

Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting – October 10, 2017
Monroe County Ag Service Center – 820 Industrial Dr., Sparta, WI

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

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.), M. Modjeski (DNR), M. Mickelson (DNR Forester), K. Gibbons (Gerke Exc.), P. Gerke (Gerke Exc.), S. Roussen (Gerke Exc.), P. Peterson (Wildlife Damage Specialist), T. Haville (Landowner)

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 September 12th NR & Extension Meeting: The Committee reviewed the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by D. Pierce, seconded by D. Olson. Motion carried, 5-0-1.

Deke Slayton/Bike Museum: None

Public Hearing- Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation Plan Approval: B. Richardson presented the Miller Quarry Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation Plan followed by discussion. This plan is posted on Monroe County Land Conservation webpage. Motion was made by J. Schroeder to accept the Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation Plan as presented, seconded by D. Pierce. Motion carried 5-0-1

Local History Room/Wegner Grotto- J. Roll reviewed September expenditures and presented report to the committee (attached). Motion was made by D. Pierce to approve the local History Room reports, seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried 5-0-1.

1. **Discuss/Approve Computer Equipment Purchase:** Motion was made by J. Schroeder to approve purchase for Computer Equipment for the museum (paid for by the Local History Room), seconded by M. Halverson. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Wildlife Damage- 2018 Budget Approval: P. Peterson presented the 2018 Wildlife Damage Budget for approval. Motion was made by J. Schroeder to approve the 2018 Wildlife Damage Budget, seconded by D. Pierce. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Land Conservation Department:

1. **Review September Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed expenditures, report attached.
2. **County Conservationist Report:** B. Micheel presented department report to the committee (attached). B, Micheel gave a report on the fish kill on Moore Creek (Norwalk), due to over application of manure at Tri Creek property, from a custom hauler hired by Hawkeye Dairy. Kill source originated on county land and a DNR stream inventory was completed. Micheel reported an enforcement meeting is scheduled.
3. **Soil & Water Conservationist Reports:** C. Mulder presented her report. (Report attached). C. Mulder reported three landowner's have enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Program from the Jefferson Township. Steve Trescher enrolled 100 acres, Randy Brueggen with 202 acres, and Brueggen Homestead with 234 acres. Mulder has begun surveys and designs for 2018. Mulder also mentioned hosting an information booth at the grand opening of the Monroe Co Courthouse and that everyone in the office took turns manning the booth throughout the day.
4. **Review/Approve Cost-Share Agreements:** None

NRCS Report: R. Swatek reported he has been processing the 2017 construction payments and has started on applications for 2018. Swatek also noted that the Stewardship payments will be processed in the next couple months.

Nodji VanWycken turned meeting over to D. Pierce and left for another commitment at 10 a.m.

DNR Reports:

1. **Private Lands:** M. Mickelson reported the 2018 Tree & Shrub Applications are now available.
2. **Warden:** M. Modjeski added more detail to the report given by B. Micheel on the fish kill at Tri Creek property.
3. **MFL:** None

Forestry & Parks:

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** C. Ziegler presented his department report (attached). Ziegler discussed the timing for winterizing shower building, asking for input from the committee members. It was discussed that Ziegler would use his discretion as to when he felt it would be best to winterize the shower building from November 1st to the 15th.
2. **Sale 139 Extension:** C. Ziegler discussed the issue of sale 139. The buyer involved has moved out and not been in to complete the sale. It was discussed that Ziegler will offer one last 6 month extension at the end of October, letting the buyer know he has to complete the sale or lose the performance bond of \$1400.
3. **Review Forestry & Parks Expenditures:** C. Ziegler reviewed the September monthly expenditures

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

Extension Office Business:

1. **Review of September 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 M. Halverson to accept Agent reports and review of expenditures, seconded by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Motion to adjourn: was made at 10:45 a.m. by M. Halverson, second by D. Olson. Motion carried, 4-0.

