available through our genealogy library
- Developed and presented a new program about growing up in the 1950s to memory loss support group
- Processed recent donations to LHR (assigned accession numbers, photographed, assisted with cataloging, assigned a home location to each)
- 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 Walterman: creating a master index of Monroe County graduates
- Barb McGreevy: church indexing project
- Adam Balz: indexing and transcribing Tomah G.A.R. book; 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

HISTORY-LIVE! 2017 PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES



What was/is the
Farmer's Union?

Did you grow up in the
1950s & '60s?

HISTORY-LIVE! 2017 PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Thursdays at 7pm at the **Monroe County Local History Room & Museum**

- **February 9:** *All But Forgotten Institutions: History of the Monroe County Poor Farm and Asylum*, by Scot Simpson
- **March 9:** *Kathryn Clarenbach, "Unsung Heroine"* by Jenny Price
- **April 6:** *Our Wisest Pursuit: The Wisconsin Farmer's Union*, a documentary by Mark Seitz
- **May 11:** *Three Boomer Broads: Remembering While We Still Can*, by Terry Visger and Sara Slayton

*All Lectures will be held Thursdays at 7pm at the Monroe County Local History Room & Museum, 200 West Main St., Sparta, WI
For more info on these events call: 608-269-8680
Or visit: www.Facebook.com/MCLHR

MONROE COUNTY

Notice of Budgetary Adjustment

Unanticipated Revenue or Expense Increase or Decrease Not Budgeted

Date: May 3, 2017
 Department: Local History Room
 Amount: \$13,000.00
 Budget Year Amended: 2017

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

To cover cost of developing our new exhibit "Monroe County: A-Z".

Revenue Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
85120000 485000 LHR10	LOCAL HISTORY ROOM TRUST	\$ 30,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$ 43,000.00
15120000 492800	TRANSFER IN LOCAL HISTORY ROO	\$ 30,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$ 43,000.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Adjustment			\$ 26,000.00	

Expenditure Budget Lines Amended:

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
85120000 599999	TRANSFER OUT	\$ 30,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$ 43,000.00
15120000 534005	LHR OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 30,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$ 43,000.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Adjustment			\$ 26,000.00	

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: _____

Budget Adjustment

Purpose

To comply with State Statute 65.90 (5)

Policy

A budget adjustment should be made when increasing /(decreasing) both your revenue budget and expenditure budget. These changes come from new grants or changes in grant monies, transfers from sources in the county outside a department's original budget, etc. No budget line item should exceed the adopted budget at any time during a fiscal year.

Procedure

To initiate a budget adjustment, the department head shall notice the review, discussion & action of this completed & signed form on the next monthly meeting agenda of their committee of jurisdiction. If the Budgetary Adjustment is approved by the committee of jurisdiction the signed copy of this form along with a copy of the meeting minutes shall be forward to the County Clerk to be noticed on the Finance Committee agenda for review, discussion & action.

Upon Finance Committee approval the signed Budgetary Adjustment form shall be forwarded to the County Clerk to be notice on the County Board agenda for review, discussion and action.

Per WI Stats 65.90(5)(a) the Budgetary Adjustment must be authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board.

A department representative must be available at each meeting to address any questions or concerns that may arise during review and discussion.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF COUNTY FARM EDUCATION ACCOUNT FUNDS FOR LOCAL HISTORY ROOM EXHIBIT: "MONROE COUNTY: A-Z"

WHEREAS, the mission of the Monroe County Local History Room, a department of Monroe County, is to connect people to history in a meaningful and interesting way, using exhibits as a means to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Local History Room desires to create a new, long-term exhibit called "Monroe County: A to Z" that will highlight what is special and significant about the county, from corner to corner; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Natural Resource & Extension Committee recognizes that a professionally made, interactive exhibit will effectively educate visitors about Monroe County history; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Local History Room, established by Resolution No. 55-76 as a department of Monroe County, is required to fundraise its own Operating Costs, as dictated in Resolution No. 74-78; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Resolution No. 1-06-17 establishes a non-lapsing Monroe County Farm Proceeds Account to be utilized for purposes of new construction of a specific project with an educational purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local History Room is requesting a grant from the Monroe County Farm Proceeds Account in the amount of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) to offset the costs of creating the exhibit, "Monroe County: A to Z;" and

WHEREAS, a description of the proposed program is attached to this resolution for information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors that they do hereby approve a grant in the amount of \$11,000.00 to be paid from the Farm Proceeds-Educational Fund, account to the Monroe County Local History Room for purposes of supplementing the funding to develop and install the "Monroe County: A to Z" exhibit.

