



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
**OAKFIELD**

Our Roots Run Deep - Our Branches Stretch Far

# The Oakfield Difference

February 2024

Oakfield School District, 250 E. Church St., Oakfield, WI 53065



## Senior Spotlight - Andrew Kintzler

**Future Career?**

Farmer or Equipment Operator

**Favorite High School Memory?**

Junior Prom

**Favorite Teacher?** Mr. McCarty

**What Will You Miss Most?**

Going out to eat after games.

**Favorite Quote:** "Life's a garden, dig it, you make it work for ya."



## Beater of the Month - Keira Marchenkuski

**Years you have owned it:** A Year

**Nickname:** Hank

**Special Features?** Has automatic start and the noise

**Favorite Feature?** My watermelon sticker on the back

**Favorite Memory?** Layla and I slipping trying to get to fuji and almost died



## Middle School Student of the Month - Caleb Fisher

**Favorite Teacher?** Mrs. Newhouse

**Favorite Subject?** Gym

**Favorite Sport?** Baseball

**Favorite Color?** Green

**If you could have a superpower, what would it be?** Invisibility

## 4K AND 5K REGISTRATION

Registration is for 4K/5K children not already enrolled at Oakfield Elementary. Children must be 4 or 5 on or by September 1, 2024 to be eligible for enrollment in the 2024-2025 school year.



## FULL DAY 4K & 5K - 5 DAYS A WEEK

Stop at Oakfield Elementary during these times:

Thursday, February 15th  
12:30 PM - 7:00 PM

OR

Wednesday, February 28th  
12:30 PM - 6:30 PM

4K/5K tours will be available for families

- Registration paperwork completed onsite
- Birth certificates & immunization records are needed for registration

The above will also be covered at our Future Oaks Night.

**Non-Residents will need to complete open enrollment application. Find info on our school website.**

For questions or unable to attend & want to register, please contact Oakfield Elementary at (920) 583-3146.

## DO YOU HAVE A CHILD AGES 2 ½ TO 4 ½?

Please join us for future Oaks Night on February 28th!

We will read a story together, make a craft, and participate in other fun activities. Your child will receive a t-shirt and a book to help them remember this special event. Parents will be asked to complete a questionnaire about your child's development and will have the opportunity to talk with school staff about any concerns you may have.

4:30 - 5:30 Ages 2½ to 3½

6:00 - 7:00 Ages 3½ to 4½

Call the elementary school office for more information:  
920-583-3146

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## Dates to Know

Spring Break March 25-29, 2024

No School

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# Message From Mr. Brown



February and March are busy times in schools. We will be having students register for the 2024-2025 school year, Junior students will take the ACT test, Freshmen and Sophomores the Pre-ACT and middle school the Forward Exam.

-All students in grades 6-10 and 12 will have a 100% virtual learning day on Tuesday March 12, 2024 for the ACT Test

-All students in grades 6-8, 11-12 will have a 100% virtual learning day on April 9, 2024 for the Pre-ACT Test.

We are also in the midst of finalizing plans for the 2024-2025 school year. Next year's school calendar will be finalized once the state determines when schools can begin for the 2024-25 school year. The course selection and master schedule process is also underway.

Students in grades 8-11 will be completing the course selections for the 2024-2025 school year. Course selection materials have been distributed in classes and will be collected late-February.

Please feel free to reach out with anything I can help you with. I am available directly at (920) 583-3958 or [tbrown@oakfield.k12.wi.us](mailto:tbrown@oakfield.k12.wi.us).

Timothy J. Brown

### Dates to know

**March 11:** School Board Meeting 5:30 @ MS/HS Library

**March 12:** Junior ACT Test: 100% virtual classes for students in grades 6-10, 12

**March 25 - 29:** Spring Break

**April 5, 6, 7:** Spring Musical: Beauty and the Beast @ OES

**April 6 and 7:** FFA Alumni Toy Show: MS/HS

**April 9:** Grade 9 and 10 Pre-ACT Test: 100% virtual classes for students in grades 6-8; 11-12.

### End of Year Dates to Know

**Saturday, April 13:** Prom: The Rock in Waupun

**Tuesday, April 16:** Trailways Honors Banquet

**Wednesday, April 17:** National Honor Society Induction Ceremony: MS/HS: Time 7:00pm

**Sunday, April 28:** Oakfield Lions Pancake Breakfast

**Friday, May 10:** MS Spring Dance

**Wednesday, May 15:** 7:00 Senior Awards Night

**Sunday-Monday, May 19 and 20:** Senior Trip

**Wednesday, May 22:** High School Spring Band and Choir Concert: MS/HS Gym 7:00

**Wednesday, May 29:** Middle School Spring Band and Choir Concert: MS/HS Gym 7:00

**Friday, June 7:** Graduation MS/HS Gym 7:00

# Message from Mrs. Doyle



February, March, and April is the best stretch of learning that happens at Oakfield Elementary School. Students know the routines and expectations, teachers know the students' learning styles and needs in depth, and our school is like a well oiled machine by now. However, these three months are also months that we need to dig deep as learners, educators, and parents. The long winter months have set in and we need to persevere through it together. These are a few tips shared with families at recent Parent/Teacher Conferences or Breakfast and a Good Book Programs.

1. Boost your child's self-esteem through words and actions
2. Limit screen time and access to the world on social media or online
3. Make time for your kids at home
4. Set limits and be consistent with your discipline
5. Be a positive role model
6. Make communication a priority
7. Be flexible and willing to adjust your parenting style
8. Show that your love is unconditional
9. Know your own needs and limitations as a parent

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/nine-steps.html>

If you are struggling with routines at home, emotions, or other challenges please don't hesitate to reach out to our substitute school counselor, Hannah Verhunce [hverhunce@oakfield.k12.wi.us](mailto:hverhunce@oakfield.k12.wi.us), your child's teacher, or me, Becky Doyle [bdoyle@oakfield.k12.wi.us](mailto:bdoyle@oakfield.k12.wi.us). We are all in this together and have watched this process with 100s of children, so we have ideas to share and ways to reinforce these skills. This is one of the many perks of a small school district like Oakfield.

Lastly, Oakfield School District is gearing up for the 2024 - 2025 school year. We ask families to spread the word about the great things happening at Oakfield Elementary as it may be a school that your families and/or friends want to consider for their child. Our full day, 5 day a week 4K Program has been a huge success for our youngest learners. They are growing leaps and bounds with the consistency and exposure to the new structure of the program. Please direct them to the district website for additional information on registration and our schools.

<https://www.oakfield.k12.wi.us/district/openenrollment.cfm>

Mrs. Doyle  
-Oakfield Elementary Principal



# Message from Ms. Conners



## “Our Roots Run Deep - Our Branches Stretch Far.”

### **Discover Exciting Opportunities: Open Enrollment at the School District of Oakfield**

The School District of Oakfield welcomes families to explore the enriching educational opportunities available through our open enrollment program. With a commitment to academic excellence, innovative programs, and a newly renovated Middle School/High School facility, Oakfield is poised to provide an exceptional learning environment for students of all ages.

### **A Fresh Perspective: Newly Renovated Middle School/High School**

Our recently renovated Middle School/High School facility stands as a testament to our dedication to providing top-notch educational spaces for our students. With modern classrooms, state-of-the-art technology, and updated amenities, students have the resources they need to thrive academically and personally.

### **Early Learning Excellence: Full Day 4-Year-Old Kindergarten**

At Oakfield, we believe in laying a strong foundation for our youngest learners. Our Full Day 4-Year-Old Kindergarten program offers a nurturing environment where children can explore, learn, and grow. With certified educators and a curriculum designed to spark curiosity and creativity, we ensure that every child receives the best possible start to their educational journey.

### **High Achievements Across the Board: Elementary and Middle Schools**

Our Elementary and Middle Schools consistently achieve high academic standards, providing students with a comprehensive education that fosters critical thinking, collaboration, and a love for learning. With dedicated teachers, engaging curriculum, and a supportive community, students at Oakfield have the opportunity to excel academically and personally.

### **Pathways to Success: School-to-Work Opportunities**

Oakfield recognizes the importance of preparing students for success beyond the classroom. That's why we offer a range of school-to-work opportunities at the high school level. From Aquacultural Studies to Welding Certification, Introduction to Construction, and Manufacturing, students have the chance to explore diverse career pathways and gain valuable hands-on experience that prepares them for the workforce or further education.

### **Join Our Community of Learners**

At Oakfield, we believe that every student deserves a chance to thrive and succeed. Through open enrollment, families have the opportunity to become part of our vibrant community of learners, where academic excellence, innovation, and individual growth are celebrated.

Join us at the School District of Oakfield and embark on a journey of discovery, achievement, and endless possibilities. Enroll today and unlock the doors to a brighter future for your child.

Apply here: <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

Come Join Us,  
Tracey Conners  
District Administrator  
School District of Oakfield



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# Oakfield Give from the Heart

**By Karen Albert,  
Physical Education Teacher, OES**

Students at Oakfield Elementary School participated in Kids' Heart Challenge again this year as part of their physical education classes. Kids' Heart Challenge, or KHC, is centered around rope jumping and heart health education while raising funds for the American Heart Association. Oakfield Elementary School had their best year ever, raising \$7,879.65. The Oakfield families and community continue to give generously from their hearts!