Recorder: Connie Holzl



*Bringing history to life
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LHR Director / County Historian's Report, September 2017
Submitted by Jarrod Roll

Highlighted Projects and Activities by Team

- Continued planning, creating, and fundraising for "Monroe County A-Z" exhibit; met with Pica Grove to discuss progress; gave presentation to Sparta Lions Club to solicit a contribution
- Created, prepped, and presented Museum Labels workshop (as part of the WI Federation of Museums)
- Gave tour of the Local History Room and conducted interactive game with Sparta's Honorary Citizens visiting the Museum Building
- Traveled to Fennimore Doll and Toy Museum to scout toys for 1950s Christmas exhibit and train their staff in Past Perfect software (as part of the deal)
- Continued planning 1950s Christmas exhibit (design, artifact seeking and gathering, etc.); created flyer promoting the display
- Created slideshow showing Justice Center construction process for Monroe County Board
- Provided tours of Justice Center at grand opening
- Created a slide presentation for the "Road Less Travelled" conference; travelled to and participated in the conference in Sheboygan, representing the Wegner Grotto and Monroe County
- Attended WFM bi-monthly meeting in Oshkosh
- Drafted Annual Fund materials to mail to potential donors, including the Ask Letter and Annual Highlights page
- Began assembling the 2017 Annual Fund mailing list
- 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:

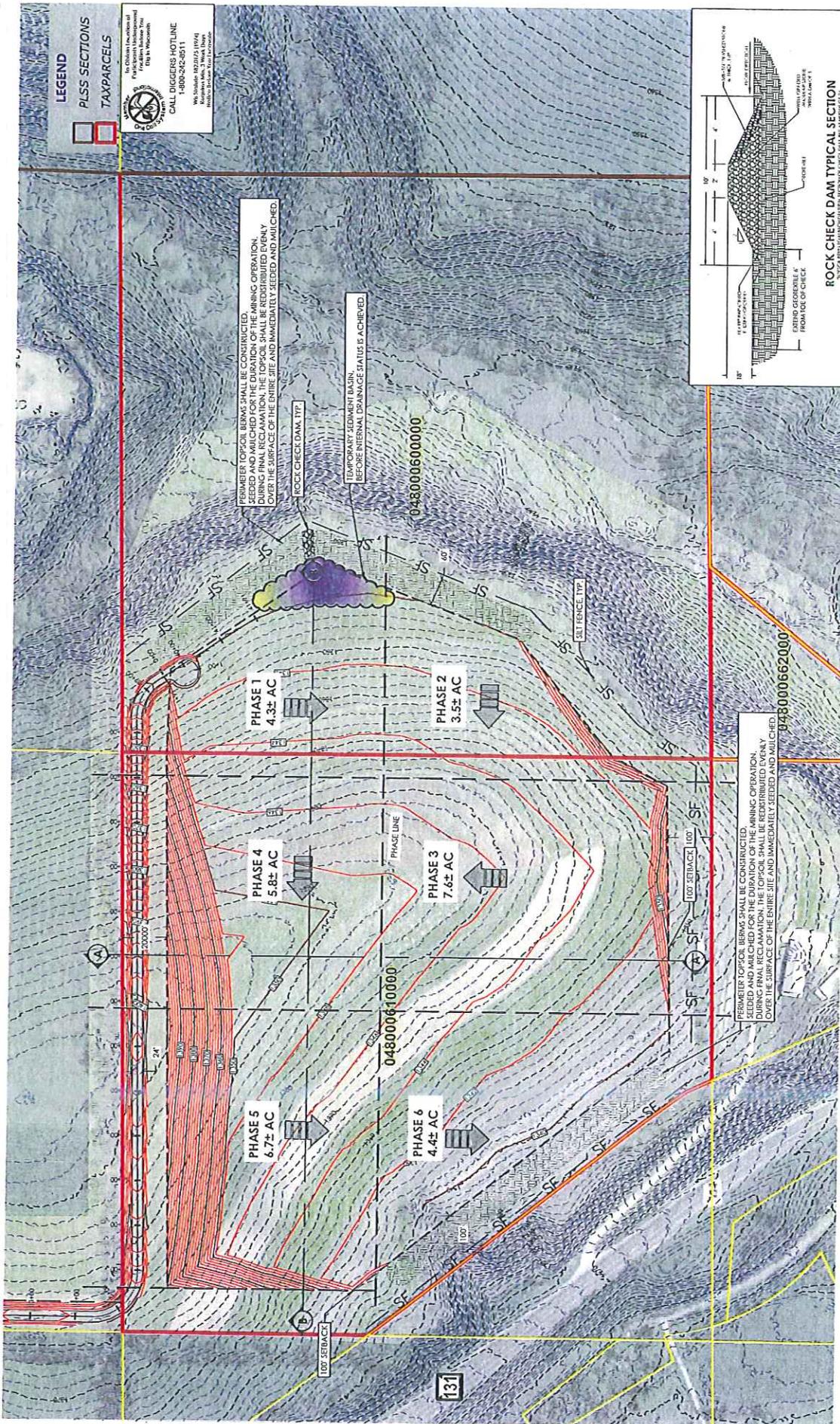
- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Dennis Burek: photo scanning projects; artifact cataloging; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: researching Monroe County in WWI; answer research requests; assist with exhibits
- Hannah Scholze (Museum Services Associate): runs Facebook; teaches students; 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 Walterman: 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

