

**Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee**  
Regular Monthly Meeting – January 8, 2019  
Monroe County Ag Service Center – 820 Industrial Dr., Sparta, WI

Committee Members present: N. VanWychen, D. Pierce, J. Schroeder, W. Habegger, A. McCoy and K. Raymer. Also Present: B. Micheel (LC), C. Mulder (LC), B. Richardson (LC), J. Roll (History), A. Karrels (Deke Sleighton Museum), C. Ziegler (Parks), B. Halfman (UW-EXT), J. Kuderer (UW-EXT Admin. Assistant), C. Saxe (UW-EXT Area Dir.), J. Goede (UW-EXT), M. Mickelson (DNR Forester), M. Modjeski (DNR Warden), M. Komiskey (NRCS District Conservationist), Dale Stabel (Warrens), Steve Wykosk (Three Lakes), Norman Poetkr, Nancy Bushing (Tomah), John Dustman (Summit Envirosolutions), Dave Gordon ( Joseph Miller Co.), William Curran (Atty), Georgeanne Murray (Town of LaGrange Planning Committee), Tonya Townsell (Ft. McCoy Public Affairs), Stan Brownell (WCC), Katherine Bodner (UW-EXT Office Assistant), Sandra Hansen (Warrens).

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

**Call to Order:** Chair N. VanWychen called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**Public Comment Period:** None

**Approve Minutes from the December 8th NR & Extension Meeting:** The committee reviewed the minutes. *A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by W. Habegger, second by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 3-0-2.*

**Deke Slayton/Bike Museum:** A. Karrels reported the Craft Day held at the end of December was successful. Karrels discussed the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to be held June 15, 2019. Karrels discussed using County Farm Education funds to help with the Traveling Space Museum and was advised by the committee to request on the next agenda. Karrels reported there will be a Junior Space Camp in June and mentioned an Endowment fund was set up at the end of the year with an initial deposit of \$25,000. (Handouts attached).

**Local History Room/Wegner Grotto:** J. Roll reported 1300 attended the promoted “Monroe County in Miniature” model railroad display in the month of December. Roll discussed the offsite storage and moving artifacts and shelving this Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Roll also stated the Grotto repairs will be from an out of state source coming during the summer to repair sculptures. (Report attached). *Motion was made by J. Schroeder to accept the History Room and Museum reports as presented, second by N. VanWychen. Motion carried 3-0-2.*

**County Farm Education Funds:** None

**Extension Office Business:**

1. **Review December Expenditures:** (Saxe) C. Saxe reviewed December expenditures.

Alan McCoy arrived at 9:30

2. **Family Living Position:** C. Saxe reported Vernon County is no longer interested in sharing a position. Saxe discussed the situation with, Extension Institute Director Amber Canto. At this time, Amber suggested 3 very tentative alternate options are being considered.
3. **Office Relocation:** B. Halfman reported the renovation at 204 K Street will tentatively be completed the week of January 21st.
4. **4H & Youth Development Report** (Goede) – report attached.

David Pierce arrived at 9:40.

5. **Agriculture Report** (Halfman) B. Halfman mentioned his article in the "Progressive Dairyman" magazine and showed the article to the committee- report attached.
6. **AED Update** (Saxe) - None.  
*Motion made by J. Schroeder to accept Agent reports and review of expenditures, second by W. Habhegger. Motion carried 5-0.*

Kevin Raymer FSA Rep arrived at 10:00 A.M.

### **Forestry & Parks:**

1. **Forestry & Park Updates:** C. Ziegler discussed the Gerrard parcel acquisition which will be closing on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month. Ziegler handed out 3 maps and explained the boundary work that is being completed on the county forest. (Report/maps attached)
2. **Review/Approve Resolution Amending Monroe County Camping Fees:** Camping fees were discussed. *Motion was made by A. McCoy to approve Resolution, second by D. Pierce. Discussion followed. W. Habhegger made a motion to table until the next meeting, second by J. Schroeder. Motion carried 6-0.*
3. **Review Forestry & Parks December Expenditures:** C. Ziegler submitted December monthly expenditures.

### **DNR Reports:**

1. **Private Lands:** M. Mickelson reported the State Nursery is nearly out of trees and the waiting list for next year has begun, also mentioned if need trees to order early. Mickelson reported the MCISWG (multi-agency) will be meeting later this January to determine the direction for the organization for 2019. Mickelson reported that last year they had two successful field days, geared towards the education of invasive species in Monroe County and tactics to control species.
2. **Warden:** Modjeski spoke briefly regarding the first, hopefully annual going forward, deer carcass dumpster being available for the public at the Tomah Ranger Station. He also advised of a couple of smaller antlered bucks being mistakenly harvested during the Statewide Antlerless Deer Season in Monroe County and one smaller antlered buck being mistakenly harvested during the Holiday Hunt Antlerless Deer Season in December in Monroe County. In addition, on 12-01-17 a deer feeding and baiting ban went into effect in Monroe County and numerous citations for feeding deer were issued during the 2018 deer seasons.
3. **MFL:** None

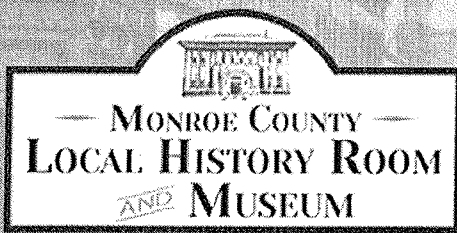
**NRCS Report:** M. Komiskey reported the NRCS remains open during this partial government shutdown. However, FSA is furloughed. Komiskey stated her office is essentially fully functional, continues to assist customers, and is taking messages for their sister agency, if someone stops in looking for FSA staff. Komiskey mentioned, that the Farm Bill has been signed and is in law, and continue to wait for policies and procedures from the national offices. Komiskey reported on follow-up from random compliance reviews from the summer of 2018 and working on EQIP planning for the local work group and RCPP TU funding. Komiskey stated, would expect to know funding for 2018 storm damage relief and conservation activity plans soon. Komiskey also reported, from FSA that impacts NRCS, Mark Mulder retired as well as Margie Spohn, and stating that NRCS works with FSA daily and their assistance through the years have been appreciated and we wish them well into retirement.