Kids Heart Challenge was created by the American Heart Association to raise funds for the AHA by raising awareness of the health-risks associated with heart disease. Many families are affected by heart disease and stroke. With increased education, hopefully these health concerns can be reduced. Students are taught the importance of healthy habits such as moving more, avoiding sugary drinks by drinking more water, getting enough exercise, breathing clean air and getting enough sleep as well as the importance of being kind. Not only are they focusing on their physical well-being, but also on their social-emotional health as well. Classes were able

to earn an extra PE class time by having 60% or more sign up online. Miss Litterick's 2nd graders enjoyed an extra day of tag games. In addition, classes were able to earn Amazon gift cards by having 50% of the class sign up online and at least 3 students complete Finn's Mission. Classes earning that reward were Mrs. Narges' Kindergarten, Mrs. Zuehlke's and Mrs. Lindsley's 1st grade, Mrs. Boruch's and Ms. Litterick's 2nd grades, Mr. Olson's and Mrs. Pinno's 3rd grades, Ms. Pollpeter's 4th grade and Ms. Sabel's 5th grade.

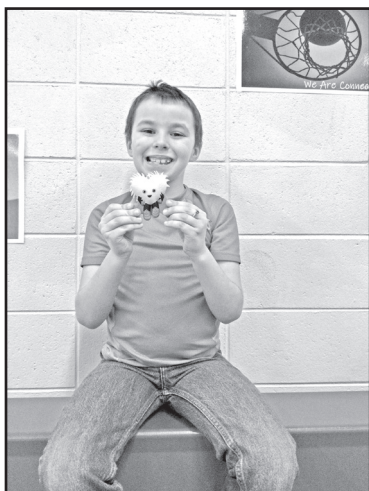
Students also had some incentive prizes for signing up early and completing Finn's Mission. The mission involved learning about hands-only CPR as well as warning signs of a stroke. Forty Oakfield students and families watched videos and learned more about skills that could help save a life! Weekly drawing prize-winners for early online registration, winning "Buster" were Wyatt J., Bryson S. and Cayson S. Those winners of the "Avocado Warmie" for completing Finn's Mission were Ella H., Macie R. and Gabbi S. While fundraising was optional, many students took the opportunity to raise money for the AHA. Top fundraisers were Warren Haseman (\$611.97), Jack Hopkins

(\$545.25), Braycen Mulhern (\$501.98), Connor Carus (\$386.10), Miley Mueller (\$358.19), Alex Rumbuc (\$307.00), Davis Hintz (\$300.00), Charlotte Collies (\$282.29), Gabbi Strands (\$253.19), Ivy Taillefer (\$212.13) and Cole Schwoch (200.00). Those raising between \$199 and \$100 include: Conner Tyner, Brianna Kunsman, Brynlee Roen, Emery Berndt, Brynn Jacob, Olivia Weninger, Natalie Bruno, Renee Holl, Ashton Geidel, Willow Schwoch, Gannon Marks, Garrett Marks, Macie Roberts, Adalyn Roberts, Amelia Peterson, Bryson Schmeihil, Tyson Wessel, Sawyer Wessel, Noah Poindexter, Liv Poindexter, Fenelope Uttendorfer and Bianca Uttendorfer.

Students were able to earn instant prizes for their fund-raising efforts. In addition, door prizes were given out in each class. Jumping contests were also held throughout the event, giving students the opportunity to compete and showcase their jumping skills. A leaderboard was also created for long rope jumping at each grade level. Prizes for students raising \$15 or more have been ordered and are expected to arrive before Spring Break at the end of March. Thank you to the Oakfield community for your generous support of the Kids' Heart Challenge!



Students are enjoying jumping rope with classmates during PE class and Kids Heart Challenge.



Bryson, Wyatt and Cayson are all smiles after winning the drawings for "Buster" just for signing up online for KHC!

Ella and Macie love their new "Avacado Warmies" that they won for completing Finn's Heart Mission as part of Kid's Heart Challenge.

## OES January Wall of Fame



## Alumni Pep Band



Ten Alumni-type adults participated in a combined pep band performance on Friday, February 9th! Current and former students collectively performed peppy “staples” like Onward Oakfield, Let’s Go Oaks, and Louie, Louie. Former students also stepped out of their comfort zone by performing Danger Zone from the Top Gun movies. The alumni added the following instruments to our band – 2 flutes, 1 clarinet, 3 alto saxophones, 1 tenor saxophone, 1 snare drum, and 1 bass drum. Our parent member performed on piccolo! Our alumni graduated as far back as 1997 (which seems old to the current students) and we had ten different graduating classes participating in the performance.

THANK YOU to the alumni who took time out of their schedules to participate in this event and encourage our current band members! THANKS to the current band students who adapted to the change and embraced the renewed budding musicianship of the alumni! If you would like to be added to Mrs. Mohr’s contact list for future events, please email her at [bmohr@oakfield.k12.wi.us](mailto:bmohr@oakfield.k12.wi.us).



## Good Luck Austin at State

## Harmsen Wins Sectionals Qualifies for State



Freshman Austin Harmsen. 126 is heading to state for Wrestling!

He put up a 9-2 decision the the quarter-finals, a 5-2 decision in the semi-finals, and then recorded a pin while leading 4-0 in the finals to claim the sectional championship.

In the finals, Austin registered his 42nd win breaking the school single-season record of 41 held by Ross Ellison. Austin will now wrestle in the WIAA Individual State Tournament.

## FFA News

Starting on January 19th and going through February 21st, the Oakfield FFA has been having their annual strawberry sale, where FFA members sold strawberries from The Florida Farm Bureau. The strawberries will be in and available for pickup or delivery sometime in the week of March 11th. We would like to thank everyone who has sold or purchased

strawberries, your support is greatly appreciated! Monday, February 19th, was the beginning of National FFA week. Throughout the week, students participated in dress up days and competitions, and ended the week with an assembly to celebrate FFA week! The Oakfield FFA is also hosting donkey basketball this year on March 9th, where there will be four different

teams competing. Tickets are available online or at the Oakfield High School office, as well as t-shirts, which are being sold online. The link for the t-shirts can be found on the Oakfield FFA facebook page!

- Rhyan Vielbig,  
Oakfield FFA Reporter 2023-24

## ★ ★ ★ High School Students of the Month ★ ★ ★

### Senior

### Aly Lamonska

‘She is an exceptionally bright student. She comes to class fully prepared and engages with everyone in her class kindly! In addition, she made her college decision, which is a crazy tough decision. Aly is a delight to have in class. She has challenged herself to take several difficult courses this year, and has risen to the occasion! I appreciate the leadership, work-ethic, and great sense of humor she brings to school every single day!’

### Junior

### Kaiya Demoske

‘She is a quiet student who does not shy away from hard work. She’s always motivated to get things done.’

### Sophomore

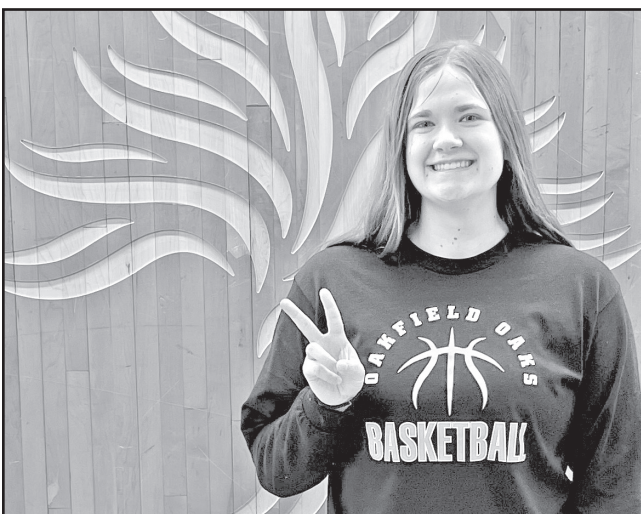
### Hailey Rothering

‘Hailey is absolutely killing it in class. She has dedicated herself to become an academic weapon, and she knows how to advocate.’

### Freshman

### Oscar Arellano

‘Oscar is always in a great mood when he enters the classroom, he also works extremely hard, and always participates!’





# Cupid's Couples



**Layla and Mitchell**

**Shipname:**

Myla

**Favorite Memory Together?**

Going to watch the christmas lights together

**How did you meet?**

School

**First date?**

We went to culvers

**What is your significant other's favorite restaurant?**

Layla's = Fuji Yummy

Mitchell's = Culvers

**Favorite things to do together?**

Watch movies or go out to eat



**Mekena and Andy**

**Shipname:**

Mandrew

**Favorite Memory Together?**

Cow tipping together

**How did you meet?**

Andys truck got stuck in the snow and I had to pull him out

**First date?**

Cow palace at the state fair

**What is your significant other's favorite restaurant?**

Andrew's = KFC

Mekena's = Texas Roadhouse

**Favorite things to do together?**

Staring contest with cow



**Keria and Tysen**

**Shipname:**

Teira

**Favorite Memory Together?**

When we went camping and \$70 on mozzarella sticks

**How did you meet?**

School

**First date?**

We went to B-dubs

**What is your significant other's favorite restaurant?**

Keira's = Fuji Yummy

Tysen's = McDonalds

**Favorite things to do together?**

Relax and watch movies

## One School, One Book

Oakfield Elementary School was privileged to be able to offer the school wide program "One School, One Book" for the third year in a row. Every staff member and family in the elementary school were given a copy of the book "The Water Horse". Each night staff and families were assigned pages to read. The next day at school, teachers discussed the book with the students, played

trivia games, created art projects, discussed vocabulary and had fun learning together. Each night students were able to connect with their siblings and families in a meaningful way.

