



Nibbles

A publication of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe, Wis.

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This is a photo of the recently installed sign on the Badger State Trail. Bernie Robertson reports Troop 101 has adopted a 2-mile segment just north of Monroe (from Mile Marker 30 to Mile Marker 28) to maintain. That trail segment is from County Road DR to County Road FF. In addition to collecting trash, the Scouts will keep the corridor free of woody vegetation "attempting to reclaim" the trail corridor. Bernie says: "It goes without saying: Thank you to Kiwanis for their continued support of Boy Scout Troop 101 !

Your Monroe Club

- > Sponsors Boy Scout Troop 101
- > Sponsors Builders and Key Clubs
- > Maintains the Youth Cabin and Scout Bldg
- > Supports Boy Scout Canyon Camp
- > Sponsors early childhood development and pre-school literacy
- > Has raised and distributed more than One Million dollars in support of youth and community projects!



WHERE TO SEND CANDY MONEY

We have been getting many calls about where to send your candy sales money. Send checks to our candy lady :

Wendy Schmoldt
2532 F^t St.
Monroe WI 53566

To make accounting easier, send **ONLY** checks! If you receive cash for a candy sale, deposit it in your checking account and write a personal check to Monroe Kiwanis and send to Wendy. Someone from club previously would collect checks and get them to Wendy. This has been eliminated; send your candy dollars to Wendy via USPS !!!!

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KIWANIANS NOTE:

The Woman's Club Christmas Stacking project envelopes will be distributed soon.

Organizers state that Kiwanians will **NOT** be needed to deliver the Christmas boxes again this year. Boxes will be picked up like last year.

In lieu of our volunteer deliveries, consider a gift through the white envelopes, or the Toy Drive (see page 3)



*Veterans Honored—
At the Nov. 11 club
meeting, those
Kiwanian veterans in
attendance were
recognized for their
service to the nation.
From left, Jim
Glessner, Bob
Vickerman, guest
speaker Bill Hustad,
and Ron Spielman.*



Recently, MHS Key Club hosted its annual Trick or Treat for UNICEF fundraiser. Each 2nd hour class collected money in **a competition for donuts!** Mr. Bordner's Algebra 2 class came in 1st place with \$150.56 donated. MHS students raised a total of \$429.30! Key Club will add to this donation before sending it to UNICEF! Thank you to everyone who donated!





Left: Cara Carper, GCDC, filled club in on the Childcare Initiative spearheaded by GCDC and United Way. This project was started due to workers being hard to find and because of the extreme expense incurred by parents. She outlined the partners involved and goals and priorities. Events undertaken include Child-care Business Bootcamp and Safety Saturdays.



Right: Bill Hustad was our Veterans Day speaker and related a heart-wrenching story about his service in Viet Nam which resulted in both he and a friend being wounded and his commander being killed. He also explained how his father got the middle name of Marcel and explained a little about the Veteran's Park located by Pleasant View and the plans for an expanded walkway system on the county property.

***Bakers Dozen—
Kiwanian Rick
Maliszewski saw
the need for
additional baking
supplies at
county Food
Pantries and
has started a
project to fill
that need.
Details below:***



Please help families by being part of the "Bakers Dozen". The smell and taste of fresh, home-baked treats is a cherished part of the holidays for many of us. In these challenging times, with lack of resources, too many families in Green County aren't easily able to partake in this tradition. Donating to the "Bakers Dozen" providing "Bakers Bags" will help change that this year.

Each month, our wonderful local food pantries serve 325 or more families in need across Green County. Your donation this holiday season can help these families allowing to add an extra bit of joy in their food box with a "Bakers Bag" which includes baking items such as flour, sugar, salt, baking powder and soda, vanilla extract, chocolate chips etc. Your generosity will go a long way; a \$500 contribution to "Bakers Dozen" will support 50 families of this worthy project.

Any and all donations are appreciated! Please mail a check to **Bakers Dozen - Monroe Green Food Pantry, P.O. Box 15, Monroe, WI 53566**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rick Maliszewski at (608) 558-1225. Thank you and happy holidays!

Monroe Woman's Club

**Cash Donation
TOY
Drive**

The Monroe Woman's Club will be purchasing toys for all aged children for our annual
CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Your Cash Donation will provide the family with a toy, a holiday dinner, and clothing.