### **Land Conservation Department:**

1. **2018-2018 Land & Water Resource Mgt. Plan-Public Hearing:** B. Micheel discussed the Land & Water Resource Mgt. Plan in depth and handed out copies to the committee. No Public comment.
2. **Review December Expenditures:** B. Micheel reviewed expenditures.
3. **County Conservationist Report:** B. Micheel announced the re-advertising of the Land Use Planner position in January, as the number one candidate took a different job. Micheel also gave an update on the PL566 Dams and the meeting with NRCS, DNR, and Vernon County to discuss options on the three breached structures in the Coon Creek watershed. (Report attached).
4. **Soil & Water Conservationist Report:** C. Mulder handed out a copy of the Contractor Update Newsletter to the Committee and gave a brief summary. (Report attached).
5. **Review/Approve- Valley Junction Sand Mine Reclamation Plan:** B. Richardson handed out a summary page of the reclamation plan and discussed details. (Summary attached). *Motion was made by J. Schroeder to accept Valley Junction Sand Mine Reclamation Plan as presented, second by D. Pierce. Motion carried 6-0.*
4. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Monroe County Ag Services Center in Sparta.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

*Recorder: Connie Holzl*



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**LHR Director / County Historian's Report, December 2018**  
Submitted by Jarrod Roll

**Highlighted Projects and Activities by Jarrod Roll, Hannah Scholze, and Volunteers**

- Coordinated volunteers and promoted "Winter Break Craft Day at the Museums;" hosted the event drawing 70+ participants
- Hosted 57 students who came to see the model railroad display
- Promoted "Monroe County in Miniature" model railroad display, doing interviews with WKBT and WXOW television stations
- Processed donations to the 2018 Annual Fund, including tracking donation amounts, issuing thank you letters and donation receipts
- Planned the transfer of artifacts and shelving to offsite storage from the front room and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor storage, including coordinating with the church and moving company
- Met with Gabriel R. Hicks, Raymond James Financial Advisor, and County Treasurer Annette Erickson, to discuss the performance of the Grotto Endowment.
- Hosted the Monroe County Economic Development and Tourism Committee at the History Room
- Finalized 2019 "History Live" public programming series and started to promote (flyers, Facebook, etc.)
- Created labels to apply to new, acid-free microfilm boxes
- Met with representatives from the history and video production departments at Tomah High School to discuss a joint project

**In addition to the projects listed above, the Director supervises the following volunteer and support staff:**

- Hannah Scholze (Museum Services Associate): runs Facebook; teaches students; assists with research, exhibits, marketing, and most projects listed above, etc.
- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Dennis Burek: photo scanning projects; artifact cataloging; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: researching Monroe County schools; answer research requests; assist with exhibits
- John Lasko: represents and promotes LHR at public events and in the region
- Jane Schmidt: indexing marriage records and sorting through court records
- Jim Ebert: indexing newspapers
- Sandy Waltermann: creating a master index of Monroe County graduates
- Adam Balz: indexing cemetery records; researching and writing about county topics
- Marilyn Beall: indexing birth records; assisting with exhibits and collections
- Barb Reisinger: indexing newspapers
- Sara Oostdik: processing images scanned from photos shared by patrons
- Kirstin Hoffland: on call employee who assists with a variety of office and library tasks



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

### **Agriculture Extension Highlights Update December 12, 2018 to January 7, 2019**

The Ag Agent helped conduct four BQA certification workshops in December, they were in Viroqua, Mondovi, La Crosse and Bloomington. Approximately 220 farms were BQA certified at the workshops. Out of county travel for BQA workshops is paid by the Wisconsin Beef Council.

Several discussions were had with farmers on rental rates for next year.

Other efforts have been end of year wrap up work, and preparing for the upcoming workshops in 2019.

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

Jan 10 Agronomy Update- Sparta  
Jan 15 to 17 Agronomy Conference In-service  
Jan 21 In-Service- Richland Center  
Jan 22 Dairy MPP program update- Cashton  
Jan 23 Cranberry Growers Winter Conference  
Jan 23 BQA Certification- Blair  
Jan 24-25 Driftless Region Beef Conference  
Jan 30 BQA Certification- Mondovi  
Jan 31 Private Pesticide Applicator Training Tomah  
Jan 31 BQA Certification- Sparta  
Feb 5 Private Pesticide Training Sparta  
Feb 7 Western WI Beef Producers Annual Meeting  
Feb 8-9 Wisconsin Cattlemen's Winter Conference  
Feb 12 Food Safety Modernization Act Workshop  
Feb 13 Private Pesticide Training- Tomah  
Feb 25-27 UW Cattle Feeders Workshops  
Feb 26 Shifting Gears on the Farm Conference  
Mar 20 Regional Waterhemp Workshop- Bangor



## Joshua L. Goede

### AODA Opportunity w/Monroe County Safe Community Coalition

The Agents for change have a lesson plan for Tobacco Presentations. They have presented in Cashton to the Cashton 5<sup>th</sup> Grade on Dec. 19. Their radio spot was heard by up 47,000 people a day for the two weeks leading up to Christmas. The radio spot was funded through the Great Rivers United Way. The spot reminded family of the harm marijuana poses to youth.

The next step in the project is to find youth in Brookwood Middle and High School to work with and present the program to N.O.W. Elementary students. The youth also want to present to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in Sparta. We are working on details for that yet.

### Choose Health: Food, Fitness, & FUN

The Brookwood FFA Advisor and the Agent have been planning a session of the nutrition program that is supported with grant funding. The Brookwood FFA Leadership Class were trained with the lesson information to present the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the N.O.W. Elementary. There will also be a family night celebration on February 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6 pm. There will be a meal and several games and displays. We are hoping to get the "Shake Bike" to convert some heavy peddling to tasty smoothies.