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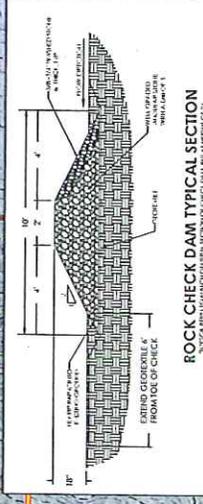
NONMETALLIC MINING RECLAMATION PLAN SUMMARY

MINE NAME -	Miller Quarry
OPERATOR -	Gerke Excavating Inc.
OWNER -	Gerke Excavating Inc.
NEW OR EXISTING MINE?	New
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MINE LOCATION -	Section - 3 Township – 16N R1W (Wilton Twp)
MATERIAL BEING MINED -	Limestone
CURRENT STATUS	Active in 2018
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ZONING DESIGNATION -	General Ag
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ISSUED?	
PLANNED POST-MINING LAND USE -	Wildlife, grassland or pasture
RECLAMATION REQUIREMENTS	Site will be graded with no slopes steeper than 3:1 against any remaining highwalls. All other areas will be graded and seeded to prevent erosion. Any erosion control practices will be determined during reclamation.
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CURRENT ACTIVE ACRES	4.3 acres proposed for 2018
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FINANCIAL ASSURANCE AMOUNT	\$34,400 has been added to the existing reclamation bond.
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION -	This plan meets all requirements of the Monroe County Nonmetallic Mining Ordinance and NR Chapter 135. It is recommended that the reclamation permit be approved.

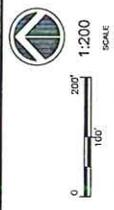


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October 10th, 2017 LCD- Staff Reports

Bob Micheel- County Conservationist

LCD Business:

- Tri-Creek Property – Fish Kill due to over application of manure from a custom hauler hired by Hawkeye Dairy (Bob Radke). Kill source originated on county land. DNR on-site and inventory completed. Enforcement meeting scheduled. County lease agreement required landowner to follow a conservation and nutrient management plan.
- Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group Update: Developing CISMA, Public outreach, recruit more landowners/public to serve on the group.
- Newspaper - Conservation Matters – Mic Armstrong developed an article featuring invasive species – Japanese Knotweed. This article will also introduce the public to the Monroe County Invasive working group.
- Phosphorous Trading – Sparta recently completed a sediment basin and stream bank stabilization on Beaver Creek located on the Randy Giraud farm. Tomah P-trading project on-going at the Dave Linehan farm with streambank protection, Kendall Trucking doing the work.
- Courthouse Open House - LCD display in the assemble room conjured interest from the general public on some of the Land Conservation activities.
- Western Area Meeting – Discussed ideas for supervisor training related to LCC role and structure; Livestock siting; edge of field monitoring & DNR programs.