We kicked off this year's event by discovering a mysterious object in our school... it turned out to be a Water Horse egg! We watched the Water Horse on the bulletin board grow and change along with the story. We also had a scavenger hunt around the school, kids each received a special Water Horse sticker, and some lucky winners got Water Horse bookmarks. On the last day of the event, students and staff watched The Water Horse movie at school and compared the book and movie.

This project was an overwhelming success and staff, students, and families were all so excited about reading! We would like to thank our sponsor, The Oakfield PTO, for making this event possible.



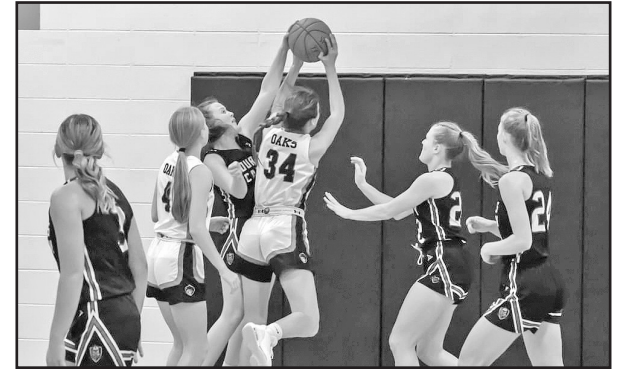
## High School Spring Sport Season

- Track & Field** Practice Start: March 4, 2024  
Game Start: March 12, 2024  
State: May 31- June 1, 2024
- Softball** Practice Start: March 11, 2024  
Game Start: March 19, 2024  
State: June 6-8, 2024
- Baseball** Practice Start: March 18, 2024  
Game Start: March 26, 2024  
State: June 10-13, 2024
- Golf** Practice Start: March 25, 2024  
Game Start: March 28, 2024  
State: June 3-4, 2024
- Boys Tennis** Practice Starts: March 25, 2024  
Matches Start: March 29, 2024  
State: June 7-8, 2024
- G. Soccer** Practice Start: March 18, 2024  
Game Start: March 26, 2024  
State: June 13-15, 2024
- Trap** Season: March thru May
- Theater** Season: February thru April

## Middle School Spring Sport Season

- MS Volleyball**  
Practice Starts: February 7th, 2024  
Matches Start: February 15th, 2024
- MS Wrestling**  
Practice Starts: February 20, 2024  
Matches Start: February 28, 2024
- MS Baseball**  
Practice Starts: March 27th, 2024  
Game Start: Early April , 2024
- MS Softball**  
Practice Starts: March 28th, 2024  
Game Start: Early April
- MS Tr & FD**  
Practice Start: March 28, 2024  
Game Start: Early April
- MS Trap**  
Practice Start: March-Early May

## Girls Basketball



### Interview with Head Coach Heather Justmann

**How do you think your team is doing so far in the season?**

With a 19-3 record, I think we are doing great! I'm very proud of this group of girls. They sure have been working hard.

**Who do you think is being a really big leader on the team this year?**

Every year, I look to the Seniors to step up and be the driving force for the team. Not only in games, but in practice as well. I think both Stella and Aly have done a great job making sure the players are ready and that they are meeting coaches expectations.

**Is there anything that surprised you this year?**

I have been pleasantly surprised with this team and the ball movement on offense. This team looks so good when they move the ball. It's fun to watch.

**What are your goals/goal for the season?**

I think it's always a coach's goal to go as far as you can with a team. This team is so talented, that the goal for all of us is to get to state.

**Are there any highlights of this season?**

Stella getting her 1000th point. That was so great to be a part of. She works so hard, it was very well deserved.



## Powerlifting



Oakfield's Powerlifting team started last year and just a few students competed in a meet then. This year is much different, with 10 kids competing. There have been 3 meets so far, and here is each lifter's best meet. The WHSPA State meet is on March 2-3. (Some lifters might compete more than others due to state qualification).

**Marissa Kottke** attained a 645lb total (215lb squat, 115lb bench, 315lb deadlift) and earned 2nd in the 132lb Varsity weightclass at Laconia. State qualifier.

**Bailey Schepp** attained a 970lb total (365lb squat, 195lb bench, 410 deadlift) and earned 1st in the 148lb Varsity weightclass at Laconia. State qualifier.

**Treyden Marchenkuski** attained a 1,125lb total (430lb squat, 220lb bench, 475lb deadlift) and earned 2nd in the 165lb Varsity weightclass at Laconia. State qualifier.

**Olivia Vielbig** attained a 390lb total (140lb squat, 65lb bench, 185lb deadlift) and earned 4th in the 123lb Junior Varsity weightclass at Winneconne.

**Lainey Schepp** attained a 540lb total (195lb squat, 100lb bench, 245lb deadlift) and earned 5th in the 123lb Varsity weightclass at Winneconne. State qualifier.

**Noah Patterson** attained a 945lb total (315lb squat, 200lb bench, 435lb deadlift) and earned 2nd in the 148lb Varsity weightclass at Winneconne. State qualifier.

**Ava Lamb** attained a 410lb total (140lb squat, 75lb bench, 195lb deadlift) and earned 1st in the 114lb Junior Varsity weightclass at Neenah.

**Lennon Rauls** attained 1030lb total (375lb squat, 250lb bench, 405lb deadlift) and earned 1st in the 198lb Junior Varsity weightclass at Neenah.

**Ashton Hanke** attained 850lb total (305lb squat, 190lb bench, 355lb deadlift) and earned 2nd in the 220lb Junior Varsity weightclass at Neenah.

**Connor Rauls** attained 905lb total (350lb squat, 225lb bench, 330lb deadlift) and earned 8th in the 181lb Varsity weightclass at Neenah.



## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast with The Oakfield Firefighters

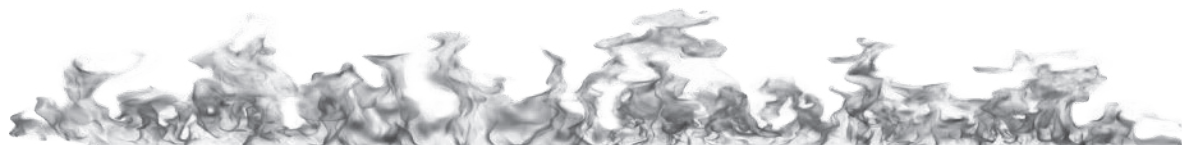
Sunday, February 25, 2024  
Oakfield Community Center/Firehouse

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Prices: 3 years and under Free  
4 - 12 years of age \$5.00  
13 years and over \$10.00



We will be serving scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, applesauce, doughnuts, orange juice, coffee and milk (ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST)



- \* Coloring contest for the children
- \* The McGruff Crime Dog may be making an appearance
- \* Come out and support your Oakfield Fire Department



Sponsored by the Oakfield Firemen's Auxiliary

## Blood Drive

Oakfield Community Blood Drive  
Oakfield Community Center  
Main St., Oakfield, Wi. 53065

Friday, March 1, 2024  
12:30 PM to 5:30 PM

For an appointment, please go to the Red Cross Website or call Karen @ 920-579-0266.

The RED CROSS IS EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY. YOUR BLOOD DONATION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME.

## Oakfield NHS Technology Help

On March 10th Oakfield High School NHS will be hosting technology help for anyone that is interested and feels they need help. This will be held at Oakfield High School commons from 2-4 PM. Bring in your electronic devices (smartphones, tablets etc) that you want help with and we will be more than willing to help you.



### General Mill Box Tops is DIGITAL

Box Tops is a program that the Oakfield Elementary School has participated in for years to earn funds for the library.

*"All progress takes place outside the comfort zone."*

- Michael John Bobak



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## Oakfield FFA Donkey Basketball



Date: Saturday March 9th

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Oakfield MS/HS Gym

Event Sponsored By:  
Oakfield Elevator

Come Watch Local "Celebrity" Donkey Jockeys try to ride real, live Donkeys!

### Games

#### Elimination Game 1:

Key Club & NHS vs. OHS Staff

#### Elimination Game 2:

FFA vs. FFA Alumni

#### Championship

### How to get Tickets?

Tickets are available for pre orders online or at the district office for \$7.00, or \$12.00 at the door.

*Preschool Free!* Rides at halftime for children under the age of 5! (Children must be accompanied by an Adult.)

For an online pre-order please use the QR code below:

### Thank you to our Sponsors!

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TICKETS



**School District of Oakfield**

**OPEN ENROLLMENT**

**February 5th - April 30th**



**Special Board Meeting  
(Thursday, December 28, 2023)**

Generated by Heather Bradwin-Haseman on  
Wednesday, January 3, 2024

**1. Introduction**

Procedural: A. Call to Order

President Dercks called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: C. Roll Call

Present: Paul Dercks, Angie Patterson, Jessica Shepherd, John Totz, Tim Wiese, Sal Arellano

Absent: Heidi Kopf

Staff: Tracey Conners, Tim Brown, Jackie Hungerford, Heather Bradwin-Haseman

Other: Jenna Rousseau, Rose van der Zwan, Tom Bijl

Procedural: D. Board Mission Statement

**2. Discussion Items**

Discussion: A. Discussion regarding proposal from Lomira for land swap

Discussed Lomira School District option to swap land parcels with the owners of the proposed parcels, Rose van der Zwan and Tom Bijl. All involved would like to see the parcels swapped be equitable in regards to kid count and tax. Looked at another parcel, owned by the Bijl's to possibly ask Lomira if they would land swap with the parcel where the Bijl's farm house sits, this parcel has more equity and possible kid count. Board will be looking for action for counter proposal to Lomira.