Dated this April 11, 2017

OFFERED BY THE NATURAL RESOURCE & EXTENSION COMMITTEE:

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_____	_____
_____	_____

Natural Resource & Extension Committee vote:

Finance Committee vote:

Fiscal note: Approval of this resolution will require a vote of 2/3's of the entire membership of the Monroe County Board for passage. There are sufficient funds available of \$49,950.77 currently located in the Monroe County Farm Education Account to provide for this transfer.

Purpose: Approval of this resolution will authorize transfer of funds from the Monroe County Farm Education Account to the Monroe County Local History Room Operating Expense Account in 2017.

May 9, 2017 LCD- Staff Reports

Bob Micheel- County Conservationist

LCD Business:

- May - School Programs – Student Government day at the courthouse for Cashton and Brookwood 8th graders. Sparta and Brookwood High School water quality and LUNKERS program.
- Farmland Preservation Zoning – Update on Sheldon and Wellington township interest.
- PL566 Structures – Inspections with NRCS engineer and maintenance update.
- Streambank Easement Management Team – Developed this team to provide oversight and direction for the 80 plus fishing easements (27 miles) in Monroe County. This team will be charged with securing funds for fish habitat and vegetative management. First meeting was April 6th. ***Recommend establishing a non-lapsing account*** for funds donated by Sportsmen's clubs, trout unlimited chapters, private businesses, etc.
- Tree Program Update – 1st LCD tree order landowner pickup was Thursday, April 27th.
- Field Work – Contour Strips on the Nauman Farm and Stream maintenance project in Norwalk by the DNR crew.
- P-Trading Update – City of Sparta project proposal for 2017 construction; City of Tomah - Linehan riprap and CREP; VPP in Norwalk: riprap on their property; Fort McCoy – discussing trade options.

Meeting Schedule:

- May 10th – Student Government Day – Brookwood 8th graders
- May 12th - Meeting with Fort McCoy on adaptive mgt. potential
- May 18th – State Technical Committee (NRCS)

May 9, 2017 -- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report

Christina Mulder

- **Farmland Preservation Program**
 - The DATCP State Office sent out Farmland Preservation information postcards to the 7 eligible townships.
 - 8 landowners contacted me for more information about the program
 - Mervin Thayer (Wellington Township) signed an application
 - Marita Flasher (Clifton Township) signed an application
- **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**
 - Preparing re-enrolls for the October 1, 2017 start date
 - Getting out into the field to GPS CREP perpetual easement field boundaries
 - Mervin Thayer (Wellington Township) signed a 15-Year Re-enroll to buffer a tributary to Billings Creek.
 - Dan Dishinger (Sparta Township) signed a 15-Year Agreement to buffer West Big Creek.
- **Designs & Construction for Conservation Practices**
 - Construction will begin soon.

Bryce Richardson

- **Design of Conservation Practices**
 - Continue surveying, designing and bidding projects for 2017 construction.
- **Nonmetallic Mining**
 - Attended Nonmetallic Meeting in Neillsville relating to fees, ordinances and variability among western counties.

May 9th Cost Share Approvals

Ron Krueger	Critical Area Stabilization
Leroy Keim	Streambank Riprap (\$7129.50)
Elaine Woodard	Spring Development and Critical Area Stabilization
Carroll Wallerman	Grassed Waterway
David P Brueggen	Critical Area Stabilization
Paul Klinkner	Waste Storage Abandonment
Mike Wacker	Streambank Riprap
Ron Speicher	Well Decommissioning (\$694.40 C/S amount)
Ron Nauman	Grassed Waterway
Steve Brohmer	Access Road (Repair)
Ted Milne	Streambank Riprap (\$5290 C/S amount)

Date: Monday, May 8, 2017

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

From: Christine Walroth, WI DNR, Private Lands Forester

Subject: Report for Private Forestry from WI DNR for Tuesday, May 9, 2017 Meeting

I apologize for missing another meeting, but due to a few circumstances, I am not able to attend the May 9, 2017 meeting.