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Collections will be taken
NOW thru Dec. 31st

No drop off locations for toys available this year

**Please Send Money Donations to:
Monroe Christmas Stocking
TOY DONATION
901 16th Avenue, Monroe WI 53566**



100th STILL BEING CELEBRATED—

President Shirley Eells with a new display at Woodford Bank lobby. Featuring our original charter (1921), BSA attestation for sponsoring troop 101, State commendation on our 100th birthday, a KI plaque when we given honorable mention for 1978-79 year, and the hand-outs of our Times special insert.

Belleville Kiwanis Nov 2, 2921 Meeting

Discussion notes and plans

Decorate the gazebo Dec 7 following our 8A meeting.

Contribute \$50 to the community holiday giving tree.

Thank you to Jill & Larry for organizing our UFO bake sale. \$141 (nearly sold out) proceeds with lots of community exposure. Sample treats will be delivered to Dave, Barb and Paul.

Contribute \$250 to library friends in appreciation for their many opportunities for our club and community.

Club members will participate in the **Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign**. Fred will send sign up instructions and provide an article to the PMR newspaper to encourage community involvement.

Our neighbor clubs have **holiday candy for sale:**

Madison East – Amish cashew crunch (plain or chocolate covered) \$10 contact Carol by Nov 6 for order!

Monroe – Colony Macadamia nut tins \$18 Contact Fred or Sue for order (soon)

Carol sent **Special Greetings and Best wishes from our club to Ken Saville** as he recovers from medical issues.

Larry Hayslett treated us to two original guitar/vocal compositions.

What's going on at our Sponsored Belleville club

A clarification on the Tractor Pull results:

From member Nikki Matley to President Shirley regarding the tractor pull results:

Hi Shirley,

I was hoping to attend your board meeting to address some of the comments in the Nibbles and to clarify some confusion, but unfortunately I have a meeting at the same time, so I thought I'd at least send you some thoughts from our team.

This was the blurb in the Nibbles:

Fundraising: Tractor Pull has taken place with some adjustments over previous years. Some on the board questioned our expenses at 77% of the net. Meat prices are up and rental for the FFA trailer doubled. Koenig charge \$950 for the grill. There was meat leftover and we were asked to also cover the dance at the last minute. Our give back to the Tractor Pull Association is our vendor sponsor coupons of which a value of \$551 were redeemed, this represents approximately 25% of our profit.

Expenses: Steaks in 2018 were \$3.41 each, and in 2021 were \$5.00 each. This drove down the sales of steaks and drove sales up of hamburgers. Additionally the pull this year had NO breakdowns or engine issues for the tractors. We have no control over that, but in years past this has accounted for 2 extra hours of selling. Since the pull ended on time, we did not have the people coming out the stands in between breakdowns. Leftover meat and uncooked meat was all sold at cost...so no we didn't make a profit on that money, but we also didn't have to pay an extra \$1,400 out of our profit for meat left unsold. We learned during the event that Brats were also being sold by the Lions club at \$3. This was addressed immediately and they changed their price point to \$4. We are addressing with Mark if they will be selling Brats in the future or not and if yes, we will adjust numbers accordingly. Price points will at the very least be the same.

We were not asked to cover the dance at the last minute. We had the shifts covered, but planned not to advertise it because we weren't sure if we would have enough meat to stay and sell product. If we decide in the future to do the dance as well, (the team would like this considered for next year at least) we would advertise that we will be there and then people would know to stay. This year with the pull ending on time, people left to eat and then came back for the dance. That wouldn't be an issue going forward.

The team when analyzing the numbers would actually prefer to continue with the vouchers instead of standard 10% of profit donated because it drives business to our booth. They order more when they are there than just the voucher or at the very least return throughout the day.

Koenig's charge for grilling was only \$200 more than we've been charged for all the charcoal from Rackow in the past and they actually stayed and grilled the entire time instead of loading us up with hockey pucks at the end of the day and leaving as has happened in the past. The trailer cost was well worth the fee of \$200 and we'd be willing to pay even more because it keeps all the food fresh in the refrigerator and houses everything we need overnight the Friday night before.

We sold \$4,000 in a shorter time period than in other years actually making this our best 1-day event thus far. Had we sold into the evening as mentioned above, this would have been an even greater success.

We would appreciate a big thank you in the next Nibbles if possible actually thanking all the volunteers that helped to make this day such a tremendous success for our club.