**3. Adjourn into Closed Session**

Action: A. Move to adjourn into closed session to discuss and take possible action regarding land dispute according to state statute 19.85 (l)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which It Is or is likely to become involved.

Recommended Action: Move to adjourn into closed session according to state statute 19.85 (l)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation In which it is or Is likely to become involved.

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mr. Totz moved to adjourn into closed session at 4: 12 p.m. to discuss and take possible action regarding land dispute according to state statute 19.85 (l)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or Is likely to become involved. Motion carried 6/0/1

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mrs. Patterson moved to adjourn the closed session into open session. Motion carried 6/0/1

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mr. Totz moved to propose to Lomira School District the parcel the Bijl Farm sits on in exchange for the 2 parcels in dispute (Parcel 028-1316-0114-000 and 028-1316-0114-001). Motion carried 6/0/1

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mrs. Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried 6/0/1

**Regular Board Meeting  
(Monday, January 22, 2024)**

Generated by Heather Bradwln-Haseman on  
Wednesday, January 24, 2024

**1. Introduction**

Procedural: A. Call to Order

President Dercks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: C. Roll Call

Present: Paul Dercks, Angie Patterson, Heidi Kopf, Jessica Shepherd, John Totz, Sal Arellano

Absent: Tim Wiese

Staff: Tracey Conners, Becky Doyle, Tim Brown, Holly Rabe, Molly Liebelt, Jackie Hungerford, Heather Bradwin-Haseman, Gabe Goebel

other: Madeline Meredith, Mackenzie Liebelt, Victoria Stahmann

Procedural: D. Board Mission Statement

**2. Consent Agenda**

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Recommended Action: Move to approve all items under consent agenda.

Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Kopf moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Totz recused himself from voting-conflict of Interest. Motion carried 5/0/1

Action (Consent), Minutes: B. December 18, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Action (Consent), Minutes: C. December 28, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Move to approve the Dec 28, 2023 special meeting minutes as presented.

Action (Consent), Minutes: D. January 8, 2024 Special meeting minutes

Recommended Action: Move to approve the January 8, 2024 Special meeting minutes as presented.

Action (Consent): E. Warrants through January 19, 2024

Recommended Action: Move to approve warrants through January 19, 2024

Action (Consent): F. Spring Coaches

Recommended Action: Move to approve the spring coaches as presented.

Action (Consent): G. Retirement

Recommended Action: Move to approve the retirement

**3. Public Comments**

Information: A. Public Comment Procedures  
None

**4. Reports**

Information: A. Administrator Reports

Ms. Conners reviewed the district: regarding safety and the minor bus accident that happened last week, the elementary principal will always go to the site of a bus accident to help with students. Ms. Conners and a small team will meet with Excel Engineering to look over 75% plans tomorrow, Ms. Conners will sit in on the meeting for the Land Board this week, this meeting is just an Informational one. Mr. Brown will represent the District on Jan. 31 during the Land Board hearing.

Discussion, Information: B. DLT Reports

Mr. Brown reviewed the MS/HS: short/long month with snow days and PD days, parent meeting this month-1st one this year-held virtually and had 12 parents attend, FAFSA meeting for students help strengthen partnerships with Marian University, Ms. Schindel is doing an amazing job as the HS counselor, counseling staff is looking into a college level CNA class and how to help 6-12 graders make thoughtful decisions about the future. Scheduling for 2024-25 will start to roll out next week.

Mrs. Doyle reviewed the elementary school: crisis training-good for all crisis, even bus accidents. One School/One Book happened in January led by Jen Harrison. Mr. Olson, new 3rd grade teacher transitioned well. Intern In 4K started for second semester. No 5th grade intern but we do have a student teacher for the next 7 weeks and a 2nd grade student teacher for the semester. PTO hosting first school carnival on Friday night at the elementary school. Summer school recruiting started.

Information: C. Financial Update

Ms. Conners and Mrs. Hungerford reviewed the financial status of the district.

Information: D. CESA 6 Update

No updates or Information at this time.

**5. Action Items**

Action, Discussion: A. Post Prom Donation

Recommended Action: Move to approve the post prom donation as presented.

Student representatives Mackenzie Liebelt, Victoria Stahmann and Madeline Meredith reviewed the post prom plans to have their gathering at the YMCA in Oshkosh. They asked for the cost of transportation of the busses from the Rock golf course in Waupun to the YMCA in Oshkosh and back.

Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Kopf, moved to approve the donation for transportation costs after prom. Motion carried 6/0/1

Action, Discussion: B. Technology Budget

Recommended Action: Move to approve the technology budget/purchases as presented.

Mr. Totz, seconded by Mrs. Kopf moved to approve the 2024-25 technology budget as presented. Motion carried 6/0/1

Action: C. Audit

Recommended Action: Move to approve the 2022-23 audit by Huberty & Associates

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mr. Totz moved to approve the 2022-23 audit by Huberty & Associates as presented. Motion carried 6/0/1

Action, Discussion: D. SPED Van

Recommended Action: Move to approve the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van as presented.

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mr. Totz moved to approve the purchase of the SPED van for \$38,973.26 if independent appraiser approves. Motion carried 6/0/1

Action: E. Outdoor Club

Recommended Action: Move to approve the Outdoor Club as presented.

Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Totz moved to approve the outdoor club as presented. Motion carried 6/0/1

Action, Discussion: F. RFP for Audit Services

Recommended Action: Move to approve the RFP for audit services as presented.

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mrs. Patterson moved to approve the RFP for audit services as presented. Motion carried 6/0/1

Action, Discussion: G. RFP for Transportation Services

Recommended Action: Move to approve the RFP for Transportation Services as presented.

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mrs. Patterson moved to approve the RFP for transportation services as presented.

Action, Discussion: H. Safe Return to School Plan  
Recommended Action: Move to approve the Safe Return to School Plan as presented.

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mrs. Patterson moved to approve the safe return to school plan as presented. Motion carried 6/0/1

Action, Discussion: I. Open Enrollment Seats for Special Education

Recommended Action: Move to approve the open enrollment for Special Education as presented.

Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Kopf moved to approve the open enrollment for special education as presented. Motion carried 6/0/1

Action, Discussion: J. Open Enrollment Seats Regular Education

Recommended Action: Move to approve the open enrollment for Regular Education as presented.

Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Totz, moved to approve the open enrollment for regular education as presented. Motion carried 6/0/1

## 6. Next Meetings

Information: A. Regular Meeting, February 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Oakfield MS/HS IMC

Information: B. Regular Meeting-Monday, March 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Oakfield MS/HS IMC

Information: C. Closed Session, Wednesday February 14, 4:30 p.m. at Oakfield MS/HS IMC

Information: D. Closed Session, Thursday February 22, 2024 TBD

## 7. Adjournment

Action: A. Adjourn

Recommended Action: Move to adjourn

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mrs. Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7: 10 p.m. Motion carried 6/0/1

## Special Meeting (Monday, December 18, 2023)

*Generated by Heather Bradwin-Haseman on Tuesday, December 19, 2023*

### 1. Introduction

Procedural: A. Call to Order

President Dercks called to order at 6 pm

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: C. Roll Call

Present: Paul Dercks, Angie Patterson, Heidi Kopf, Jessica Shepherd, John Totz, Sal Arellano

Absent: Tim Wiese

Staff: Heather Bradwin-Haseman

Other: Ted Neitzke

Procedural: D. Board Mission Statement

## 2. Discussion Items

Discussion: A. Ted Neitzke-District Administrator profile

Mr. Neitzke reviewed the timeline and process for the District Administrator hire; very similar to last time. Future closed session Board meetings pertaining to the process will include Feb 14\_ and Feb 22 with final approval on the Regular Board meeting March 11, 2024.

## 3. Next Meetings

Information: A. Committee of the Whole-Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at MS/HS IMC

Information: B. Regular Meeting, January 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at MS/HS IMC

## 4. Adjournment

Action: A. Adjourn

Recommended Action: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mrs. Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried 6/0/1

## Special Meeting (Monday, January 8, 2024)

*Generated by Heather Bradwin-Haseman on Thursday, January 11, 2024*

### 1. Introduction

Procedural: A. Call to Order

President Dercks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: C. Roll Call

Present: Paul Dercks, Angie Patterson, Heidi Kopf, Jessica Shepherd, John Totz, Tim Wiese, Sal Arellano

Staff: Tracey Conners, Becky Doyle, Tim Brown, Molly Liebelt, Holly Rabe, Jackie Hungerford, Heather Bradwin-Haseman Other: None

Procedural: D. Board Mission Statement

### 2. Consent Agenda

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mrs. Kopf moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7/0/0

Action (Consent): A. New Hire

Recommended Action: Move to appoint Tyler Olson as 3rd grade teacher.

Action (Consent): B. Retirement

Recommended Action: Move to accept the retirement notice from Pamela Vaughan.

Action (Consent): C. Donations

Recommended Action: Move to acknowledge donations as part of consent agenda.

### 3. Reports

Ms. Conners reviewed the goings on in the district in her report, including weather alerts, donations the district has received, and the possible purchase of a handicap van.

### 4. Action Items

Action: A. Summer School

Recommended Action: Move to approve the summer school dates and pay as presented.

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mr. Totz moved to approve the summer school dates and and pay

schedule as presented. Motion carried 7/0/0

Action: B. Drawing of Lots for ballot placement  
Mrs. Shepherd drew for ballot placement. John Totz will be listed on the ballot first and then Heidi Kopf.

## 5. Discussion Items

Discussion: A. Outdoor Club

This club will have a non paid advisor, students will have an opportunity to further explore topics related to the outdoors in a structured setting.