Activities since the April 11, 2017 meeting:

- The Wisconsin State Tree Nurseries were delivering Wednesday – April 12, 2017. I had a landowner who needed to have his trees removed from the delivery truck due to a death in the family. This was why I missed April's meeting.
- The tree delivery day for the state nurseries went well. Everyone who ordered trees picked them up or made other arrangements for us to hold them until they were able to pick them up.
- The Monroe County tree planting machines were rented to 4 individuals this spring.
- The state forester, Fred Souba, visited the Tomah Ranger Station for about an hour approximately 3 weeks ago. He basically answered questions we had. It was not a formal meeting. Mr. Souba is trying to go around the state meet the WI DNR forestry personnel.
- The WI DNR foresters and one of the forestry technicians from the Tomah Ranger Station, were a part of the West Salem 4th graders annual Lumberjack Days again this year. For the past several years, WI DNR forestry personnel have been spending two mornings with the 4th graders showing the 4th graders the forestry tools we use and going over why trees and forests are important to them.
- We have been trying to complete a large project of uploading the paper maps for the Forest Crop Law and Managed Forest Law properties into a database. In the process of inputting these maps we are creating more work for ourselves because we are finding properties that have not changed ownerships and other concerns.
- Other activities this past month are the ongoing job responsibilities of visiting with landowners, loggers, or consultant foresters about properties entered into one of the tax law programs.
- The alinement process for the WI DNR is still on going and there are slight tweaks to the alinement process constantly.

Forestry & Parks Report (May) – Ziegler

Forestry:

- Timber sale contracts
- County Deer Advisory Committee (CDAC) meeting
- Tree Planting – New Lyme 13,500 red pine
- Recon – New Lyme
- Sale 146 - start up
- Sale 144 – road repair/seeding, sale closeout
- Invasive Spraying - Lafayette
- Forestry Presentation – BROOKWOOD 4th grade

Parks:

- Water turned on – April 20th -21st
- Spring Cleanup April 29th



Joshua L. Goede

WI 4-H Space Camp

The Agent went to Space Camp from April 20-24. He traveled to Huntsville, AL with 168 WI 4-Hers, 5 from Monroe County. The Agent worked with the counselors who supported the delegates during travel. This year the counselors were part of the inaugural Pathfinder Robotics Program, a three-day intensive engineering, computer programming, and problem solving experience. Our group, including one Monroe County member, represented very well.

Monroe County Government Days

On May 3 and 10 The Agent helped coordinate the 2nd Annual Monroe County Government Day. There were over 60 8th grade youth from Cashton on the 3rd and Brookwood 8th grade will join the program on the 10th. The youth heard from County board members, the sheriff's Dept., Health and Human Services Depts., Land and Water, Forestry, Animal Healy, and the dispatch center in the morning. After lunch they watch heard from Judge Ziegler and watch Bonds Hearings They then heard from many of the court officials. The schools really value this day making county government real youth.

Choosing Healthy: Food, Fitness, & FUN

The Agent is working with Nelda Bailey, Tomah High Agriculture Teacher to bring a nutrition and healthy eating curriculum to Tomah. Nelda invited the agent in to work with her Agriculture Marketing class. The class as broken between 6 lessons and each group is teaching a lesson to two 4th grade classes at LaGrange Elementary. The classes

have been well received by teachers and students. The snacks provided for each lesson are funded through a grant from United Health Care.

Child Abuse Prevention Taskforce

May 4th was the final meeting of this group for 2017. The Agent politely stepped down from the organization offering advice in the coming year if needed. He explained his time needed to be focused on more educational opportunities.

Shooting Sports

.22 Rifle and Shotgun will begin on May 22 the practices will run Monday and Wednesday for three weeks. There are over a dozen youth eligible to participate. Hopefully this program might see the same growth as Archery and Air Rifle, a 210% growth.

Summer Programing

The Agent and Support Staff have started making arrangements for our summer programs. In particular Clothing Preview and Foods Review. The Clothing Preview will be on June 19 at Rolling Hills. We will look at the new County Board Room in the court house for 2018.

Foods Review will be on July 19 at St. Patrick's Church.

