

**Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee**  
Regular Monthly Meeting – November 14, 2017  
Monroe County Ag Service Center – 820 Industrial Dr., Sparta, WI

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

Also Present: C. Ziegler (Forestry), B. Micheel (LC), C. Mulder (LC), B. Richardson (LC), R. Swatek (NRCS), J. Roll (Hist), B. Halfman (UW-EXT), E. Eggert (UW-EXT), J. Goede(UW-EXT), C. Saxe (UW-EXT Area Dir.), S. Davison (DNR), M. Mickelson (DNR Forester), and Simon Wells with Shae Fox (Monroe County Ag Society).

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:** None

**Approve Minutes from the October 10th NR & Extension Meeting:** The Committee reviewed the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by J. Schroeder, seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried, 5-0-1.

**Deke Slayton/Bike Museum:** None

**Local History Room/Wegner Grotto-** J. Roll reviewed October expenditures and presented report to the committee (attached). J. Roll stated the 1950s Christmas display open house held yesterday the 13<sup>th</sup> turned out well with 60 attending. Roll also handed out flyer for “Come See Santa” and “A Craft Day” (attached). *Motion was made by D. Pierce to approve the local History Room reports, seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried 5-0-1.*

**Land Conservation Department:**

1. **Review October Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed expenditures, report attached.
2. **Budget Adjustment:** B. Micheel presented a Budgetary Adjustment (attached) for a shortage of funds for the Land Conservation Department in the amount of \$900. *Motion was made by J. Schroeder to approve budget adjustment as presented for \$900, seconded by D. Pierce. Motion carried, 5-0-1.*
3. **County Conservasionist Report:** B. Micheel presented department report to the committee (attached). B, Micheel gave an update on the fish kill on Moore Creek (Norwalk), due to over application of manure. The Radke family has agreed to enter into the WPDS permit for their operation. They are working with the CAFO-DNR specialist on their permit application. Micheel mentioned Connie will have a news article featuring the Monroe County Tree Sale Program in the November 19<sup>th</sup> issue under Conservation Matters. Micheel also brought up the Tri Creek Norwalk Rod & Gun club has new members interested in operating the club. Bob discussed the pond drain plugging issue with the PL566 Dam (Luckason).
4. **Soil & Water Conservasionist Reports:** B. Richardson reported on completing design surveys and beginning to design projects for 2018. Richardson gave an update on completing projects. B. Richardson also mentioned that the mine inspections will begin in late November. C. Mulder reported completing farm walkovers for the Farmland Preservation Program. Mulder mentioned she has started site visits on the contracts expiring in 2018. Mulder discussed working on designs and construction for Conservation Practices for 2018. (Reports attached).
5. **Review/Approve Cost-Share Agreements:** None

**NRCS Report:** R. Swatek reported he has been busy processing the CSP payments, stating this is a very busy time for their office. Swatek also noted that the EQIP deadline is December 1.

**DNR Reports:**

1. **Private Lands:** S. Davison reported on the Invasive Grants that were funded from last August and a wait list for next August. Davison mentioned they have larger tree orders coming in and if smaller quantities needed he is sending them to the County Land Conservation Department.
2. **Warden:** None
3. **MFL:** None

#### **Forestry & Parks:**

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** C. Ziegler presented his department report (attached). Ziegler discussed the addition to the maintenance shed. Ziegler gave a report on changes and upgrades including the installation of 900 feet of a waterline and adding an electrical pedestal close to the camp host site.
2. **1-ton Dump Truck Purchase from Village of Warrens:** C. Ziegler gave a presentation on a 2006 GMC 3500 Truck for sale by the Village of Warrens. Discussion followed.
3. **Review Forestry & Parks Expenditures:** C. Ziegler reviewed the October monthly expenditures

**County Farm Education Funds – Discussion of potential projects:** Simon Wells and Shae Fox of the Monroe County Agricultural Society approached the committee for a donation of \$15,000 to help with the costs for the expansion of the building where the swine, sheep, llamas, poultry, and rabbits are housed during the fair. Discussion followed with the Committee asking that Wells and Fox work with Halfman to compile more information and bring back to next month's meeting.