Discussion: B. Wisconsin Association of School Board 2024 resolutions to be voted on by delegates at the WASB Convention In January.

Mrs. Shepherd reviewed the resolutions up for vote at the convention and collectively asked the Board for thoughts. Board was in support of lobby to build pipeline for educators and allow testing in student's own language.

Discussion: C. RFP for Audit Services

Discussion around RFP for audit services led by Ms. Conners, haven't went to RFP for audit services in 20+ years, will meet with auditors on Wednesday and report back at next Board meeting.

Discussion: D. RFP for Transportation Services  
Ms. Conners led discussion about the RFP for transportation services.

Discussion: E. Safe Return to School Plan

Only change on this was to advise parents/staff/students to follow guidelines set forth by their medical advisor.

Discussion: F. Open Enrollment Seats

Mr. Brown and Mrs. Doyle reported on the open enrollment numbers for each school regarding regular education. Mrs. Rabe reported on the open enrollment numbers for all schools special education; we do not have room to take any open enrollment special education students.

## 6. Next Meetings

Information: A. Regular Meeting, Monday January 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Oakfield MS/HS IMC

Information: B. Regular Meeting Monday February 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Oakfield MS/HS IMC

Information: C. Closed Session, Wednesday February 14, 4:30 p.m. at Oakfield MS/HS IMC

## 7. Adjournment

Action: A. Move to adjourn into closed session to discuss and take possible action regarding land dispute according to state statute 19.85 (1)(g)conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Recommended Action: Move to adjourn into closed session according to state statute 19.85 (1)(g)conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Mr. Dercks, seconded by Mr. Totz, moved to approve the adjournment of the meeting. Closed session was not needed at this time. Motion carried 7/0/0

# MS/HS Honor Roll

## 6th Grade

### High Honor Roll

#### 3.5-4.0

Wynsor Berndt  
Bennett Bovee  
Henry Daniels  
Elijah Freund  
Deniyah Halton  
Dannica Hartwig  
Sawyer Hintz  
Evan Immel  
Isaac Kautzer  
Evelyn Kottke  
Kash Morris  
Adeline Mouw  
Branson Nell  
Aria Norenberg  
Ruby Ogren  
Kailey Paz  
Higuera Pena  
Ava Pontow  
Lucy Potratz  
Rylan Rego  
Adalyn Rentmeester  
Khloe Roen  
Arianna Schroeder  
Caelynn Shepherd  
Kimber Stanczyk  
Hudson Steinke  
Jane Thomas  
Mason VanStraten  
Braelinn Vielbig  
Hattie Waisanen  
Donny Weber

## 6th Grade

### Honor Roll

#### 3.0-3.49

Elayna Butcher  
Jaxson Deer  
Charlie Fisher  
Ethan Hollenback  
Aria Husak  
Audrie Rodriguez  
Chelsea Schmidt  
Jackson Yanke

## 7th Grade

### High Honor Roll

#### 3.5-4.0

Ayanah Adams  
Sofia Arellano  
Peyton Breister  
Isabel Doering  
Haily Dogs  
Garett Drazkowski  
Abby Engelbert

Caleb Fisher  
Clare Haase  
Evan Harmsen  
Clara Hartwig  
Miranda Kottke  
Clayton Marschie  
Nora Meredith  
Reese Ramminger  
Joy Simmons  
Kenzie Stanczyk  
Kenneth Urbina  
Madelyn Venne  
Khloe Wyno

## 7th Grade

### Honor Roll

#### 3.0-3.49

Viola Braker  
Devyn Bruggink  
Savannah Gorzelitz-Williams  
Victor Hilbert  
Isabell Hill  
Brady Jacob  
Brooklyn Lemke-Uherka  
Christopher Montiel  
Chace Schuh  
Alivia Sobotta

## 8th Grade

### High Honor Roll

#### 3.5-4.0

Madelyn Adamson  
Adel Arellano  
Willow Berndt  
Layla Bradwin  
Avery Bruggink  
Lily Collien  
Jonathan Crile  
Addison Dubey  
Chase Fryman  
Addison Hanke  
Elisha Hartwig  
Noah Ingersoll  
Jenna Laning  
Timothy Mohr  
Lucy Waisanen  
Isabel Weber  
Brooklyn Witt  
Trason Wylesky

## 8th Grade

### Honor Roll

#### 3.0-3.49

Collin Beck  
Owen Goldapske  
Brielle Kaiser  
Aiden Koerber

Estevan Luna  
Raven Joy McKibbage-Rickert  
Xavier Mielke  
Isabella Peckham  
Mya Schraufnagel  
Blake Schwebke  
Pierre Yanke

## 9th Grade

### High Honor Roll

#### 3.5-4.0

Oscar Arellano  
Emma Axelson  
Bethany Braker  
Hayden Collien  
Lainey Deer  
Paityn Dorn  
Beau Draves  
Henry Drazkowski  
Owen Engelbert  
Lydia Flury  
Kelby Holzman  
Georgianna Jewson  
Alysiana King  
Kaleb Kleinschmidt  
Sam Krueger  
Ava Lamb  
Miranda Laning  
Mitchell Liegl  
Shelby Lueck  
Kylie Marcoe  
Faith Rauls  
Emma Rentmeester  
Ashlynn Schultz  
Milee Simon  
Meredith Steinke  
Suly Urbina  
Olyvia Vielbig  
Isaiah Warnes  
Aiden Whitty

## 9th Grade

### Honor Roll

#### 3.0-3.49

Ximena Balboa-Paz  
Spencer Hansen  
Austin Harmsen  
Tristan Pultz  
Christopher Shepherd

## 10th Grade

### High Honor Roll

#### 3.5-4.0

Layla Bass  
Leyton Batchelder  
Sheldyn Boettcher  
Carson Fisher

Kylynn Gerlikovski  
Kate Haase  
Annabella Hartwig  
Brayden Joas  
James Kautzer  
Madeline Marschie  
Lennon Rauls  
Hunter Reuter  
Hailey Rothering  
Lainey Schepp  
Caleb Simmons  
Khloe Stanczyk  
Emily Thomas  
Kennedy Volbright  
Aurora Voss  
Jaelyn Wallendal  
Kolten Weich  
Mallory Wilkens  
Kealeigh Willett

## 10th Grade

### Honor Roll

#### 3.0-3.49

Hope Boothe  
Broede Collien  
Noah Fisher  
Brayden Glugla  
Daytin Gremminger  
Ashton Hanke  
Jacob Ingersoll  
Lincoln Laabs  
Madyson Pattee  
Dylan Schwebke  
Jaidde Vielbig  
Brady Witt  
Karalyn Zoch

## 11th Grade

### High Honor Roll

#### 3.5-4.0

Cassidy Anton  
Easton Backhaus  
Tysen Craig  
Kaiya Demoske  
Davis Dercks  
Alexus Hansen  
Owen Holzman  
Mackenzie Liebelt  
Alexis Liebenow  
Madeline Meredith  
Mitchell Moser  
Dane Phillips  
Krista Sabel  
Anderson Urbina  
Rhyan Vielbig  
Aaliyah Whitty

## 11th Grade

### Honor Roll

#### 3.0-3.49

Kyler Collien  
Benjamin Crile  
Autumn Dubey  
Mitchell Gruetzmacher  
Jorja Hofman  
Cyle Lueck  
Keira Marchenkuski  
Megan Miller  
Brent Morell  
Ariel Paz  
Connor Rauls  
Alivia Shepherd  
Victoria Stahmann  
Logan Steinke  
Clint Uttendorfer  
Daranee Xiong

## 12th Grade

### High Honor Roll

#### 3.5-4.0

Rueben Arellano  
Westin Bass  
Gwendolyn Fisher  
Natalie Floyd  
Lily Fox  
Mekena Gerlikovski  
Chloe Gudex  
Hannah Gurno  
Stella Hofman  
Andrew Kintzler  
Aly Lamonska  
Alyssa Laning  
Treyden Marchenkuski  
Justin Marschie  
Addison Martin  
Ella Meyer  
Noah Patterson  
Calvin Quick  
Lilly Reuter  
Alyvia Robinson  
Hunter Sabel  
Jonah Schaub  
Bailey Schepp  
Dylan Smeester  
Savannah Tapp

## 12th Grade

### Honor Roll

#### 3.0-3.49

Lola Basty  
Marissa Kottke  
Landon Mortimer  
Maci Patten  
Jackson Wischneski



*Congratulations, keep up the hard work!*



## School Board Meeting Schedule (2023-2024)

Monday, March 11, 2024	Regular Meeting	5:30 p.m. MS/HS IMC
Monday, April 8, 2024	Committee of the Whole Meeting	5:30 p.m. MS/HS IMC
Monday, April 22, 2024	Regular Meeting	5:30 p.m. MS/HS IMC

# U.S. History Family Research

At the end of second semester, students in Mr. McCarty's U.S. History took the time to research their family histories. The following are some samples of the work our students did, and shed light on the interesting stories and people from which they descend from.



(Caption by Aaliyah Whitty; photo courtesy of David and Amanda Fitzgerald.)

This is a portrait of my great-great grandma Anne Vilas and her sister (my great-great aunt) Lottie Vilas. Anne is pictured on the left, and Lottie on the right. The two sisters were very close and took trips frequently together, normally to Vegas. My grandpa David Fitzgerald was very close with the two of them as they talked to him instead of talking at him. David also recalls the dress that Anne was wearing to be a dark purple on top and navy blue on the bottom.