Found on Past President Jim's desk!!!:

Dear Jim and Kiwanis board -
What a wonderful celebration last night! I am so proud to be part of this Kiwanis Club, with 100 years of service to our community.
I was overwhelmed to receive the Member of the Year award, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.
The very best thing at the celebration was seeing Jim's pride and happiness that he shares with all of us. Bobbie



Kiwanian Bobbie Bernet recounted her adventures as a Peace Corps volunteer from '71 through '74 in Bahia (circle area below). Photos above show squatters area where she worked, and some of architecture. Right column: Peace Corps goals and statistics. She and Hans revisited in 2012 and found area completely changed.

The Goals of Peace Corps

1. To help the people of interested countries meet their need for trained men and women
2. To promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served
3. To promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans



Peace Corps - Wisconsin

As of February 2020, for the 4th year in a row, UW-Madison was #1 on the agency's list of top volunteer-producing colleges & universities.

As of February 2020, 79 UW-Madison alumni serving as Peace Corps Volunteers around the world an

Since 1961, 3,369 UW-Madison alumni have served as Peace Corps Volunteers.

Since 1961, 6,425 Wisconsinites have served as Peace Corps Volunteers

Main Street Monroe, Inc Named Quarterfinalist for America's Main Streets Contest in Celebration of Small Business

Support Main Street Monroe by voting online today!

Monroe, WI—The national small business movement, Independent We Stand, today announced the quarterfinalists, including Main Street Monroe, in the 2021 America's Main Streets "Road to Recovery" contest. As the backbone of our cities and towns, Main Streets play an important role in local economies and serve as community pillars, bringing people together when many have been apart. The economic vitality of Main Street Monroe is one way we will continue on the "Road to Recovery" in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Independent We Stand invites the public to take action and play a role in the survival of Main Streets by voting online for their favorite quarterfinalist and moving a deserving Main Street one step closer to the cash grand prize of \$25,000.

Main Street Monroe is a locally funded, volunteer driven 501(c)3 non-profit that handles community development in the historic district of downtown Monroe. Serving as an advocate for the downtown neighborhood, priorities include historic preservation, events, tourism, and, especially, small business assistance. It has been nationally accredited every year since 2015. As part of its Covid response efforts, Main Street Monroe has raised over \$120,000 for its businesses through LIVE! virtual shopping nights and a double dollars gift certificate program. Stores kept every penny while Main Street covered all processing and promotional fees. Another round of LIVE! shows are currently happening Main Street Monroe is currently in its 16th year.

To vote online for Main Street Monroe in the "America's Main Streets" contest please visit <https://www.mainstreetcontest.com/profile/42>

Semifinalist online voting begins November 15 and runs through December 12. The winner of the "America's Main Streets" contest will be announced December 20, 2021, with a celebration event tentatively scheduled for February 2022.

or more information on **Main Street Monroe** visit: www.mainstreetmonroe.org or contact **Jordan Nordby** at **608.328.4023** or monroemainstreet@tds.net.

THE NEW CHEESE DAYS logo and button which was unveiled Nov. 15 at a kickoff at the courthouse.

Yes Cheese days IS scheduled for 2022!!!



District iPad project still growing—Lynn Messer, the district signature project on autism chair, reports the following:

"Great news; We have reached 1,350 grants completed. Requests are continually flowing in and the supply chain has caused a slow down on the next order. I have placed another order last week because I am as of today I am down to 1 iPad left on the shelf. The order hopefully will be here within 4-6 weeks.

Who would have thought that this project would still be going full blast at this time of the project.

Thank you to all the clubs that are participating. So far pricing has remained the same."

Monroe club has donated in excess of a dozen iPads to deserving students!!!!

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Nov. 24— **WEDNESDAY**—Vicki McNett
With Thanksgiving blessing

Dec. 2—Sue with Stellar Rehab on
avoiding falls in the winter

Dec. 9—Don Reddin, FBI agent,
discussing the book he wrote

Dec. 16—Jeff Ditsenberger makes a
return visit, talking about T.U.G.S.

Dec. 23— Stacy Cavanaugh with our
Christmas blessing

Dec. 30—It's a 5th Thursday; so it will be
a New Year's Potluck party at Aster's
Upstairs Activity Room

*Monroe Kiwanis
Meets Thursday Noon
At Swiss Alps
On a weekly basis*



Kiwanis Youth Cabin, located on a 10-acre site on Youth Cabin Rd., has served children and adults with outdoor experiences since 1954.

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THANK YOU
for all the hours
of service you've
given to make the
world better.



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Board of Directors Meeting

Board meeting
1st Monday of Month
Woodford Bank