### Advanced Space Academy & Space Camp Counselors

The Agent is all set for 2019 ASA. There will be a few more final emails clearing up details, but the plan is set. There will be 25 youth from across the state

participating January 26-February 1, 2019. The Agent and the 4-H Coordinator from Wood County will host a Pre-Travel orientation on Jan 26 in Milwaukee. The group will fly to Huntsville, AL and return to MKE on Feb. 1.

The Agent is again working with the Counselor Program for WI Space Camp in 2019. We have 2 youth involved in the counselor program as well as 4 members participating as delegates this year. A total of 6 Monroe County youth participating in Space Camp.

### End of Year Processes

The Agent has begun compiling reports for the end of year reporting this year. It is an exciting time of year as we look back at all the great projects, activities, and learning opportunities that happened this past year.

### Clover College/Jr. Leader Lock-In

The Agent has been working with the Jr. Leaders on Clover College for 2019. There were several issues with the original date and the event has been rescheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are holding it at Ft. McCoy's Pine View Camp Ground.

The Jr. Leader Lock-in will follow Clover College.

### Horse Project

The Agent will be working with the Horse Project members this year to redefine how they operate. There will be an organizational meeting on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> in Tomah to get jobs assigned and create the schedule for the project.

## Continuing Programs

- **Jr. Leaders**
  - Planning Clover College on March 2, 2019 with the lock in to follow at Ft. McCoy
- **Volunteers in Preparation**
  - There are classes scheduled for:
    - Sat. January 12 @ 9:00-11:00 am
    - Thur. January 24 @ 6:00-8:00 pm
    - Sun. February 17 @ 1:30-3:30 pm
    - Tues. February 19 @ 6:00-8:00 pm
- **Programming Possibilities**
  - A food day in late March or early April.
  - A photo workshop when the snow goes away
  - A small animal fitting or nutrition meeting
  - A project day where we have several (10-15) project opportunities together in one place
    - A complete entry for the fair would be finished during the classes offered.

- A livestock learning day
- A STEM Day with stations like our summer day camps
- Four District level fun days.
  - Could be other multi-club outings

### COMING SOON

- March 2 Clover College
- March 9 Festival of Arts
- April 13 Fur, Fin, & Feather

## Forestry & Parks Report (January) – Ziegler

### Forestry:

- WCFA Conference Call
  - 15 yr. plan updates
  - Stewardship Funding
- Time standards calculation meeting
- Land & Water Cons. Meeting
- Walked Highway Department Lands
- Boundary Work

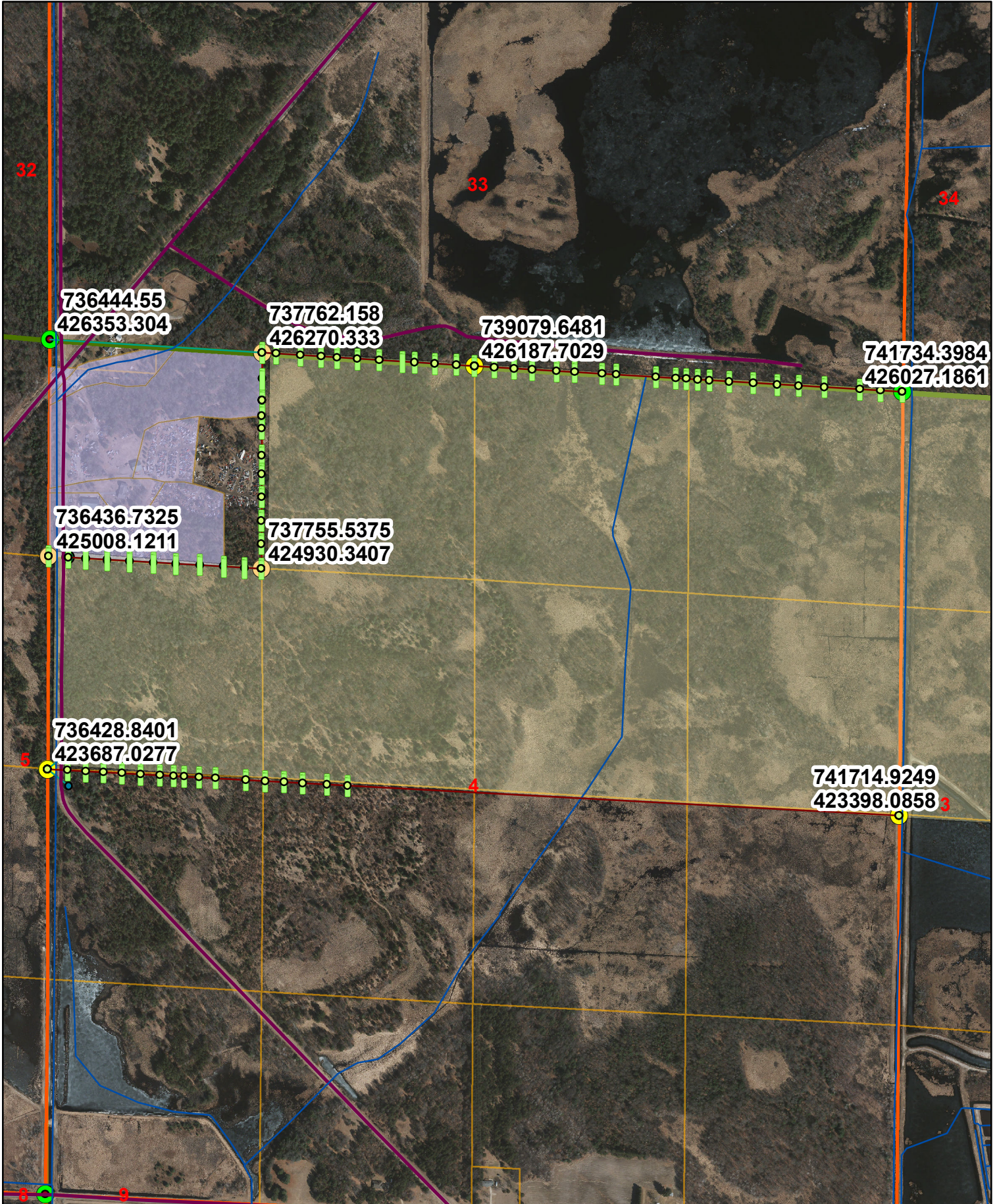
### Parks:

- Phone training
- Angelo Wayside
  - Pruning & Clean up
  - Trench Digging
- Department Head Meeting

### Snowmobile:

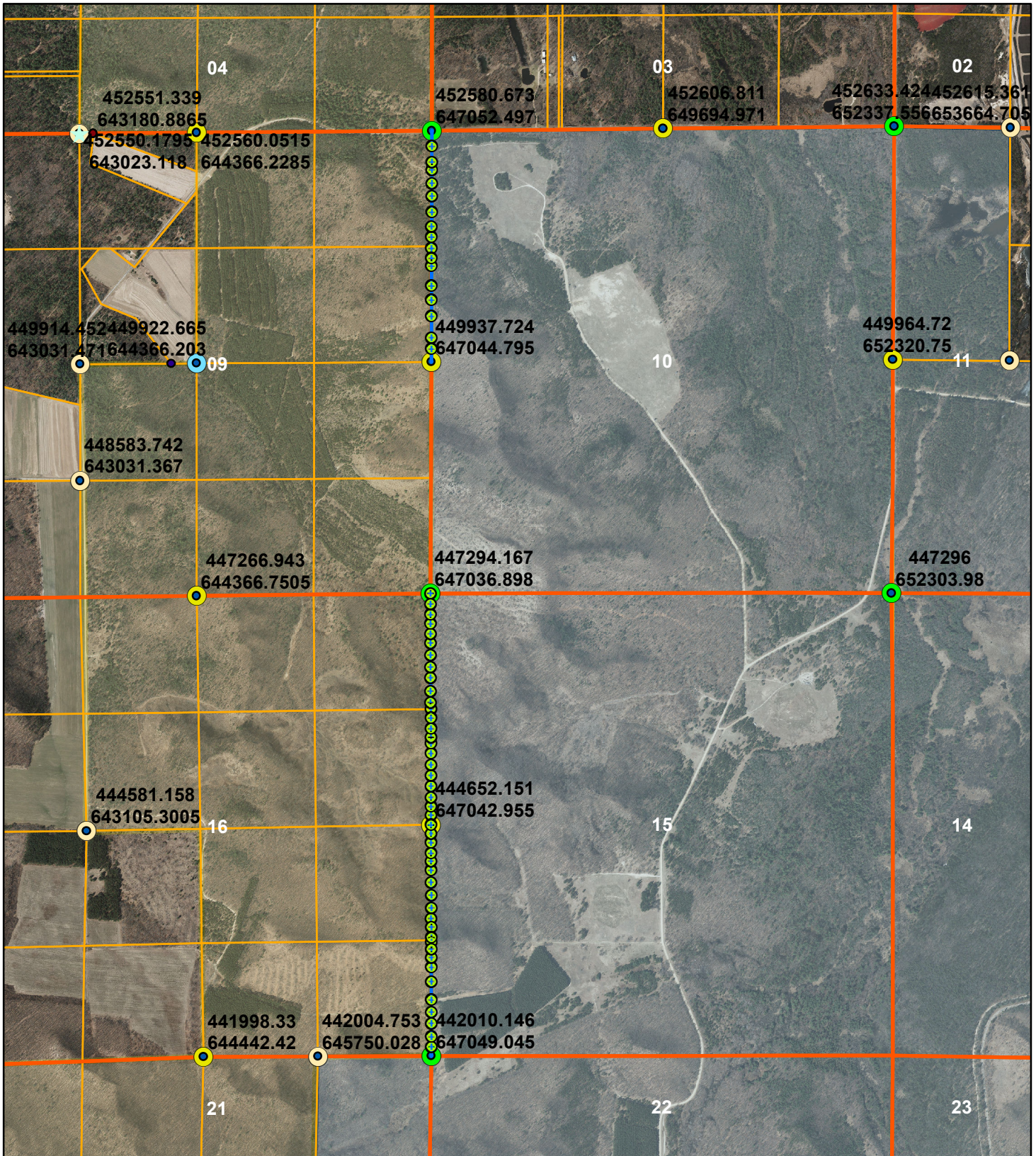
- STMC Meeting – update on storm damage funding, info on data record keeping for reimbursement.