(Photo courtesy of David and Amanda Fitzgerald, Caption by Aaliyah Whitty.)

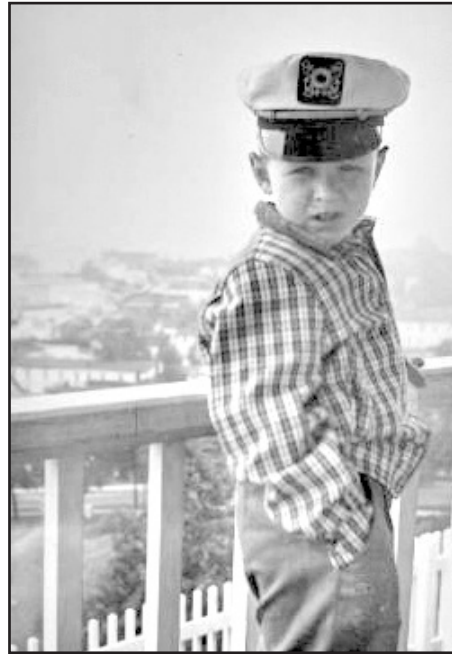
This is a photo of my grandfather, David M. Fitzgerald. It was taken for his 7th grade school photo at Fernwood before he had transferred to Wautoma. After transferring, he would have to redo part of his 7th grade year due to a transcript transfer issue. Although after the situation had gotten resolved, he decided to just finish his 7th grade year a second time since all of his friends were already there.



(Photo courtesy of Ancestry, Caption by Aaliyah Whitty.)

This photo was taken on my great-great grandparents John James Fitzgerald (24) and Anne Caroline Vilas' (22) wedding day. They married in Wood, Wisconsin on July 12, 1904. The two of them had moved to Nekoosa, Wisconsin on June 1st of 1905. They eventually had 9 kids, Hugh, John, Doris, Everesta, Arthur, Bernadette, Charles, Isabelle, and Charlotte.

However, John suddenly left Anne one day. She was left to take care of all 9 kids and work to make enough money to be stable. During this time period, it was normally frowned upon for a single mother, but the town pitied her in a way. She wasn't shamed, but they lived a more quiet life.



(Photo courtesy of David and Amanda Fitzgerald, Caption by Aaliyah Whitty)

My grandpa, David Fitzgerald was born on October 17, 1953 in Greenfield, Wisconsin. His parents were Hugh and Lucille Fitzgerald, my great grandparents. He is the youngest of 5 children, the second youngest being 11 years older than him. His parents had him when they were both around 45. His siblings were grown up by the time he was born and most of them were out of the house. He was mostly surrounded by adults his whole childhood. For this reason, he doesn't remember much about his childhood. Although, he had gained a great vocabulary at a young age because of being around adults while he was young.

He had never done much with his parents as they weren't super close. His father ran and owned Gitzell's Furniture Store in Downtown Milwaukee after taking it over, so he wasn't around very much, while his mother tended to the house. Hugh was a businessman and would often try any way he could to make the sale. Sometimes, he would sell used appliances such as stoves, ovens and refrigerators to people who couldn't afford new ones or newly married couples. They didn't sell used appliances at their store, so he would offer his own appliances from their house to get the sale. David remembers that his mother would be in the middle of making a meal and his father would show up with dolley, wait a few minutes for her to finish, and then take whatever appliance he had successfully sold. Lucille had always gotten mad or upset, but Hugh would always come home with new appliances later that evening or the next day. She appreciated the new appliances, but not him taking them all the time.

This photo was taken of my grandpa, David Fitzgerald on a family trip. There was no date written on the back of the picture and he believes that the trip was to Mackinac Island in Michigan. However, he doesn't remember what age he was when the photo was taken. They used to take trips and vacations a lot during his childhood where most of his family would go along as well. He said that he remembers fond memories and that he enjoyed the trip, even if he can't remember much of the details.



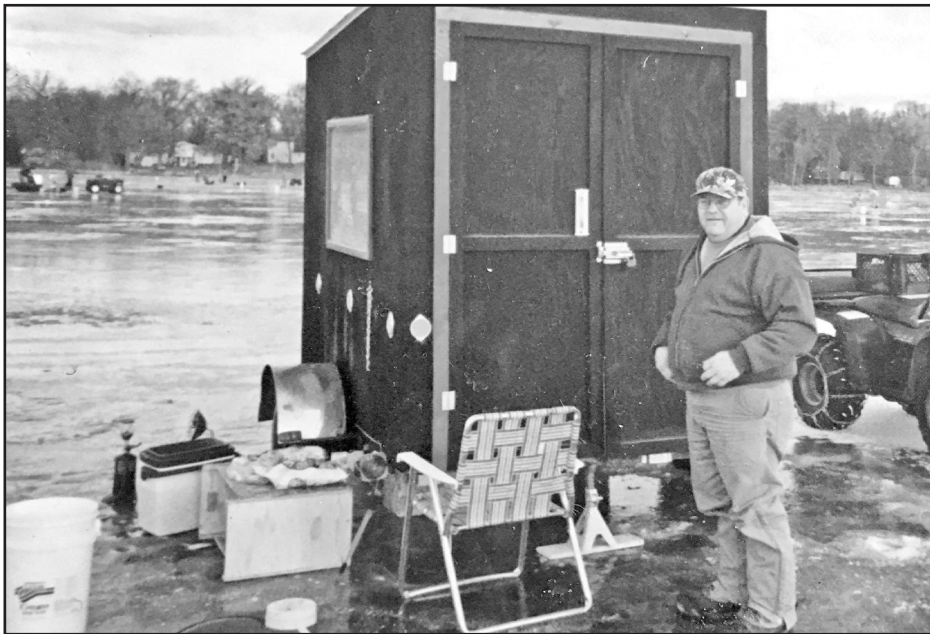
(Photo courtesy of David and Amanda Fitzgerald. Caption by Aaliyah Whitty.)

From left to right: Arthur Fitzgerald, Hugh Fitzgerald, Anne Vilas, Al Fitzgerald, and Charles Lev Fitzgerald. This family photo was taken in front of the family church, likely located in Nekoosa, Wisconsin.

Charles Lev Fitzgerald was a soldier during WWII. He was unfortunately killed during the battle of Iwo Jima on March 1, 1945 at the age of 25. During this battle, the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy landed on the island of Iwo Jima. The United States eventually captured the Island from the Japanese army.

**Where the Schepps come from?**

Based off of searching on find a grave and going deep into generations I found out what country my family originates from on my dad's side. Johannes Schepp (my Great Great Great Great Grandpa) and his spouse Maria Elisabetha Muller Schepp Will were the first one on the Schepp side of the family to be born in a different country and come to USA. Johannes died in 1852 and his grave is found in Germany. Conrad was their only child. Maria Elisabetha Muller Schepp had 3 children, two with the last name Wells and one with the last name Schepp. This family was born in Pohl-Göns, Wetteraukreis, Hessen, Germany and then later they came to the USA and settled in the Columbia County WI. This is as far back as I could find using the website findagrave.com. (Bailey Schepp)



(Caption courtesy of Bailey Schepp, picture of Gregg Schepp ice fishing.)

**Schepp Fishing** - I talked to my Grandpa Gregg Schepp which would be my dad's family. Fishing is a huge part of the Schepp family. It started mainly with my Grandpa when he was in his late highschool years. He went out ice fishing with a buddy and from then on he has now used ice fishing as one of the things he loves to go out and do all the time. Ice fishing is something that he described to me as "what I loved to do for fun" back when he was in highschool. It was his getaway from working and schoolwork. My Grandpa eventually got me into ice fishing when I was 8 years old and now it is something that I do in my spare time for fun.

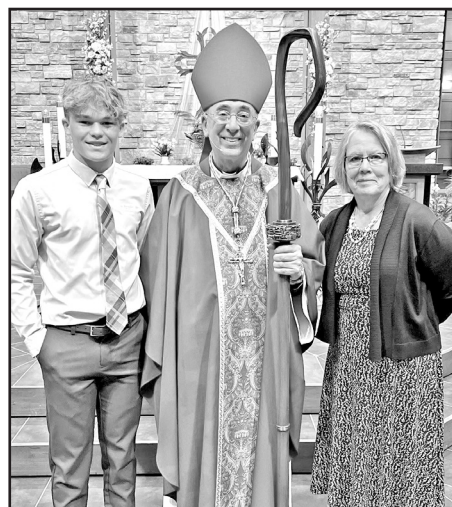


**Rita Otto** - Rita Hady Otto is my Great Grandma, and who would also be my Grandma's mom. She is currently 92 years old and I had the privilege to interview her for a lot of information. Rita was born in Watertown and that is where she attended high school. Her parents names were Jerome Hady and Margaret D Stoll Hady. She had a total of 15 siblings 7 boys and 8 girls. They owned a mini farm where they had to milk cows and they also had chickens and ducks. Eventually as Rita got older they moved to Middleton for some time. While Rita was in high school she worked for the city of Watertown and did bookkeeping. She said she also made good money babysitting, she told me

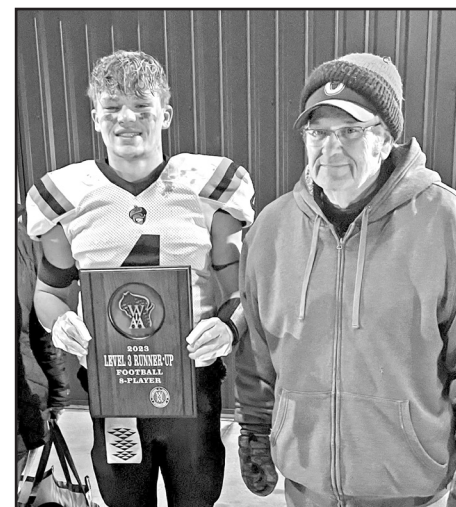
"we used to get paid 50 cents to a dollar a day and that was considered a lot." She went to college for decorating courses. She ended up not going into anything with decorating as she first worked at Wisconsin Petroleum and did bookkeeping. After she got offered a better deal a couple years later at Fletcher Oil she worked there for 20 years and retired at the age 80. Even at the age of 80 when she retired she never really wanted to, family around her suggested that she finally should so she gave in.

