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Decatur Dairy Team, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Brodhead, was the Green Co. Fair Grand Champion this year with their Brick scoring 99.325. Shown following auction is Decatur Dairy's Steve Stettler with a Bank of Brodhead representative, which purchased the winning cheese. More details on Pages 6-9



REMINDER DATES

Watch next newsletter for a Master Cheesemaker story and photos of his visit to NHCC Membership meeting reminder on Wednesday, August 21. 5 PM at NHCC

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



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A HUGE thank you to our 2024 valued members, listed here:

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Stirring the kettle, With President Jim



Our big blow-out in Monroe is fast approaching. Mark Sept. 20-22 on your calendar! It's Cheese Days in Monroe. 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!

The tandem cyclists we hosted in July ride expensive machines. One couple from near Cleveland was riding a 1935 tubular steel model! Their fellow riders (shown below) had a new carbon fiber model: light and strong (it'll only set you back 15 grand!!!) WOW!!!



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On June 8, Director Deb assisted with Green County Tourism's "Cheese Passport" kick-off during the Beer, Bacon & Cheese Festival in New Glarus. Cheesy accessories provided by Green County Tourism. The Cheese Passport was an inspired marketing tool to encourage visitors to explore Green County. It was supported by a grant from Travel Wisconsin.





BIKING FOR CHEESE— Fritz Kopp presented the story of the Imobersteg Factory to the two Adventures in Tandem bike tour groups.

Below: Two separate bike tour groups from Adventures in Tandem toured NHCC on Wednesdays, July 10 and July 24. Riders were from Arizona, Oregon, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, and Texas. The ride organizer is Caren Bianco, standing.



Jim Glessner
was the docent
for the museum
for both
Wednesday
tours. Jim is
shown explaining the Swiss
cheese warm
aging cellar to
the bicycle
riders.





Cyclists Visit NHHC Twice over 2-week period

The Adventures in Tandem riders are ''mounting up''.

Caren Bianco's husband is enjoying one of the Center's picnic tables and checking the weather for the remainder of their ride.

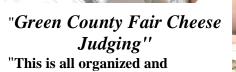


On July 25, Director Deb was concluding a tour in the Imobersteg Factory when these folks arrived on their ATVs. They are from Illinois and one couple stated that they had toured NHCC previously but it was refreshing to hear the tour from a different person.









completed before the fair even opens."





36 cheesemakers enter Fair Contest

Congratulations to all of our Cheesemakers for a great showing at the 2024 Green County Fair. There were 92 entries from 8 factories representing 36 cheesemakers. Decatur Dairy Team, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Brodhead, WI was the Grand Champion this year with their Brick scoring 99.325.

2024 Fair Judges--John Jaeggi, Dave Lensmire, Greg Kinate, Andrew Johnson



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LEFT: 2024 Grand Cham-

pion--John Jaeggi, Dave Lensmire, Steve Stettler, Decatur Cheesemaker Team, Greg Kinate, Andrew Johnson

BELOW: 2024 Contest Workers--Gina Mode, Steve Stettler, Dave Buholzer, John Jaeggi, Gary Grossen, Dave Lensmire, Greg Kinate, Andrew Johnson, Sierra Stettler, Glenda Buholzer, Mellisa Houfe



Over \$118,000 from Green Co. Fair Auction

By Gail Zeitler
Executive Director
The Foreign Type Cheesemaker's Assn.
d/b/a Precision Biolabs

The Foreign Type Cheesemaker's Association announces the results of the 2024 Green County Fair Cheese Contest & Auction. There were 27 bidders with a total Auction of \$118,157.50 on 80 pieces of cheese (a total of 364 pounds). The Grand Champion, 10# Brick made by Decatur Cheesemaker Team of Decatur Dairy, Brodhead, WI sold for \$635.00/pound for a total of \$6,350.00. Larse Trucking entered the highest bid per pound at \$755.00 for 4 Tubs of Odyssey Mediterranean Feta Dip. Regez Supply Co, Inc. was our largest purchaser at this year's auction followed by the Bank of Brodhead

Thanks go to Rena Koning, Joe Mellem, Dan Powers, Julene Elmer and Tammy Wirth for conducting an excellent auction. Alpine Slicing of Monroe, WI provided their services in cutting and packaging the cheese for auction.

Foreign Type is very proud of their Cheesemakers and the excellent cheese they produce. The cheese that was not sold at the auction (approximately 380 pounds) was donated to the Monroe and Green County Food Pantries for distribution in our communities.