#### **Extension Office Business:**

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

*Motion made by 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, December 12th at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Ag Services Center in Sparta.

**Motion to adjourn:** *was made at 11:05 a.m. by J. Schroeder, second by M. Halverson. Motion carried, 4-0-1.*

*Recorder: Connie Holzl*

## **LHR Director / County Historian's Report, October 2017**

Submitted by Jarrod Roll

### **Highlighted Projects and Activities by Team**

- Continued planning, creating, and fundraising for "Monroe County A-Z" exhibit; met with Kent Miller and Pica Grove to review the interactives Kent created; submitted grant to State Bank Financial
- Coordinated volunteers and promoted two Pioneer Games days (Sparta's "Fall Fest," Kendall's "Colors of Kendall")
- Gave three presentations on "Intro to Genealogy" to a total of 87 Sparta Freshmen; assisted same three classes of students with their own research when they visited the LHR to begin researching their family trees
- Presented Civil War history at "school visit day" at Norskedalen to 683 students
- Co-created and presented a workshop on the subject of "successful educational programming" for the WI Council for Local History Conference in La Crosse
- Traveled to the Fennimore Doll and Toy Museum and to a donor's home to collect toys for the 1950s display
- Began fabricating the 1950s Christmas display and continued to plan said exhibit
- Created promotional materials for the 1950s display, "See Santa at the History Room" event, and "Winter Break Craft Day at the Museums" event; began promoting these events
- Attended the WI Genealogical Society's Fall Conference in Eau Claire
- Consulted with Per Mar Security during their on-site installation of the new security panel
- Finalized the 2017 Annual Fund mailing list and coordinated the printing, stuffing, and mailing of it.
- 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; paid bills through the county finance system; processed new donation offerings; conferred with Alli Karrels about museum issues and activities; attended 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, and most projects listed above, 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
- Adam Balz: indexing cemetery records; writing County School histories; writing disaster articles
- 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

# Come See Santa

**Saturday, December 2nd, 2017,  
from 1-3pm**

**Monroe County Local History Room  
200 W. Main St., Sparta  
FREE Admission**



Visit [Facebook.com/MCLHR](https://www.facebook.com/MCLHR) or call 608-269-8680 for more info

Stop in to see the "1950s Christmas" Display on exhibit thru  
January 13, 2018

## Winter Break

# Craft Day

At the

# Museums

Create  
Take-Home  
Crafts!

Free  
Family  
Fun!

**Thursday, December 28th, 2017, 10am—1pm**

Monroe Co. Local History Room & Deke Slayton Space & Bicycle Museum  
200 West Main St., Sparta; 608-269-8680 ; [www.Facebook.com/MCLHR](https://www.facebook.com/MCLHR)

Suggested Ages: 4-10 yrs. but ALL are welcome; Free program

# November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 LCD- Staff Report

Bob Micheel- County Conservationist

## LCD Business:

- Hawkeye Dairy Enforcement Meeting – Fish Kill due to over application of manure from a custom hauler hired by Hawkeye Dairy (Bob Radke). Kill source originated on county land. Radke family agreed to enter into the WPDS permit for their operation. They are working with the CAFO - DNR specialist on their permit application. Existing animal units over 1,300.
- Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group Update: Developing CISMA, Public outreach, recruit more landowners/public to serve on the group.
- Newspaper - Conservation Matters – Connie will have an article featuring the Monroe County Tree Sale Program. November 19<sup>th</sup> issue.
- Coulee Chapter of TU– Gave a presentation on Trout Stream Restoration efforts ongoing in Monroe County at the American Legion last month.
- Monroe County Stewardship Awards Committee – Met on October 31<sup>st</sup> to finalize plans on the upcoming banquet January 27<sup>th</sup>. Most of the landowner information has been collected and turned over to the communication specialist and dinner plans set.
- Land & Water Plan – Met with DATCP rep to gather information needed for updating the 2005 plan. Need to assemble technical committee and citizen advisory committee to start work on the process. December 2018 deadline.