Rita (my Great Grandma) was married to Jack Otto when Rita was 20 and Jack was 18. Jack Otto had to have his parents sign off on marrying Rita due to him being so young. When I asked how did they meet, she said, "Do you really want to know where and how?" Of course I said yes, and she responded with "at a bar." She said it was quite common for people to meet each other at a bar. Jack and Rita got married on November 10th, 1951. Jack and Rita ended up having 6 children. They also have 18 grandchildren and 40 and counting great grandchildren. Pictured here is myself (Bailey Schepp) and my Great Grandma after one of my basketball games.

**GAA Women's Sports** - I learned a lot about the GAA from my Great Grandma (Rita Otto) and my Grandma (Patricia Schepp). Before this I had no clue what the GAA was or what it stands for. The GAA is the Girls Athletic Association. I asked both my Great Grandma and Grandma about what sports they used to play in school. The first look I got was a confused look. "Oh no... Girls were not allowed to play sports like they are now. I wasn't allowed to play any sports," my Great Grandma stated. My Grandma said, "I was allowed to play sports but the only one that I ever played was basketball there really wasn't many options." Early to mid 1900's girls sports were way different than what they are now. (Bailey Schepp)



**Grandma Schepp** - Patricia Schepp is my Grandma and speaking with her I learned a lot about herself and how she grew up. In her younger years she used to babysit for money. She said she always loved to work with kids and described by many other of her peers she is known to be great with kids. My Grandma grew up in the Beaver Dam area. She graduated from Beaver Dam High School. She continued and went on to college at MITC. She was raised catholic by her parents John "Jack" Otto and Rita Hady Otto. She later on worked at a Finance Company. She worked eventually with her husband (Gregg Schepp) at their printing company Thyse/Instaprints. This picture shows myself (Bailey Schepp) with Bishop and Grandma Schepp after my confirmation.



**Grandpa Schepp** - My Grandpa (Gregg Schepp) was born in Columbus, WI. Later on in his early years he said that they eventually moved into his house where he spent his childhood in Fall River. The house in Fall River that they lived in had 75-80 acres of land. They lived on a little "farm" where they grew crops but not many at all. It was a mix between a garden and a farm is what my Grandpa explained it as. He played football and basketball in high school. He had two sisters (Kaylen and Kristin). He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and water skiing in his freetime. He worked hard to help out his father Daniel Schepp Jr. all the time. This picture shows myself and Grandpa Schepp after my final football game. (Bailey Schepp)

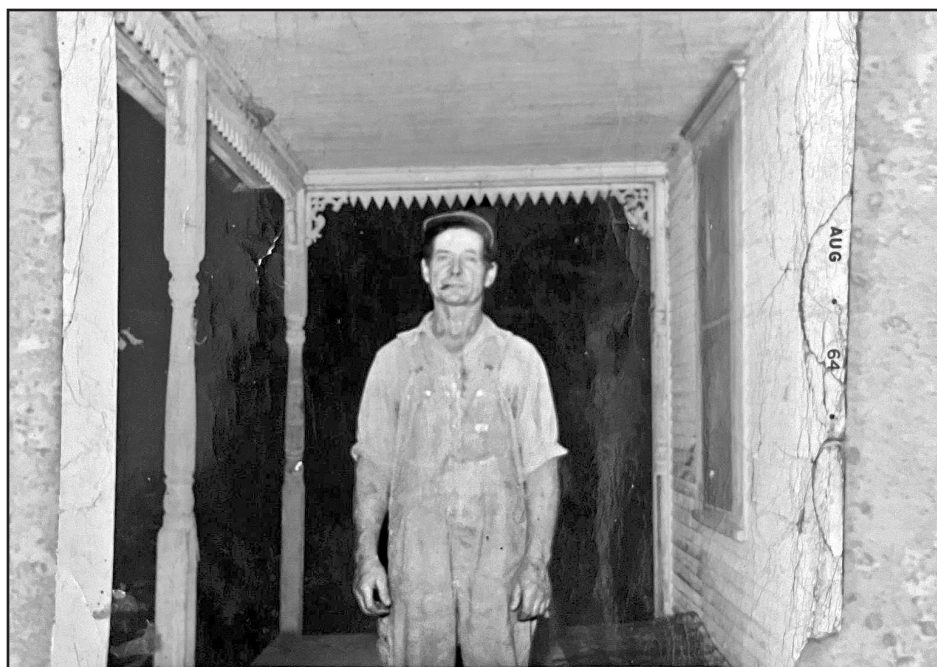


**Schepp Hunting** - I talked with my Grandpa Gregg Schepp (my dad's dad) about the history behind hunting in the family. My Grandpa said "hunting wasn't all that popular in my family when I was a kid. It all kind of started when I used to go pheasant hunting around my property and my neighbor's property." From there on out hunting has been a carried-on tradition, but expanding into deer hunting instead of pheasant hunting. My Grandpa owns 38 acres of land in Marquette County that we now hunt off of. Hunting is something that my Grandpa described as "what he loved to do." He told me that he didn't get into deer hunting until a little later about his mid 20's. They used to use private land from a different land owner and eventually that land was the property that we now own in Marquette County. This photo is of Gregg Schepp and myself (Bailey Schepp) hunting.



For my family history project I did research on the Moser (my dad's) side of the family. During this I interviewed my grandma Barb and grandpa Paul about my great grandpa Sam. While interviewing my grandparents I learned a lot about my history and where we came from. I learned about Switzerland and traditions my great grandpa brought from there, what my great grandpa was like and how that influenced my grandpa, our farming and cheesemaking background, and my grandpa's cheese making history. From this I also learned about the living environment my dad grew up in and what that was like for him. I also received a recipe that my great grandma Sylvia Moser used to make sugar cookies around Christmas time. Overall I learned about my great grandpa Sam and a lot about my grandpa I did not know.

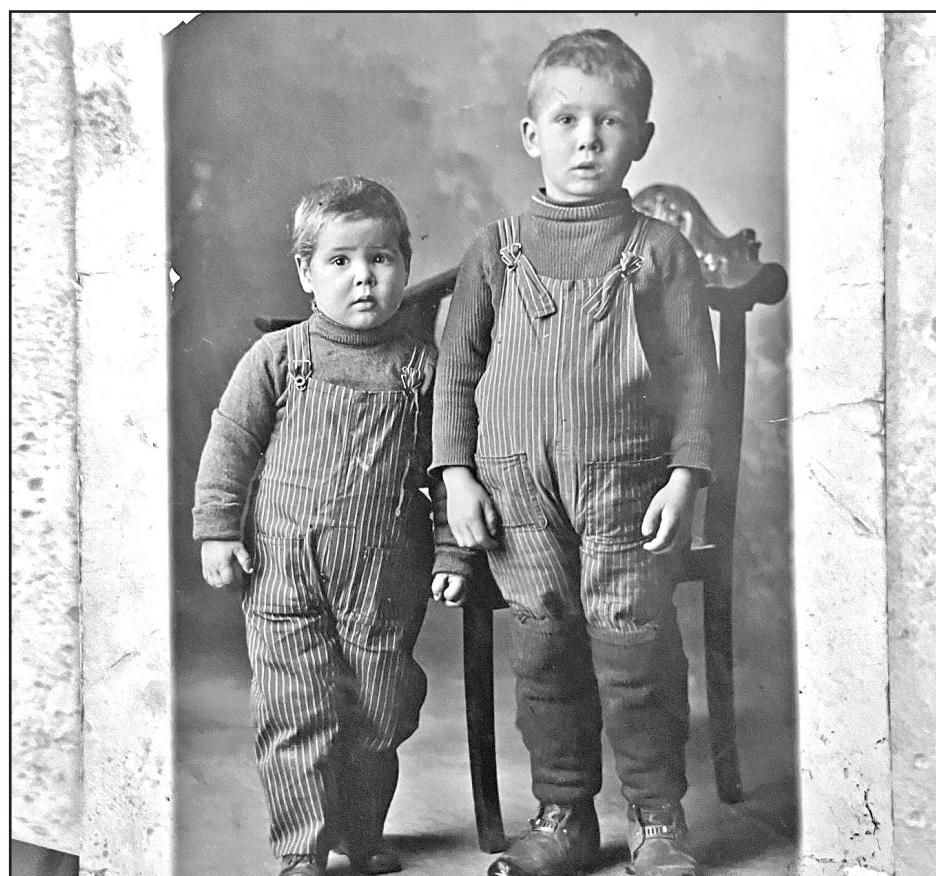
This is a picture of the Canton Bern's logo that I have on the front of my house. A Canton is a subdivision of a country kind of like a county in Wisconsin. Bern is a city in Switzerland where the Moser family is from. This image was used as the coat of arms along with the flag and heraldic colours and symbol of the city of Bern. The mascot also known as the heraldic beast of Bern is the bear. The legend behind the bear is that when the city was founded the first animal hunted was a bear. From that the city was named Bern from the Germanic word *bären*, meaning bear. (Mitchell Moser)