The auction proceeds will support the United Way, the National Historic Cheesemaking Center, the Green County Fair, and other Dairy & Cheese related events selected by the Board over the next year.

Grand Champion: Decatur Cheesemaker Team, Decatur Dairy

Green County Fair

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1	Lot Name	Number	Name	Factory Name	Address	Name of Cheese	Score Place	-
Lot 1:	Cheddar						No Entry No Entry	
LOT 2:	Colby, Monterey Jack, Edam & Gouda	908	Tylan Saglam	Klondike Cheese, Inc. Monroe, WI	Monroe, WI	Buholzer Brothers Gouda	99,575	
LOT 2:	Colby, Monterey Jack, Edam & Gouda	939	Adam Buholzer	Klondike Cheese, Inc Monroe, WI	Monroe, WI	Buholzer Brothers Gouda	89.5	
LOT 2:	Colby, Monterey Jack, Edam & Gouda	932	Steve Buholzer	Klondike Cheese, Inc. Monroe, WI	Monroe, WI	Buholzer Brothers Gouda	98.4	
LOT 2:	Colby, Monterey Jack, Edam & Gouda	1007	Matt Henze	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Gouda	99.176	-
LOT 3	Swiss style cheese (Swiss, Baby Swiss)	840	Chalet Cheese Team	Chalet Cheese Co-op	Monroe, WI	Swiss 40# Block	99.45	
LOT 3	Swiss style cheese (Swiss, Baby Swiss)	1001	Matt Henze	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Golden Baby Swiss	99.25	
LOT 3	Swiss style cheese (8wiss, Baby Swiss)	833	Chalet Cheese Team	Chalet Cheese Co-op	Monroe, WI	Baby Swiss 40# Block	99.025	
LOT 3	Swiss style cheese (Swiss, Baby Swiss)	835	Chalet Cheese Team	Chalet Cheese Co-op	Monroe, WI	20# Swiss Wheel	98.275	
LOT 4:	Влск	1010	Decatur Cheesemaker Team	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Brick Cheese	99.325	
LOT 4:	Brick	933	Steve Buholzer	Klondike Cheese, Inc	Monroe, WI	Buholzer Brothers Brick	99,276	
LOT 4:	Brick	957	Steve Stettler	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Brick Cheese	99:175	
LOT 4:	Brick	938	Dave Buholzer	Klondike Cheese, Inc	Monroe, WI	Buholzer Brothers Brick	99.125 4	
LOT 5:	Muenster	958	Steve Stettler	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Muenster Cheese	99.575	
LOT 5:	Muenster	941	Steve Bechtolt	Klondike Cheese, Inc. Monroe, WI	Monroe, WI	Buhoizer Brothers Muenster	99.325	
LOT S:	Muenster	934	Steve Buholzer	Kiondike Cheese, Inc Monroe, WI	Monroe, WI	Buholzer Brothers Muenster	99.225	
LOT S:	Mueneter	1011	Decatur Cheesemaker Team	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Muenster Cheese	99,175 4	
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LOT 6:	Havarti	922	Tom Schultz	Klondike Cheese, Inc Monroe, WI	Monroe, WI	Buholzer Brothers Havarti	99,325 1	
LOT 8:	Havarti	1004	Matt Henze	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Havarti Cheese	99.025	
LOT 6:	Havarti	921	Tylan Saglam	Klondike Cheese, Inc	Monroe, WI	Buholzer Brothers Havarti	8	
LOT 6:	Havarti	944	Steve Stettler	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Havarti Cheese	98.925 4	
LOT 7:	Latin American Style	268	Andy Rufener	V&V Supremo Foods	Arena, WI	Chihuahua Quesadilla	99,375	
1017:	Latin American Style	796	Mark Boelk	V&V Supremo Foods Browntown, WI	Browntown, WI	Chihuahua	99.025	
LOT 7:	Latin American Style	793	Justin Blazeski	V&V Supremo Foods	Browntown, WI	Chihuahua	98.979	



