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Culture, Curds, and Cheesey Chatter



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Cheese Days in Monroe September 20—22

*Cheese Days royalty Princess Stella Doyle and Prince Reid Kueger
In one of the Cheese Museum's copper kettles!*



REMINDER DATES

Membership meeting reminder on Wednesday,
September 11, 5 PM at NHCC

It's Cheese Days!!! Sept. 20-22.
Come join the fun!!



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Stirring the kettle,

With President Jim



Our big blow-out in Monroe is nearly here. It's Sept. 20-22 !

It's Cheese Days in Monroe. Capturing the spirit of the event, we have including a page of memories on Page 4.

NHCC has a long-standing relationship with Turner Hall here in the city. Our Swiss heritage flows through both facilities. On Page 5 you will find a list of "experiences" being held during Cheese Days at Turner. That is worth a stop-in!



There are so many things planned, it's mind boggling. For one, our cheesemakers will be concocting a wheel of Swiss on the downtown square. There is even going to be an attempt at breaking the record for number polka-ing at once. Plus trying Limburger, plus fried cheese curds, plus lots of entertainment.

You MUST come!

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Our two Debs recently changed the U.S. flag that flies in our front area. Note: The local American Legion post collects worn out flags and properly disposes of them with a flag burning ceremony each June. Check with a Legion post in your area for proper, dignified disposal.

An update about visitors to the Center. We are only 7 states short of having registered all 50 states!

More mind-boggling is the fact that we have had visitors from the following countries (THIS YEAR!) :

Brazil, China, Denmark, India, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Philippines (2), Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine (now residing in Chicago).

Yes, we are truly being an internationally recognized museum! Wow!

Here's a bittersweet Cheese Days moment from the past: Becky Wegmueller (1947-2017), John Wegmueller (1947-2014), and John Bussman (1924-2016). John & Becky were King and Queen in 2012. John Bussman was a Warren, Il., cheesemaker who for many years led the Old Time Cheesemaking Demo at the festival. Bussman was also president of the National Historic Cheesemaking Center for many years!



Cheese Days Memories



Henry Tschanz, NHCC vice president, and Jim Glessner, NHCC president, on the 2022 Cheese days parade float.





Heart of Cheese Days Experience!

Experience the culture and traditions in an authentic Swiss chalet that gave rise to cheesemaking in Green County!

SATURDAY, September 21, 2024; 11 am - 6:30 pm
TURNER HALL OF MONROE - Grand Hall
(Two blocks south of the Square)
Free-will donations accepted.

11:00 am - 6:00 pm	Exhibits of Traditional Swiss Folk Arts & History <i>Kerbschnitte, Scherenschnitte, Brätzeli cookies</i>
11:00 - 11:30 am	Monroe Swiss Singers <i>Swiss mixed choir, flag-throwing, accordion, alphorn</i>
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Swiss Immigration to Green County <i>PowerPoint presentation by Hans & Bobbie Bernet</i>
1:00 - 1:30 pm	d'Schwiizer Gruppe <i>Traditional Swiss folk instrumental music</i>
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Green County Alphorns
3:00 - 3:30 pm	History of Scherenschnitte (Swiss Paper Cutting) <i>PowerPoint presentation by Linda Schiesser</i>
4:00 - 4:30 pm	Die Musikfreunde <i>Traditional Swiss folk tunes</i> <i>Robert Eversman, violin, & Deborah Krauss Smith, piano</i>
5:00 - 5:30 pm	History of Turner Hall of Monroe <i>PowerPoint presentation by Deborah Krauss Smith</i>
6:00 - 6:30 pm	Monroe Swiss Singers <i>Swiss mixed choir, flag-throwing, accordion. alphorn</i>



Oakwood village caption



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A Master Cheesemaker visits Cheese Center

By Brenda Hansen

We visited in July and had such an amazing time.

Long story short (or short story long) – Kirk and I (Brenda) met at Nasonville Dairy (after his parents sold the cows, he became a cheesemaker under my uncle Kim Heiman’s watchful guidance and I (Brenda) was working in the cheese store with my grandparents Arnie and Rena Mae Heiman. After a few years, we started dating and this past July celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary. We also, this past April, took our sons along to Cheese Expo and celebrated Kirk receiving his 3rd and 4th Master Cheesemaker Designations – he is now a Master Cheesemaker in Cheddar, Monterey Jack, Asiago and Cheese Curds.

When we first got married, we agreed we would never buy each other an anniversary gift – but instead would also take at least a long weekend to celebrate. This past year cheese has been a HUGE part of our lives (from the Master Cheesemaker program to the World Cheese Competition and more). That said, it was really only natural that we picked Monroe and New Glarus as our anniversary destination - and boy did we wish we had taken at least one more day!

Our first stop was the National Historic Cheesemaking Center. As I was taking photos outside and making our way to the building, Deb met us at the door and gave us such an amazing welcome! We immediately started our tour because we knew we were getting short on time. It wasn’t until we were about half way through our tour when Deb commented that “you sure seem to know about cheesemaking.”