Meeting Schedule:

- October 10th – County Deer Advisory Committee meeting – 7pm
- October 16-17th – Food, Land, & Water Conference
- October 18th – Coulee Trout Unlimited Presentation
- October 19th – Enforcement Meeting for Hawkeye Dairy
- October 25th – Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group
- November 14th – Natural Resource & Extension Committee meeting

October 10, 2017 -- Soil & Water Conservationist's Report

Christina Mulder

- **Farmland Preservation Program**
 - Steve Trescher enrolled 100 acres (Jefferson)
 - Randy Brueggen enrolled 202 acres (Jefferson)
 - Brueggen Homestead LLC enrolled 234 acres (Jefferson)
- **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**
- **Designs & Construction for Conservation Practices**
 - Beginning surveys and designs for 2018
- **Monroe County Courthouse Open House**
 - Hosted an information booth at the September 29th grand opening of the Monroe Co Courthouse. Everyone in the office took turns manning the booth throughout the day.

Bryce Richardson

- **Design of Conservation Practices**
 - Completed 7 Streambank projects prior to the September 15th deadline. Also completed one Manure Storage Abandonment project, 500 lin ft of grassed waterway and 1 ac. of critical area shaping.
 - Forwarded a complaint to DNR regarding an illegal wetland fill. DNR has made contact with the landowner.
 - Inventorying 2018 projects as well as conducting wetland determinations as needed in coordination with NRCS Soil Scientist.
 - Emailed 2018 Poster Contest Info to all county school districts. 2018 theme is "Watersheds, our Water our Home"
- **Nonmetallic Mining**
 - Class 2 Public Notice for the Public Hearing for the Miller Quarry, owned and operated by Gerke Excavating Inc., was published in the Tomah Journal. Adjacent landowners were also notified of the hearing. Only one response from adjoining property owners.

Forestry & Parks Report (October) – Ziegler

Forestry:

- Invasive meeting
- Sale 138 administration & invasive spraying
- Timber sale set up
- Sale 147 start up and administration

Parks:

- Maintenance Shed Addition
- Water Line Project
- Cranfest Report
- Firewood cutting/splitting
- Discuss Timing for Winterizing Shower Building

Snowmobile:

- Burma Road Relocation



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Highlights Update Sept 11, 2017 to October 10, 2017

The Ag Agent co-facilitated a group discussion, at Melrose, among farm families that were invited to share their experiences with farm transition and estate planning. The round table discussion focused on what aspects of the processes, after having been through at least part of the process, did they find they would like/needed more information on. The purpose of the discussion is to determine what kinds of resources and topics should be added to farm transition and transfer workshops.

The Ag Agent made farm visits this past month to assist farm owners evaluate and develop grazing plans for their farm operations. These farms will be able to be more profitable than they have been by by grazing livestock with the land resources that they have than what they have been doing.

The Ag Agent worked with three farms this past month on livestock facility plans and remodels to help improve their farm operations. Two were for beef cattle housing and one was to transition from goat housing to pig housing.

The Ag Agent was invited to attend a discussion with agronomy counterparts from Minnesota and Iowa on hot topics, current projects and ideas that could be shared among folks in the three state region. It was a good discussion. One of the biggest concerns right now is drift problems with the use of the new dicamba containing products on the new dicamba resistant soybean varieties. Other topics discussed were educational efforts to provide research based cover crop and soil management information, herbicide resistant weed management, nutrient management and use of new technology (social media) for dissemination of research based information.

The most common phone calls to the office this past month have been about pricing standing corn, planting cover crops and questions related to late maturing crops.

The corn nitrogen plot will be harvested soon and results from the other field projects has been evaluated and analyzed over the past month.

The Ag Agent has worked on UW Extension Department of Agriculture and Life Sciences Standards Rank and Promotion Committee reviews over the past two months. This committee reviews UW Extension County Staff applications for promotion and tenure.