## Meeting Schedule:

- November 16<sup>th</sup> – Golden Sands RC&D
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – State Technical Committee.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – County Conservationist Meeting
- December 1<sup>st</sup> – Awards Committee
- December 12<sup>th</sup> – Natural Resource & Extension Committee meeting

# MONROE COUNTY

## Notice of Budgetary Adjustment

Unanticipated Revenue or Expense Increase or Decrease Not Budgeted

Date: November 8, 2017  
 Department: Land Conservation Department  
 Amount: \$900.00  
 Budget Year Amended: 2017

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

Extra technical assistance monies (\$7,872.00) brought into the Land Conservation Department will be used to cover additional costs incurred in the 2017 fiscal year.

**Revenue Budget Lines Amended:**

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
16940000/485100	Contribution Agreements	\$ 100.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Adjustment			\$ 900.00	

**Expenditure Budget Lines Amended:**

Account #	Account Name	Current Budget	Budget Adjustment	Final Budget
16940000/531050	Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.00
16940000/553100	Equipment Service Contract	\$ 232.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 832.00
16940000/515700	EMP. Education & Training	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,250.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total Adjustment			\$ 900.00	

Department Head Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

*Bob Mitchell* 11-10-17

Date Approved by Committee of Jurisdiction: 11-14-17

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

## November 14, 2017 -- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report

### Christina Mulder

- **Farmland Preservation Program**
  - Completing farm walkovers to ensure compliance with the program.
- **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**
  - Started site visits on the contracts expiring in 2018
- **Designs & Construction for Conservation Practices**
  - Designing practices for 2018 (streambanks, grassed waterways, karst sinkhole treatment)

### Bryce Richardson

- **Activities**
  - Completing design surveys and beginning to design projects for 2018. Approximately 20 projects planned for 2018 so far.
  - 3 construction projects are being completed.
- **Nonmetallic Mining**
  - Mine inspections will begin in late November.

## Forestry & Parks Report (November) – Ziegler

### Forestry:

- Invasive meeting
- Timber Sale Administration
  - 138
  - 147
  - 148
- Timber sale set up
  - Tract 2-18

### Parks:

- Maintenance Shed Addition
- Water Line Project
- Firewood cutting/splitting

### Snowmobile:

- Snowmobile Trail Renewal Agreements: WDNR & Fort McCoy



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

### **Agriculture Extension Highlights Update October 11, 2017 to November 14, 2017**

The corn nitrogen trial has been harvested and the results are being analyzed.

The Ag Agent attended an in-service on topics related to Ag Engineering including learning about field mapping software, yield monitors, grain drying, livestock building ventilation and similar related topics. It was an opportunity to get some hands on experience with new technologies that are showing up on more and more farms.

The Ag Agent is a member of the State Committee assigned to determine values for wolf killed livestock. The Ag Agent is responsible for collecting pricing information that the committee uses to determine prices.

The hops trial results were very interesting in that the different varieties did not respond the same way to the nitrogen fertilizer rates. See charts on next page. The hops working group is working to secure funding to continue with the nitrogen trial next year. The group is also investigating securing funds to begin research to improve post harvest processing of hops on a small scale to improve quality of the final product.

The cucumber beetle control project results indicated that in high cucumber beetle pressure years with high levels of bacterial wilt that the spider venom product was not adequate by it's self to protect the crop with the timing that we used for the trial. This is most likely due to the fact that the spider venom material does not have a fast knock down time for controlling the beetles.

The UW Extension Annual Pest Management Update for Agronomy Professionals was held on November 10th at Sparta. There were 25 participants from around the area in attendance. Late harvest this fall had a negative impact on the attendance. Topics covered included crop disease, insect and weed management updates and discussions on increasing herbicide resistance problems in weeds and dicamba drift problems.