# County Forest Boundary Markers, Township of New Lyme

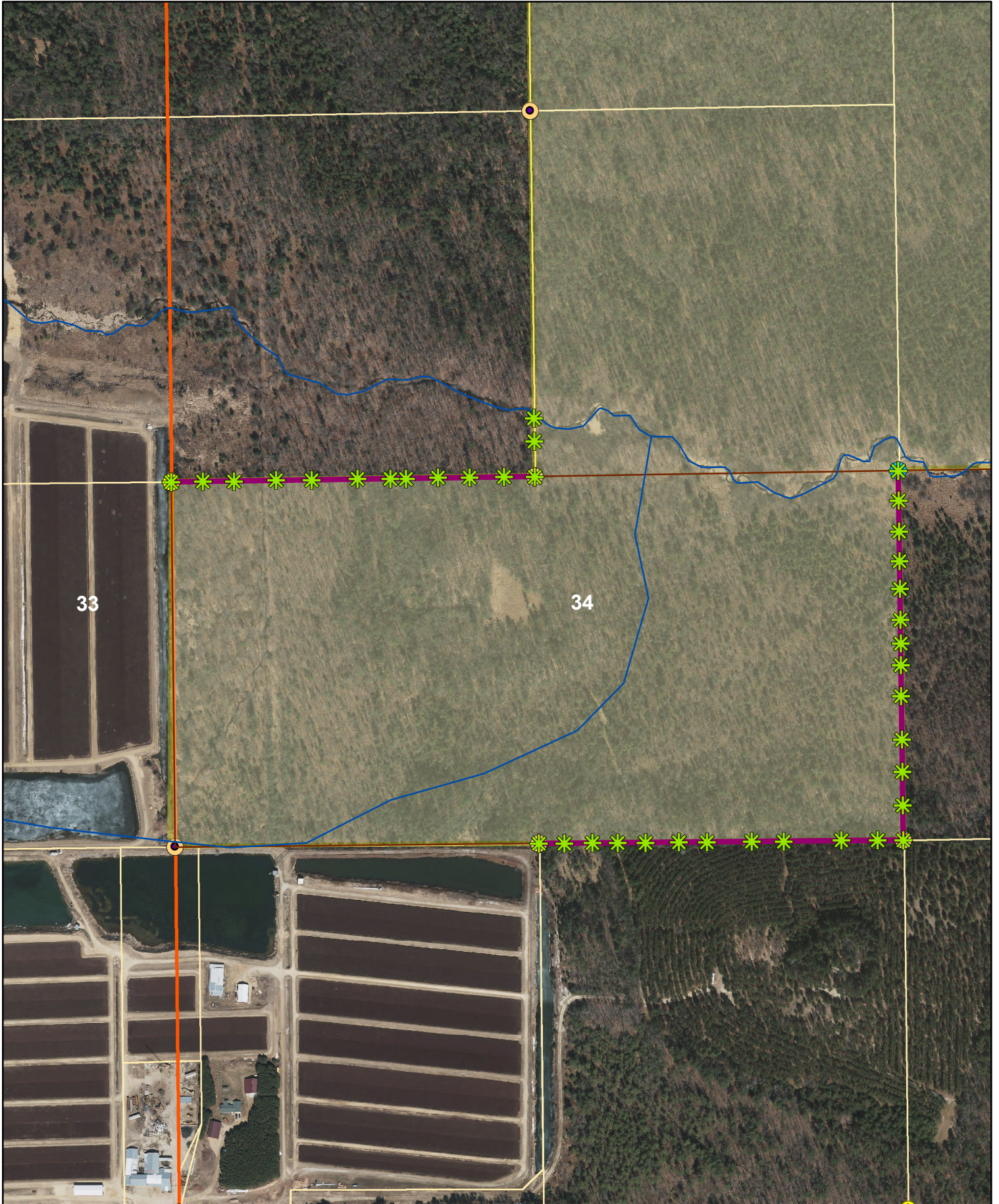


## Legend

-  BOUNDARY POSTS SET BY GPS
-  MONROE COUNTY FOREST
-  FORT McCOY MILITARY RESERVATION

1 inch = 1,554 feet





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 County Forest Boundary Posts





# Rockets & Sprockets Newsletter

Fall 2018

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  - **Junior Space Camp**
  - **Pig Roast Fundraiser**
  - **Deke Slayton Space Camp**

## June 15th, 2019 is our 20th Anniversary! Save the date for a big celebration!

We have been part of the Sparta community for 20 years in June 2019, and we want to celebrate! Join us on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to help us commemorate this huge milestone! **We are bringing an interactive hands-on traveling space exhibit to Sparta** so people can experience a space flight simulator, lunar rover vehicle, zero gravity chair, space toilet, and see a NASA command center! This exhibit is unlike anything you've ever seen before- unless you've gone through astronaut training you'd never have a chance to do these things! The exhibit is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

In addition to the space exhibit, this celebration is a day long event located in front of the Museum; in the morning we'll



**Come and see the traveling space exhibit on June 15th at the museum and try out this lunar utility vehicle!**

have a bike activity, there will be a cookout selling brats and hamburgers, music, activities for kids, and complimentary ice cream sundaes in the Museum gallery! Save the date for what promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime celebration! Unless you trained as an astronaut there is no other way you'd get to try these amazing interactives! So **Save the Date!** Would you like to volunteer? Contact the museum, we'd love to have you involved in the celebration! 608-269-0033.



## Museum Hours:

Monday - Saturday  
10:00am - 4:30pm

## Admission:

Adults: \$5  
Children 5 to 14: \$3  
Children 4 & under: Free  
Seniors 65 + : \$4

## Members are Free

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## Board of Directors      Letter from the Executive Director...

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Do museums matter? It's a question you hear a lot these days and the answer is **YES!** We pride ourselves on being a wonderful tourism destination for thousands of visitors each year and we're visited by over 1,000+ school children annually, but more than that— we inspire. Not only is it our job to preserve the past, but our mission is to “connect people to knowledge, creativity, and inspiration.” We do this in many ways, most notably through our space camp which encourages students to be the next generation of astronauts— those that will go to Mars. One of our school programs is a STEM based hands on activity that teaches the importance of perseverance in the face of failure and insurmountable odds. We also created a hidden location in the museum where visitors solve clues that lead them to a secret logbook where they're welcome to make an entry. My favorite entry reads “My name is Bebe, my name will be in this museum someday! I will be an astronaut someday!”. Museums are important because they inspire you to do things that you never thought you were capable of achieving. That is why I love this museum and why I am so proud to be your Executive Director. We're working on so many exciting new initiatives at the museum and I hope you take part in them! Send your child to space camp, become a member, or attend our 20th anniversary celebration! YOU make this museum a success, help us make it a success for the **next** 20 years!