Inc., Brick, 99.325

Judges: Terry Lensmire, Greg Kinate, John Jaeggi, Andrew Johnson

Cheese Scores

Latin American Style		90	Zach Hagen	V&V Supremo Foods	Browntown, WI	Chihuahua	88.875
Fresh Cheese Curd	urd	1006	Matt Henze	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	DIII & Garlic Cheese Curd	8.99.8
Fresh Cheese Curd	pin	945	Matt Henze	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	White Cheese Curd	99.675
Fresh Cheese Curd	pin	1005	Matt Henze	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	White Cheese Curd	99.65
Fresh Cheese Curd	pin	1014	Decatur Cheesemaker Team	n Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Herb & Garlic Cheese Curd	99.525
		924	Tom Salzwedel	Klondike Cheese, Inc	Monroe, WI	Odyssey Feta	99.625
		885	Ricardo Gutierrez	Hoard's Dairy Farm	Fort Atkinson, WI		99.476
		434	Anna Landmark	Landmark Creamery	Belleville, WI	Fontina	99,425
		927	Kristi Wuthrich	Klondike Cheese, Inc Monroe, WI	Monroe, WI	Odyssey Feta	99.375
d Natura	Flavored Natural Cheese	937	Luke Buholzer	Klondike Cheese, Inc	Monroe, WI	Buholzer Brothers Dill Havarti	277.58
Flavored Natural Cheese	Cheese	930	Amanda Gutzmer	Klondike Cheese, Inc	Monroe, WI	Odyssey Mediterranean Herb Feta	99,75
Flavored Natural Cheese	Cheese	923	Tom Schultz	Klondike Cheese, Inc	Monroe, WI	Buholzer Brothers Dill Havarti	99.725
ed Natura	Flavored Natural Cheese	1135	Steve Stettler	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Dill Havarti	99.675
		- 1	400	Fmmi Roth USA	Monroe, WI	Roth Grand Cru Reserve Cheese Wheel	99.575
Smear		048		Monroe W	Monroe. WI	Limburger 6/60z	98.975
Smear		847	Chalet Cheese Team	Chalet Cheese Team Chalet Cheese Co-op	Monroe, WI	German Brick	98.825
				Monte Chance Coon Montes. W	Monroe. WI	Le Bec 6/6oz	98.75
Smear	2	839	Chalet Cheese Team	1 1			
Smoked							No Entry No Entry
er Flavore	Penner Flavored Natural Cheese	841	Ben Workman	V&V Supremo Foods	Browntown, WI	Jalapeno Flavored Chihuahua	99.575
r Flavore	Pepper Flavored Natural Cheese	805	Neal Swartz	V&V Supremo Foods	Browntown, WI	Jalapeno Flavored Chihuahua	99.525
r Flavore	Penner Flavored Natural Cheese	931	Matt Erdley	Klondike Cheese, Inc	Monroe, WI	Odyssey Sweet Heat Feta	99.075
r Flavor	Pepper Flavored Natural Cheese	794	Justin Blazeski	V&V Supremo Foods	Browntown, WI	Jalapeno Flavored Chihuahua	99.025
Cold Packs & Spreads	Spreads	956	Steve Stettler	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Colby Swiss Spread	99.75
Cold Packs & Spreads	Spreads	959	Steve Stettler	Decatur Dairy, Inc.	Brodhead, WI	Stettler Swiss Spread	98.9
Cold Packs & Spreads	Spreads	940	Adam Buholzer	Klondike Cheese, Inc	Monroe, WI	Odyssey Mediterranean Feta Dip	99.375
Cold Packs & Spreads	Spreads	435	Anna Landmark	Landmark Creamery	Belleville, WI	Fromage Blanc, mixed cow & sheep spreadable cheese	98.4





Directors Deb and Deb took a road trip on July 11, to visit area cheese factories along Hwy. 11 between Monroe and the Dickeyville Grotto & Shrines. Photos are from Roelli Cheese, Shullsburg. Master Cheesemaker, Chris Roelli, explained the action in the "make room" when they looked into the factory through the observation window. They were making blocks of cheddar for deep fried cheese curds for the Lafayette County fair.





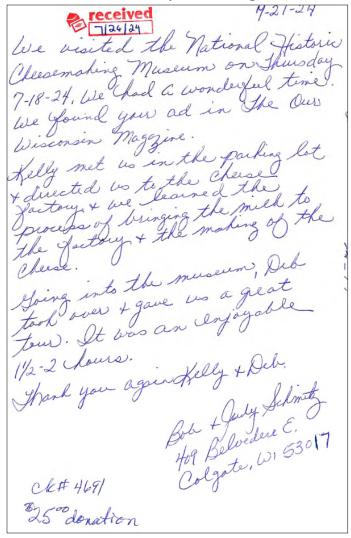
What in the world are these items shown below???????