Knowing he was “busted,” Kirk did explain that he was a Master Cheesemaker. I’m so glad she didn’t know ahead of time because I’m afraid it might have taken away from our tour – we didn’t know much of the equipment that was used back then so it was really neat to get the account from her and the videos were awesome putting some faces and names together.

As we made our way back to the building, we saw the bricks and I was like, “Oh my gosh – Kirk – this is like your Hollywood Star of Fame! We have to take a pic!” Well, the pictures soon made it around our family members and they loved it.

I sincerely appreciate ALL that the museum has to offer – looking at the old equipment – from production to testing – was really quite amazing. Even the milking equipment – having both grown up on farms, he remembers the old Surge milkers, and I was reminded of our old step saver that we had to dump the buckets into (my parents didn’t get a pipeline until I graduated – go figure!).

All in the all (and even with the rain storm at night) – the weekend was a blast – we made stops at the Alp & Dell, Swiss Colony Outlet, Chalet Cheese and more. It was a great weekend and we definitely plan to go back and take a few extra days!





Cheese passport caption

AmericInn family Contest caption





Permanently placing Bernet Bench caption

***Bernet bench
Now permanent
Fixture at the
Cheese Museum***



**State Senator
Howard Mark-
lein was at
Klondike Cheese
Company in
Monroe.
Klondike
"hired" him
Aug. 19 for a
"Hire Howard"
visit.**



NATIONAL HISTORIC CHEESEMAKING CENTER MINUTES of July 17,2024

Members Present: Jim Glessner, Fritz Kopp, Dave Buholzer, Henry Tschanz, Ken Klassey, Deb Briggs, Jonathon Rupp, Millie Stauffer, Anita Huffman. Also attending: Tony & Esther Zraggen, 2024 Cheese Days King & Queen.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June 19 meeting were shared and approved. Motion by Henry, second by Fritz. C.

Treasurer's Report: The year to date, January to June 30 was shared and approved. Motion by Fritz, second by Henry. C.

Director's Report: Deb provided the Director's Report, which included a current schedule of groups tours through October 17.

Committee Reports:

Archival/Displays: A letter was received from Driftless Pathways regarding the QR code project. Due to inactivity, the project has been closed. It was decided that it needs to be reopened as this is a means to implement self-guided tours of the Center.

Building & Grounds: Fritz noted the Monroe sign is done and there was discussion about sealing the parking lot.

Sunshine/Sympathy: Millie has sent two get well cards.

Website: Cheese Days and the Old-Time Cheesemaking event in 2025 have been added to the page.

Unfinished Business:

NHCC received two grants from the Monroe Fund for painting the Center and Monroe sign landscaping. There has been no response to date from those contacted about the copper kettle restoration. Painting needs to be done by the end of the year.

Computer Know How is working on a proposal to change the website domain name to nhccmuseum.org, and to host it.

New Business:

Succession ideas were requested. New updated brochures need to be ordered. The float application for the Cheese Days Parade has been sent. Portable toilets for Cheese Days have been ordered. The Center will be open regular hours with no guided tours that weekend.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55PM. Motion by Fritz, second by Henry. C.

Respectfully submitted: Anita Huffman, Secretary



Congratulations to the 2024 Grand Master Cheesemaker Schuman Cheese - Lake Country Dairy and all the WCMA members who won well-deserved recognition at this year's Dairy Products Contest, hosted by the Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board! Thanks to their hard work and the support of generous bidders, the August auction of award-winning products raised a record-breaking \$65,080 to support future dairy education.

(Courtesy WCMA)



**National Historic
Cheesemaking Center**
NHCC Hours:
10-3
Thursday – Sunday

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>We are grateful for <u>any</u> hours you are available to volunteer. Choose from: 10-3, 11-2, 10-12:30, 12:30-3 Let us know what works for you.</p>					
4 Docent Mary F	5	6	7	8 Deb H Jeanne S	9 Fritz K 10-12:30 Docent Matt F	10 Rudy Kaderly Deb M
11 Lynn L 10:30-3 Margo I 10:30-3	12	13	14	15 Bob B Kelly H Deb M	16 Peggy K Jim G Jeanne S	17 Fritz K 10-12:30 John M Diane K
18 Fritz K Barb K	19	20	21	22 Ernie G Donna B 10-12:30 Ruth T 12:30-3	23 Fritz K 10-12:30 Docent Mary Ann S 12:30-3	24 Jim G Charlotte H
25 Docent Greeter	26	27	28	29 Docent Diane P 10-12:30	30 Lynn L 10-12:30 Jim G 12:30-3 Ruth T 10-12:30	31 Fritz K 10-12:30 Docent Greeter

<h1>NOTES</h1>	<p>Need a Sub? If you have a conflict with the date you are scheduled to work, please call the Center to let us know. 608.325.4636 We may have suggestions of volunteers to call.</p>	<p>Email: nhccmuseum@gmail.com Deb B off – Aug 30-Sep 1 Deb M off – Aug 13, Aug 27-28</p>	<p>Lunch break? Let us treat you to lunch or bring your lunch. A refrigerator and microwave are available.</p>
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The unique center recalls the rich heritage of the area and is illustrative of the lively cheese industry which still flourishes today.

*.....Recalling an era that was,
And will never be again!*



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