Thank you, Alli Karrels  
Executive Director

### Ex Officio Members

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Laurel & JoAnn  
Brandt

Joan Cook

Marie Grewal

Jim Shilling

Beth Slayton

Mary Slayton

Tyler Tripp

Marlene Wilhelm

### We would like to thank the following people for taking out memberships at the \$75 Donor Level and above:

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**Thank you to our 2016 Annual Fund donors! We raised over \$5,000!**

**\$25 to \$40**

Emily Axelsen  
*Axelsen Family*

Jack & Joanne Benning

Jeff & Joanne Bohnert

Laurel & JoAnn Brandt  
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Donovan Hall

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Anonymous

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Alli Karrels

Beverly Laufenberg

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*In honor of Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Lukasek*

**\$25 to \$40 continued...**

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*In memory of Gene Moseley*

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*In memory of V. W. Richgruber*

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Anonymous

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Al Wright

Alyssa Young

Anonymous

**\$50 to \$99**

Dean Beastrom

Paul Kleppe

**\$50 to \$99 continued...**

Vivian Luke  
*In memory of Miles K. Luke*

George Lundy

Bill & Kristin Nussdorfer

Pauline & John Richard  
*In memory of John J. Richard*

Cheryl Roscovius

Anonymous

**\$100 to \$2,000**

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Marie Grewal  
*In memory of Anna and Robert Hoff*

Edward & Janet Habegger

Eileen Herberg

Larry & Julee Hopkins

Lyda Lanier

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Barbara Rice

Nancy & Paul Sikorsky

Mike Wittmershaus  
*Wayside Tavern*

Aaron & Denise Young  
*Morrow Home Foundation*

Sparta Lady Butterfest

Beverly & Harold Schluenz  
*In honor of our 90th birthdays*

John & Beverly Larson  
*Foundation*

# ***Thank you to our 2017 Annual Fund donors! We raised over \$6,000!***

The Annual Fund helps us support all of our day to day operations and your generosity goes a long way toward making this museum a success!!

## **\$10 to \$49**

Anonymous  
Jeff Bohnert  
*Leon Country Floors*  
Phyllis Christiano  
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Bob & Fran Pollard  
Larry & Sherry Quamme  
Anonymous  
John Richgruber  
*In memory of V. W. Richgruber*

## **\$10 to \$49 continued...**

Jeri & Jerry Richgruber  
*In memory of V. W. Richgruber*  
Mike & Kathy Rooker  
*In memory of Scott Rooker*  
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Penny Tock  
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Jane Tucker  
*In memory of Winona Haney*  
Nodji & Jim VanWychen  
Jolene Vieth  
Alyssa Young  
VFW Auxiliary  
*In memory of all deceased auxiliary members*

## **\$50 to \$75**

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Kent & Mary Hamilton  
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Cheryl Roscovius  
Carol Schauf

## **\$50 to \$75 continued...**

Tom & Heather Stowell  
*Subway*  
Nolan & Cindy Thesing  
Ronald Vandervort  
*In memory of Robert Steele*  
Anonymous  
Marlene & Robert Wilhelm  
*In honor of all the pilots who have or are flying for the US*

## **\$100 to \$200**

Leslie & Curt Bakkum  
Marie Grewal  
*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hoff*  
Jean Hays  
*In memory of Stan Hays*  
Lyda Lanier  
Todd & Debbie Page  
Sandie & Harlan Perry  
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## **\$500 to \$2,500**

Luther Larson  
*In memory of Jan Larson*  
Bev & Harold Schluenz  
*John & Beverly Larson Foundation*



# The Museum's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Engagement Plan

Can you believe the Deke Slayton Museum is 20 years old!? June 2019 we will be celebrating 20 years of being in the museum business! With our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary approaching we've developed an engagement plan which includes equipment upgrades, remodeling, and financial planning to take the museum into the future!

## **DONE** ✓ **Established an endowment for the Museum:**

Endowments are a common nonprofit funding practice in which funds are specifically restricted and invested; and then the museum receives the interest from that investment to use for general operating costs. Usually the interest is about 5% of the total endowment value. The intent is to never spend the initial investment, but let it grow and only use the interest.

We are proud to announce that by the end of November this year we will have a \$25,000 endowment fund established for the Deke Slayton Museum through the Wisconsin Historical Society Foundation. To fully support our current operating budget we would need \$1.8 million in the endowment so it will take many years for us to achieve this goal, but establishing an endowment now is a solid step toward insuring the future of the museum!



## **TO DO** **Custom entrance desk & new computer and software:**

The next step for the museum is to build a custom entrance desk where we can greet visitors, ring up gift shop items, and the administrative staff can use on a day to day basis. This includes replacing the 9 year old computer we currently use and getting software to manage the gift shop. We hope to complete this in early 2019.

# The Museum's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Engagement Plan

## **DONE** ✓ **New carpeting in entrance area:**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary engagement plan began this spring with the installation of new carpeting in the entrance area by Leon Country Floors (the old carpet was pushing 20 years and was really showing its age). The students of High Point school volunteered and moved all the furniture in and out of the entrance area for the carpet installation, thanks guys!



## **DONE** ✓ **New gift shop shelves:**

Next we phased out the inherited furniture in the entrance area and commissioned Leis Carpentry to build custom gift shop shelves for the museum's unique entrance area and we've really noticed an uptick in gift shop sales! It makes a great first impression on all visitors who walk through the door. →

**TO DO** **New carpeting in museum gallery:** The main museum gallery, used by the Masons as their meeting hall, still has the original carpeting dating back to the 1970s, making it almost 50 years old and in desperate need of replacement! The museum's goal is to replace this carpeting in 2019.

**TO DO** **Changing exhibit area:** The most ambitious goal of the engagement plan is to develop a changing/temporary exhibit space in the museum entrance area where a new exhibit will be unveiled each year. We currently don't have room for changing exhibits, but this new plan will free up space for one. We'll be inviting local businesses and individuals in the community to sponsor the changing exhibit area and their name will be featured in our new exhibit area.





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**Before, gift shop area:**



**New gift shop area with custom built shelving:**



# Deke Slayton Space Camp 2018

The Deke Slayton Space Camp program was established in 2016 to inspire students to become America's next astronauts, those that will go to Mars!

**We created Space Camp because NASA's current roster of 50 astronauts only has a handful from the Midwest.** With our Museum being dedicated to one of the US's first astronauts we want to change those numbers!

**We began Space Camp in 2016 with 8 students and we're proud to share that since then the camp has grown and in 2018 we had 20 students!** We are already planning for 2019 and really looking forward to offering this camp for many years to come.