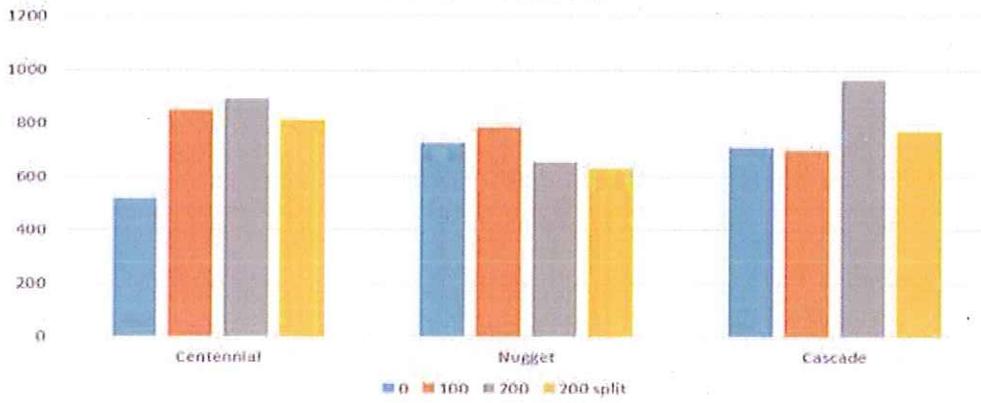
Two of the farms that the ag agent worked with for beef cattle facilities began construction this past month.

Farm land rental questions were the most common request this past month. This will be a common question for the next 4 months as landowners and renters renew and/or start with new farm land rental contracts.

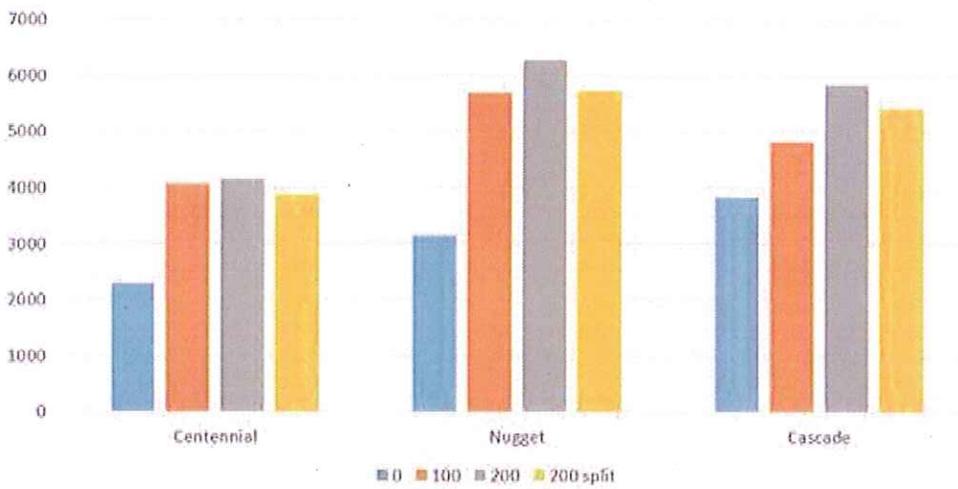
#### **Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized**

Nov 30 Soil, Water and Fertilizer Update  
Dec 7 Crops Workshop  
Jan 5 Agronomy Update  
Jan 9-11 Crop Management Conference  
Jan 24- 25 Wisconsin Cranberry Winter Conference  
Jan 25-26 Driftless Region Beef Conference  
Feb 26- Cattle Feeders Workshops