Other Summer Programing will include two science days in late June, a day trip in early July, as well as Cloverbud and summer camp. The Summer Assistant will be integral in the planning of these summer activities as well.

Continuing Programs

- Community Learning Centers
 - CLCs have wrapped up for the year. The Agent will be looking into the viability of maintaining the depth of his current involvement with these program. A redesigned approach is needed.
- Jr. Leaders
 - Meeting will be May 20. They will work in the natural prairie near Wesco and then head to Rudy's for a meeting and treat.
 - Will Plan Clover Camp for June 17th
 - Will plan 2017 Ice Cream Business
- Will Plan Chicago Experience
- Monroe County Safe Community Coalition
 - Continuing to meet with the Marijuana Work Group
 - Working on training for Alcohol Agent 4 Change
- Youth Protection Program
 - 3 Adults took the Feb. 11th class.
 - Materials prepared for next 12 adults entering the system.

COMING SOON

- Summer Assistant, Jessica Hurtz Starts June 7
- 2017 Monroe County Fair, July 26-30
- 2018 Monroe County 4-H Plat Book arrives in October



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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update April 11 to May 9th, 2017

- StrongWomen
 - Started our second session of the year. We have 133 participants this time. Many of them are new participants.
 - We had a lot of trouble with advertising with Cashton- it took a couple tries with the newspaper to get them to publish an article about the class. We know from experience that that's the best way to reach the target age group.
 - We did cancel the Sparta 1:30pm class. There just wasn't any interest in that time. Could also have to do with the fact that we did not have anything in the newspaper for the Sparta classes.
 - Class is off and running now! New instructors are teaching and doing a great job! I've been busy attending two-four of each of the classes during the first two weeks.
- StrongWomen- Statewide
 - Still working out some kinks for the online Advanced training.
- Walk with Ease
 - The program here starts the week of May 8th. It is Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 10AM. We have 9 people currently enrolled (max 15 participants).
 - Jen & Julie from the Health Department are my partners- they are already planning for a summer and fall session as well. So they're really excited about the program.
- 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. Currently we're working on finding grant money for the workgroup to support projects.

Continuing Events

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

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

Upcoming Events

- Women's Health Night at Cranberry Country Lodge 5/18/17
- National Wellness Conference 6/19-6/21
- Monroe County Fair 7/26-7/30



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update April 10, 2017 to May 9, 2017

Fair preparations have begun to pick up. The Ag Agent attended the April Jr. Livestock Committee meeting. The Ag Agent also oversees the identification process for market lambs, pigs and goats, and has been taking care of other behind the scenes pre-fair projects to help get things ready for the fair. The Ag Agent conducted a Meat Animal Quality Assurance Training workshop for youth who are exhibiting pigs at the state fair to meet the PQA requirements.

The two Cashton High School Students who helped conduct field trials last summer presented their projects at the national competition at San Diego California on April 27 and 28th. One of them placed third in the environmental science category and received a \$4000 scholarship. The other student did a very nice job representing herself and Cashton, but did not place in the scholarship group in her category.

The Ag Agent met with Cashton Students to determine who was interested in projects this summer.

The Ag Agent worked with a number of farmers to evaluate herbicide programs for this coming up year. The herbicide demonstration for the summer field day is all set up and waiting for the cooperators to plant the beans.

One of the nitrogen rate trials has been rained out already this year due to the locations soil drainage and high rainfall this spring. The hops trial was laid out and initial sampling completed.

The Ag Agent conducted visits to three farms with the UW Extension Biosystems Engineer to help the farmers with building and facility remodeling and upgrades. One location we worked with the owner to design and locate and livestock load and unload setup for both gooseneck and semi trailers. The other two locations were looking at upgrades to existing dairy facilities.

The Ag Agent is trapping bugs again for the WI Dept of Ag Pest Monitoring Program.

Fence questions, pasture rental, farmland rental questions and soil testing were the most common questions at the office this past month.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

May 5-6 4-H Shooting Sports leader training- Phillips
June 3 Monroe County Dairy Breakfast
June 19-21 Tractor Safety
June-27 Crops Field Day- Tomah
June 29 SW Wisconsin Beef Field Day- Vernon Co.
July 26-30 Monroe County Fair
Aug 2 Carcass Judging