*It is our museum mission to connect space camp participants to*  
**"Knowledge, creativity, and inspiration"**

**This is a week long day camp running Monday-Friday from 8:00am- 5:00pm for students going into 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades in the next school year.** We really keep the kids hopping, they are pretty tired by the end of the day!

**Activities include: In the mornings we meet at the museum and do team building activities and feature guest speakers** including a biomedical engineer from NASA, the head of the magnetosphere lab at Goddard Space Center, pilots, STEM teachers, Meteorology professors, nutrition experts, and more!

**In the afternoons we head over to Sparta City Hall where we build rockets, program robots, and do hands on STEM challenges.**

**Wednesday is our special field trip day.** We start in the morning by visiting the radio control flyers and learn about the principles of flight, then we go to the Sparta pool and conduct zero gravity experiments. In the afternoon we go to the Sparta airport and talk with pilots, and we finish the day in LaCrosse with a visit to the planetarium.

**Throughout the week we strongly emphasize teambuilding.** All astronauts work in teams and it is one of the most valuable skills they say we should be teaching our students. The students are split into groups of four and each day a different student is the team leader for their group. It is an excellent opportunity for the students to both lead and follow.

**The last day of camp is Friday. First thing in the morning students launch the rockets they built at Southside Elementary School.** It really is a "blast" to watch all of those rockets fly into the air! Friday is also special because retired astronaut Mark Lee, originally of Viroqua, visits in person and gives the students a special presentation on his time as an astronaut which includes 4 space shuttle missions and was the first astronaut to use a jet pack in space!

**The grand finale is Friday evening with a graduation ceremony and a big "party" as the kids call it with a visit from retired Astronaut Mark Lee!** During the graduation ceremony the students receive a diploma from the Museum Board President and a member of the Sparta City Council. They also receive a very special pin presented by Mark Lee. The graduation ceremony is followed by a dinner for the students and their families, and Mark Lee gives a presentation to the audience as well. It is an amazing week that the kids love and will never forget.

**The 2019 Space Camp is scheduled for Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>- Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The camp is for students going into 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades the following school year. If you would like to put your child's name on the contact list for when we release the application materials please contact us at 608-269-0033, and we'll get you on the list! The application materials will be available on the Museum's website around March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The cost of the camp is \$395 for early bird sign-ups through March 15<sup>th</sup>, and after that it is \$445. We'll also be offering at least two full-ride scholarships, one for a boy and one for a girl. It is first come first serve, open to all middle school age students, and space is limited so make sure to sign up early!





***There are so many individuals and community organizations that contribute to making this camp possible, and we'd like to recognize and thank our 2018 supporters for their incredible generosity.***

**THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!**



**Ed Clayton, Alli Karrels, Brian & Theresa Lee, Rich & Marilyn Nelson  
Lee & Marilyn Olson, Gina Pearse, Mike Wittmershaus, Alyssa Young**

**Lee Olson, co-founder of Space Camp, has passed**



We are very sad to report on the passing of Lee Olson, co-founder of the Deke Slayton Space Camp program. Lee Olson was a dedicated Museum Board Member who cared deeply about the museum. His involvement with the museum began over 10 years ago when he brought his grandchildren Brandon and Allison to explore the children's play area.

During those visits we got to know Lee very well and were thrilled when he agreed to be on the board. Over the years Lee was constantly thinking of ways he could contribute to the museum, how we could make the museum an even greater resource for the community's children. During one of our many brainstorming phone conversations the idea of a "space camp" emerged, and as they say- the rest is history. Our first year of space camp required a lot of ingenuity on our part to find funding, recruit presenters, develop a schedule, and find ways to get information to those kids that were interested!

Lee was on top of all of it- He leveraged his contacts to find interesting and qualified presenters, he asked his friends for donations for scholarships, he had us get a white board to lay out the schedule, and his grandson Brandon attended the very first camp! Lee's passion for the program only grew over the years as he continued to find new presenters and help solicit funds for the program. He would always say "I'll do anything for my kids"- and that is how he thought of the program attendees- as his space camp kids. Even with failing health he continued to do everything in his power to plan for the next space camp. We had 8 kids our first year, and in our third year we had 20. We have return presenters each year including NASA scientists and retired astronauts. Last year we were able to offer four full-ride scholarships. This is all part of Lee's legacy, and that legacy will live on as we plan our 4<sup>th</sup> space camp for 2019 and as we establish a new space camp for younger children. Without Lee this amazing program would not exist, we have lost a great friend and planning for the next space camp will not be the same without him.

**Thank you to those who donated to Space Camp in Lee's memory**

Laurel & Joanne Brandt • Paul Kleppe • Les & Althea Stanley • Lee's Family • Marilyn Olson • Meg Gisslen

# Space Camp 2018– What did the kids think?

At the end of every day the students had some quiet time to reflect on the day and answer questions in their log books about the different activities they participated in. Here are some of those responses:

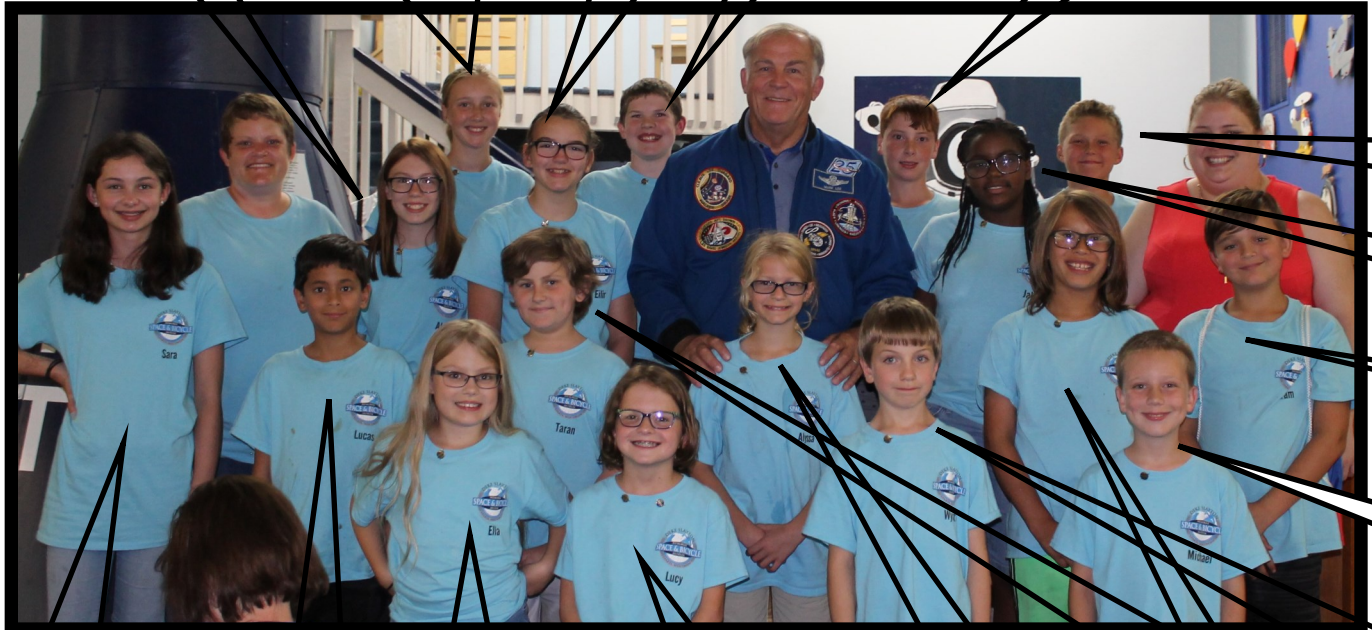
What was the most interesting thing you learned today?: I learned about the Wright Brothers and how they never gave up on their dream. -Alana C.

What was something you learned from Stacey Weber (STEM presenter, business expert): I learned about the business process. Discover-commit-describe-create-deliver. I also learned about the creation process. -Vanessa L.

What was the thing you will remember most from the week?: Our field trip day. -Eiler Z.

What is something you learned from Mike Purucker (Planetary Magnetosphere Lab chief, Goddard Space Flight Center): How NASA studies the Earth's magnetic field and how impact craters help scientists date planets. -Jack S.

What was the most interesting thing you learned today?: I liked the history of NASA because I really like history. -Issac L.



What are your top 3 favorite things from space camp?: Learning a lot, meeting new people, and also meeting very smart adults. -Sara B.

What was the most interesting thing you learned today?: STEM activities because it's interesting. - Lucas K.

What was something you learned from Mr. Amundsen (Head of the STEM Academy in Sparta): I loved learning about the 7 minutes of terror! -Ella W.

What is something you learned from Dr. Kopacz about weather (Professor of Meteorology): I learned that meteorologists love data. - Lucy B.

What is something you learned from Dr. Kopacz about weather (Professor of Meteorology): I learned that you can see volcanos exploding from satellites in space. - Alyssa L.

Bottom 3 least favorite things from space camp?: Nothing, nothing, and NOTHING!- Kai G.





# **NEW- Junior Space Camp**

**Monday, June 24th– Friday, June 28th, 2019**

After 3 years of increasing success with our Deke Slayton Space Camp for middle school age students we are proud to announce the creation of 'Junior Space Camp' for students going into 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade! Our inaugural Junior Space Camp will be held Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>-Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It will be in the afternoons from 1:00pm- 5:00pm. Students will build rockets, do science experiments, work together in teams, participate in hands-on STEM activities, and so much more! Each student will get their own special t-shirt with their name on it

and on Friday night we will celebrate with an ice cream social for students and their families at the museum! Applications will be available at the beginning of February 2019 on the Museum's website. The all-inclusive cost for the week is \$215 if you sign up by February 15<sup>th</sup> and \$245 after that. At least two scholarships will be available- one for a boy and one for a girl. If you'd like to get your name on an early notification list please contact the museum at 608-269-0033, we are only accepting 20 students and it is first come first serve!

What was something you learned from Mr. Amundsen (Head of the STEM Academy in Sparta): I thought the heat shield project was amazing! My heat shield project lasted almost 4 minutes! -Ben R.

What was the thing you will remember most from the week?: The pool and the team building activities and the friend I made. -Jakera T.

What has been your favorite activity with Aimee? (Youth Services Librarian, Sparta): I loved the chocolate river. -Akram O.

What is something you learned at the Planetarium that you didn't know before?: There are stories in stars. -Michael R.

What is the thing you will remember the most from this week?: Everything. -Wyatt T.

What is something you learned about flight and aviation?: I didn't know you could get a license to fly a plane when you're 17! -Taran M.

## **Not Pictured:**

What was the most interesting thing you learned today?: Nutrition in space. It was cool. -Landon M.

What was the most interesting thing you learned today and why?: The bicycle evolution because I thought the Penny Farthing was an advanced bike that you easily get online. -Vincent B.

Least favorite thing from space camp?: Not being able to stay the last day. -Ashton K.





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## **Upcoming Museum Events 2018 - 2019**

**Winter Craft Day**- FREE  
Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
At the Museum

**Business after 5**- FREE  
March, 2019  
At the Museum

**Mr. Science Program**- FREE  
Thursday, March 21st, 2019  
At the Museum

**Bike Decorating Contest**- FREE  
Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
At the Butterfest Grounds (Sparta)

**Butterfest Parade**- FREE  
Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Butterfest parade route (Sparta)

**Junior Space Camp**- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades  
Monday- Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Registration begins February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
At the Museum

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**- FREE  
Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
At the Museum

**Pig Roast Fundraiser**  
Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
At Justin Trails Resort

**Deke Slayton Space Camp**- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades  
Monday-Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>- August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
Registration begins March 1st, 2019  
At the Museum

*For more details go to the museum website: [www.dekeslaytonmuseum.org](http://www.dekeslaytonmuseum.org)*