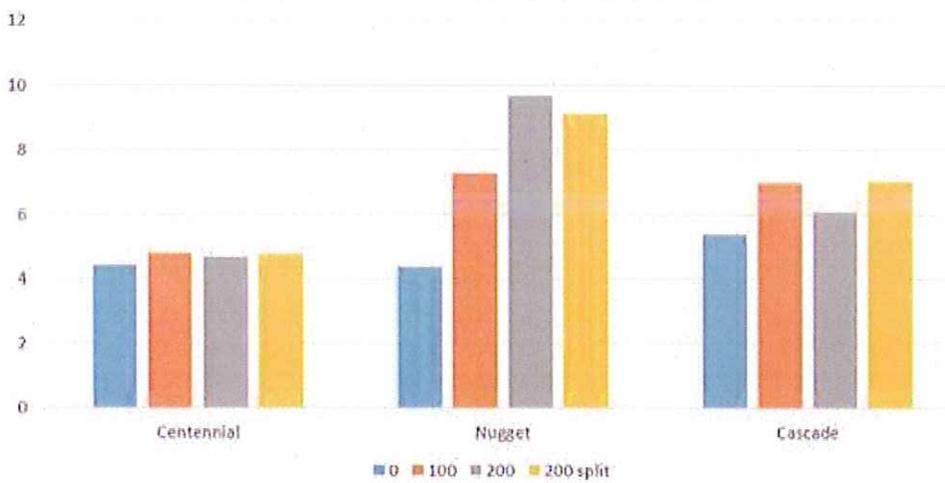
Cone Yield lb/acre



Pounds of Total Plant Dry Matter/ Acre



Pounds of Plant dry matter to Pound of Cone





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Erin Eggert  
Family Living Agent

## Family Living Update October 10 to November 14, 2017

- Stronger Together
  - This is the last week. I'm interested in seeing post-tests from participants and evaluations of what they thought about the class. They all seemed to really like it. I'm just not sure if it serves as much of a need as the StrongBodies class does. Looking forward to seeing evaluation data.
- StrongWomen
  - Everything going well. We're planning for the January session. 3 classes in Tomah, 2 in Sparta, and 1 in Cashton.
- Walk with Ease
  - Finished the 3<sup>rd</sup> session (4<sup>th</sup> class). Taking the winter off due to lack of indoor walking areas and lack of interest. We'll start again in the spring.
- Safe & Healthy Food Pantry Project: Monroe County
  - We're supposed to get notification about the grant on the 16<sup>th</sup>
- Community Health Improvement Plan: Nutrition Workgroup
  - We are also looking for a grant for this workgroup.
  - Thought about having a winter farmers market. Survey showed vendors mostly either wouldn't be interested in this year or would not be interested in holding it outside. So we're going to inquire about holding a winter market during 2018 and try to find an indoor location for it.
- Civil Rights Review Day-
  - Success

## Continuing Events

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

## Upcoming Events

- HealthTIDE Schools Team Meeting (Oct 19)
- Cooperative Extension Meeting (Dec 6)

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.



## Joshua L. Goede

### Monroe County Safe Community Coalition

The Agent and Judi Zabel have finished writing a training for Freshmen level students to learn about the effects of marijuana in turn they will adapt the information and teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade students the information in an appropriate presentation through the Agents for Change Movement. The Agents will be trained in the first weeks of Jan. 2018. The organization has also found a replacement for the treasurer's position.

### Record Books

The process is over. The 4-H Family Celebration was held last Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nov. at Leon's Community Center.

### Reporting

The Agent is working on getting information into the online system to report the great things that have happened in Monroe County 4-H in 2016-17.

The Club Charters are being reviewed and will be uploaded by Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nov.

### Community Learning Centers

The Agent has been in communication with the CLC Directors and will be doing the 1<sup>st</sup> semester 4-H presentations this year in Dec. Each elementary and Middle school will get two presentations that are more in-depth. The Agent will continue the Cashton STEM Club as that is a focused effort with specific students

### BINGO

The Monroe County 4-H in conjunction with the Sparta Eagles Club have been hosting monthly BINGO Nights. We held them in Oct. and Nov. and will take Dec. off and start up in Jan. again. The nights have been a learning curve but fun for the workers and those that attend.

## Continuing Programs

- Jr. Leaders
  - Jr. Leaders are planning Clover College and winter activities.
- Youth Protection Program
  - We are wrapping up enrollment season and will invite new volunteers to set up dates to take the training.

### COMING SOON

- December 7- Adult Leader Training at Monroe County Justice Center
- January 27 – Clover College
- April 14 – Fur, Fin, & Feather at Sparta's Barney Center