Recently, NHCC has received emails with photos of unidentified equipment found on dairy farms that also made cheese. Thus far, we have not confirmed that these pieces are related to cheesemaking. Can you help? Please respond to us at: nhccmuseum@gmail.com or call 608.325.4636.

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NHCC placed a 1/4 page ad in the April/May issue of Our Wisconsin Magazine. We joined in the fun to have readers send in entries for the magazine's "Where's the W?" contest. We are notified of the contest winner assigned to NHCC and we send out a box of cheese valued at \$100. The yellow highlighted section above announces that Susan Turner Therling of Spring Green won the box of cheese. The lower photo appeared in the August/September issue. The National Historic Cheesemaking Center was mentioned in three consecutive issues of the magazine! That's putting our marketing dollars to good use, wouldn't you say?

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Cheese socks in the Gile Cheese shop in Cuba City. Where can we get some of these for The Milk House Gift Shop at NHCC?



NATIONAL HISTORIC CHEESEMAKING CENTER MINUTES of June 19, 2024

<u>Members present</u>: Fritz Kopp, Henry Tschanz, Ken Klassey, Millie Stauffer, Jim Glessner, Dave Buholzer, Gary Grossen, Deb Myers, Deb Briggs, Anita Huffman

<u>Call to Order</u>: President Jim called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report for 5/19 was shared and approved. Motion by Henry, second by Fritz. C.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: The profit and loss statement January through May was shared. Motion to approve by Ken, second by Dave. C.

Deb M. has been doing electronic bill payment with the Woodford Bank as the bills come in.

The option of passing on transaction fees for credit card usage to customers was discussed and it was decided that no changes will be made at this time.

<u>Director's Report</u>: NHCC is receiving two grants from the Community Foundation at their June24 Open House at their offices.

The Center has already had visitors from 25 states in May.

Committee Reports:

- Archival/Display: Nothing new to report
- •Building & Grounds: Fritz pointed out how nice the grounds look now with the landscaping.

Restoration of copper kettles on the front lawn discussion.

It was also noted that painting of the depot must be accomplished by the end of the year to use grant funding.

- •Sunshine/Sympathy: Millie has sent 11 get well and 4 sympathy cards since her last report.
- •Website: Deb B. noted that Computer Know How will present a proposal to change the website domain to nhccmuseum.org. They will also propose the cost to transfer the website to CKH and host the website.

Unfinished Business:

Jim, Deb B., and Deb M. will attend the Community Foundation award ceremony on June 24 and invite anyone else interested to also attend.

New Business:

- NHCC has received a 5-Star Google review.
- •There was a discussion about being open on Mother's Day and Father's Day in 2025. It was determined that if the Balloon Rally is again on Father's Day weekend, the Center should be open on Sunday. But it was decided that it will again be closed on Mother's Day.
- •It was noted that Henry will be celebrating his 90th birthday at the end of June.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM. Motion by Fritz, second by Millie. C.

Respectfully submitted: Anita Huffman, Secretary





NHCC Hours:

National Historic 10-3 AUGUST 2024 Cheesemaking Center Thursday - Sunday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	We are grateful f available	grateful for <u>any</u> hours available to volunteer.	or <u>any</u> hours you are to volunteer.	-	Peggy K 2	Fritz K 10-12:30 3
,	Choose from Let us kn	Choose from: 10-3,11-2,10-12:30,12:30-3 Let us know what works for you.	2:30,12:30-3 for you.	Charlotte H	Charlotte H	Greefer
4	5	9		7	Fritz K 10-12:30 9	10
Docent Mary F				Deb H Jeanne S	Docent Matt F	Rudy Kaderly Deb M
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Lynn L 10:30-3 Margo I 10:30-3				Kelly H Deb M	Jim G Jeanne S	John M Diane K
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Fritz K Barb K				Donna B 10-12:30 Ruth T 12:30-3	Docent Mary Ann S _{12:30-3}	Jim G Charlotte H
Docent Docent	26	27	28		Lynn L 10-12:3030 Jim G 12:30-3	Fritz K 10-12:3031 Docent
Greeter				Diane P 10-12:30	Ruth T 10-12:30	Cleelel
NOTES		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	Φ -	Email: nhccmuseum@gmail.com Deb B off – Aug 30-Sep 1 Deb M off – Aug 13, Aug 27-28		Lunch break? Let us treat you to lunch or bring your lunch. A refrigerator and microwave are available.
	We	We may have suggestions of volunteers to call.	ions of			

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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.

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