Plans have started for upcoming winter workshops.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

Nov 9 Office Civil Rights Review
Nov 10 Pest Mgt Update
Nov 30 Soil, Water and Fertilizer Update



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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update September 12 to October 10, 2017

- Warrens Cranberry Festival Judging
 - I helped to judge the cranberry royalty on September 13th. It was a fun experience and I really enjoyed trying to cranberry recipes!
- Taking Care of You- Facilitator Training
 - Attended a day long training on September 19th. This is a stress management/stress reduction program. I'm hoping to work with some community groups to teach this four x two-hour long program in the county.
- Health & Safety Day at NOW School
 - Taught a lesson on physical activity and nutrition to second graders. It was a lot of fun! Kids enjoyed learning more about the different food groups and really enjoyed our physical activity breaks.
- StrongWomen
 - Classes are going well! My 8AM Advanced instructor in Sparta is out for the entire session due to health problems so I am teaching that class in addition to one day a week of the 10AM Sparta class. Everything going well.
- StrongWomen State Team Meeting
 - September 28th in Madison. Talked about becoming an ambassador for the state and other ways we can continue to promote and expand this program in Wisconsin.
- Stronger Together
 - Started Sept 25th. We have 8 individuals- 2 previous StrongBodies participants. Everyone is really enjoying the class so far! I'm not sure whether this will be a class that I'll continue on or not yet- but I am glad that everyone is liking it as much as they are!
- HealthTIDE Active Communities Team Meeting
 - September 29th. Currently this group has a focus on active transportation (bike lanes, promoting walking/biking to work, etc) and I don't think that's exactly

the right fit for our community at this time. So I'm planning on stepping back from this team until they expand their focus beyond just active transportation.

- Walk with Ease
 - Our 3rd session in the county is ending this week. We have 19 participants between two cities. We are thinking about starting a walking "group" rather than a class to get us through the winter- possibly meeting after school in Sparta just to walk together. I'm helping to coordinate but won't be teaching or leading at all.
- Safe & Healthy Food Pantry Project: Monroe County
 - Grant was due on Oct 2nd. Now we're just waiting to hear back from it!
- Community Health Improvement Plan: Nutrition Workgroup
 - We are also looking for a grant for this workgroup.
 - We are hoping to finalize specific activities we want to do and then find funding and go from there.
- Civil Rights Review Day- November
 - Still busy getting ready for this.

Continuing Events

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

Upcoming Events

- HealthTIDE Schools Team Meeting (Oct 19)
- Civil Rights Review (Nov 8)



Joshua L. Goede

Monroe County Safe Community Coalition

The Agent has been working on a training for Freshmen level students to learn about the effects of marijuana in turn they will adapt the information and teach 6th grade students the information in an appropriate presentation through the Agents for Change Movement.

Record Books

The process is in full swing. Books were due September 5. There are 49 books being evaluated for awards to be given at the 4-H Family Celebration.

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.

Monroe County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

The 4-H leaders met on Sept. 18th in Cashton. The 4-H Family Celebration was scheduled for November 10. The Project Hours and Volunteers Hours were discussed as was a fee structure for members.

Community Learning Centers

The Agent has been in communication with the CLC Directors and will not be doing monthly visits this year. 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

Arts Camp

The Agent is a co-chair on the steering committee for the statewide Arts Camp held last weekend, October 6-8 at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The Agent served as the Co-Camp Director. It was a record breaking camp with 168 total members and adults. The weekend is a great opportunity to see youth and adult partnerships really work. The high school students, one Monroe County youth included, plan all the event with guidance from adult resource leaders. Monroe County also had one member attend as a camper.

Continuing Programs

- **Jr. Leaders**
 - The Chicago Road Trip was very successful.
 - Jr. Leaders received a \$250 Pay It Forward Award from the Holiday Lights in the Park group in Sparta.
 - The Jr. Leaders will meet Oct. 14.
 - They will participate the COMPASS NOW Focus Group.
 - They will start planning Clove College and winter activities.
- **Monroe County Safe Community Coalition**
 - 4-H part of the 17-19 United Way Grant to bring AODA training to Cashton and N.O.W. elementary schools.
 - The Agent is stepping down as Treasurer of the organization.
- **Youth Protection Program**
 - We are in enrollment season and will work to set up classes when new volunteers are identified.

COMING SOON

- October 17- Expansion & Review Meeting at Rolling Hills
- October 29- Officer Training at Rolling Hills
- November 10- 4-H Family Celebration at Leon Community Center
- December 7- Adult Leader Training at Monroe County Justice Center