This is a picture of my great grandpa Sam Moser. The picture was most likely taken by my great grandma Sylvia. The picture was taken on the front porch of their farm house. My great grandpa was a farmer for most of his life but he was also a cheese maker later in his life. My grandma told me that you would always see him with a pipe in his mouth. She also told me that he was a very quiet man which is also why my grandpa is not much of a talker. My great grandpa Sam died of a rare blood disease in 1984. (Mitchell Moser)



These are pictures of my great grandpa's dairy farm. The top picture is the main barn where they milked cows. The bottom picture on the left is the chicken house and the bottom picture to the right is the hog barn. This is where my grandpa grew up, he started working on the farm with his dad at a young age around 7 years old. The farm they had was a dairy farm where they milked cows, drove tractors, baled hay, planted corn, and pretty much anything you could think of what you would do on a farm. My grandpa told me that he would work side by side all day with his dad and very few words were spoken, but grandpa knew he was loved by his father. A memory my grandpa told me he remembered from growing up on the farm was that they had no tv growing up so my grandpa and my great grandpa would sit on the porch together and listen to the Cubs play on the radio. That is why my grandpa is a Cubs fan. (Mitchell Moser)



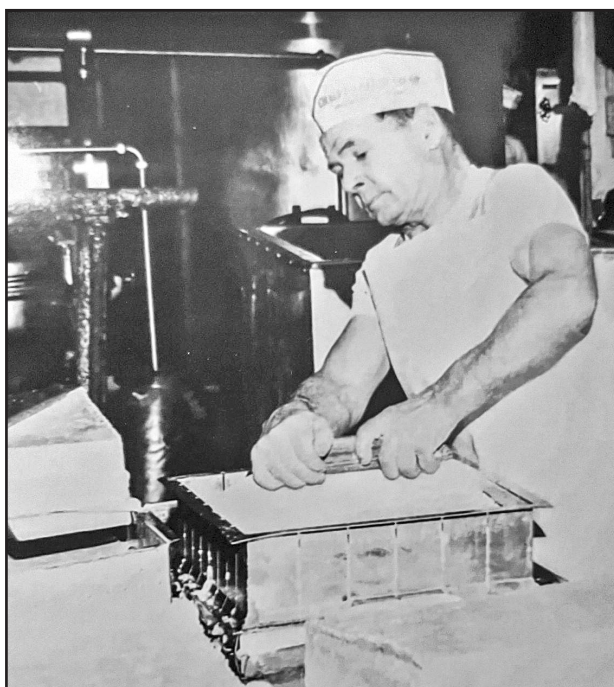
This is a picture of my great grandpa Sam and his older brother John. This picture was taken around 1915. Sam (on the left) was around 7 years old and his brother John (on the right) was around 10 years old when this picture was taken. There is no exact location where this picture was taken but my grandpa thinks it is in the Monticello, New Glarus, or Illinois area. This picture would have been taken in that area because their uncle Fred ran a cheese factory in Red Oak, Illinois. Sam and John's family also rented a farm there too. This is one of the reasons why my grandpa is a Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. Which correlates to my dad and I being Bears fans. (Mitchell Moser)



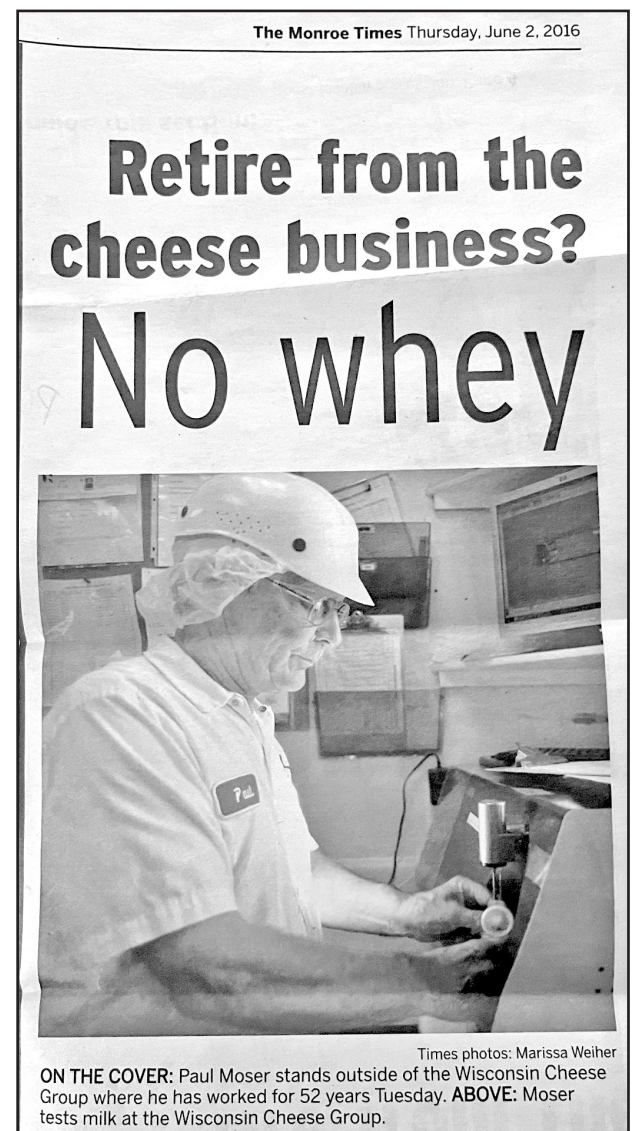
This is a picture of the Advanced Cheese Factory where my grandpa made cheese from 1971-1974. This is also where my dad grew up for the first 9 years of his life. The Factory is split up with a living environment and a cheese factory in the basement. The big garage on the right is where they would park the milk trucks for the cheese. My dad told me how my grandpa would go downstairs to make cheese. The factory was in the country about 6 miles from the town of Monroe. The house was kind of built into a hill and my grandma told me she just loved living there. She told me it was a wonderful time and place to raise kids and that they had great farm neighbors that would always help out with the kids. The factory part of the house got sold in 1974 but they still lived there while grandpa went into town to work. My grandma told me a story of when there used to be snowstorms in Monroe and their neighbors would go pick him up from work and bring him home on a snowmobile. My dad told me a story of when he used to pick blackberries from a patch with his brothers and sisters. *(Mitchell Moser)*



This is a picture of wine bottles and a box my great grandpa Sam kept them in. My great grandpa always made dandelion wine. He made the wine for family and friend use only around the holidays and when he would work on the farm. Swiss settlers made all types of wine when they came to America. My grandpa told me that cheese makers would always make wine and keep it in the cheese cellars. My great grandpa's uncle's friend was a cheese maker and made dandelion wine so that is probably why he made the wine. My grandpa also told me that his dad would always keep the bottles in a cupboard that no one was allowed to touch but him. *(Mitchell Moser)*



This is a picture of my great grandpa Sam Moser making cheese. This picture was taken in 1968 at Chalet Cheese Factory in Monroe Wisconsin. In the picture Sam is making limburger cheese. Chalet Cheese is the only cheese factory in the U.S. to make limburger cheese, which is still true to this day. Chalet Cheese is also not owned by any company but is owned by rural farmers in the area. My grandpa Moser, my great uncle Jim and my uncle Todd all worked at the Chalet Cheese factory as well. Great grandpa Sam also worked at two cheese factories in Mineral Point in the 1930's before he was married. At this time there was not enough milk for both factories to make cheese so he would drive back and forth in an old model A Ford between the two factories to make cheese. *(Mitchell Moser)*



Times photos: Marissa Weiher  
ON THE COVER: Paul Moser stands outside of the Wisconsin Cheese Group where he has worked for 52 years Tuesday. ABOVE: Moser tests milk at the Wisconsin Cheese Group.

This is a picture of my grandpa Paul Moser in the Monroe Times newspaper. Monroe is known as the swiss cheese capital of the U.S. My grandpa Paul was a cheese maker for 58 years, starting in 1964 and retiring in 2022. He started making cheese at Chalet Cheese in Monroe Wisconsin. Grandpa worked there for 7 years. While he was there he made three types of cheese: brick, cheddar, and limburger. After working there he then worked at Advance Cheese Factory from 1971-1974. My grandparents also lived in the cheese factory while he worked there and that's where they had kids. Paul ran the factory with two other guys and made mozzarella, provolone, and romano cheese.

My grandpa then worked at a different cheese factory for 28 years. While working there the factory was bought out by three different companies. Lugano Cheese Co. (1974-1989), Avonmore Cheese Co. (1989-1998) and Saputo Cheese Co. (1998-2002). When he worked there he made mozzarella and provolone cheese.

Then my grandpa worked at Wisconsin Cheese Group for 20 years where he retired in 2022. Wisconsin Cheese Group was about 3 blocks away from where my grandparents live in Monroe. This cheese factory was a Mexican cheese factory where they made queso fresco, queso blanco, and cotija. While my grandpa worked there he was the production manager. My grandpa was also one of the only people that could test the milk for antibodies (shown in the picture).

In 1964 my grandpa went to a cheesemaker short course for 4 weeks where he won one of three scholarships. He also won best of class for provolone in the 1989 U.S. Cheese Contest. While interviewing my grandpa he told me that his favorite factory to work in was either Chalet Cheese or Advance Cheese Factory. My grandpa also told me that his favorite cheese to make was mozzarella (mozz for short) and his favorite cheese to eat is limburger. *(Mitchell Moser)*



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