

# Cottonwood Dairy

Bob Larson started farming with his parents, he started out with 40 dairy cows and then went to over 100 cows. In the year of 2000, farmers, Bob Larson, Richard Larson and Jim Winn got together and built up a dairy farm, which is now called "Cottonwood Dairy" in Wiota, WI. Cottonwood Dairy is now run by family and friends of the Larson family. Bob also stated the wives are one third owners and they keep everyone in line. Bob said everyone works really well together. They own and rent around 2,000 acres altogether. Bob has farmed all of his life and said, "You learn so much on a farm, there is no better place to be raised!" Bob also reminds people that farming is a 24/7 job and the sometimes the best part of farming is when you do get a chance to take a vacation.



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# THE MONROE TIMES



# OUR HISTORY TOGETHER: 123 YEARS OF THE MONROE EVENING TIMES

The Monroe Times celebrates its 123rd birthday today, and invites readers to look back at more than a century of chronicling local history in Green County and southern Wisconsin

The Monroe Evening Times was founded by Emery A. Odell, with its first publication printed 123 years ago today: Oct. 13, 1898. At the time there were four other weekly newspapers (and one daily) in the city, which had a population of just under 4,000 people.



**Adam Krebs**  
Editor

Over those 12-plus decades, the Times is the only surviving Monroe newspaper. It has covered history both local and abroad. Its stories cover the entire map — world wars, presidents assassinated, and devastating local disasters, like tornadoes, floods and house fires. The Times has logged the criminal history of some of its wayward community members, while also showcasing the positives, like the athletic and scholastic feats of its children, local festivals and uplifting stories of those overcoming personal tragedy. It has memorialized those that have been cherished within the city limits and those throughout the region.

For 123 years this newspaper has captivated its readership with a wide variety of stories and photographs. It has chronicled the daily lives of its citizens — informing its readers of pertinent information, while also creating thousands of time capsules. Capsules that can be unlocked and perused decades, if not centuries from now, by future generations of intrep-

id historians or just those who want to look back on the history of their hometown and surrounding communities.

The newspaper offers news and community stories over multiple formats. For those that cherish the longstanding sensation of the crinkling of paper and fingers smudging with a hint of ink, the newspaper's print product is available. For those who need their news on the go, live far outside the distribution area, or just enjoy the convenience of viewing stories over the internet on a browser or mobile device, hopping onto [www.themonroetimes.com](http://www.themonroetimes.com) does the trick. The Times also has a budding social media presence, gaining new followers every day. Viewers on Facebook can swipe through photo galleries of local events, as well as get information on breaking news about hazardous weather or severe motor vehicle accidents. On Twitter, Times followers can catch score updates and in-game analysis on their favorite high school football or basketball teams.

While the website's E-Edition (viewable PDFs of the newspaper) only goes back to June 2018, there is an outlet to view more copies — a lot more, actually. The Monroe Public Library holds microfilm of all 123 years of the Monroe Times — as well as other former Monroe newspapers, which date back to the 1850s.

Recently, the Times turned to the Monroe Public Library, asking for assistance on a special project — and the library delivered. Inside today's edition you will find front pages from every year in the Monroe Times' existence.

**Inside**  
A look back on 123 years of Monroe Times front pages.  
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While most are in October, which coincides as the paper's birthday month, many front pages include major events in world history: Like the end of major wars, the assassination or resignation of presidents, as well local content.

All front pages seen in this edition are available for viewing on our website in a photo gallery, as well as on Facebook, free of charge.

We here at the Times would like to thank all of our current and former employees that dedicated a gracious chunk of their lives in producing a quality product that has been distributed over the years. From publishers, editors, reporters and photographers, to sales representatives, circulation workers, drivers and printing press hands, to the young children that hand delivered the paper to front doors for more than a century until the use of the U.S. Postal Service took over — we are proud to call you a member of our team.

The thank-you's continue to our advertising partners, schools, and local non-profit and community groups.

And lastly, to you, our loyal readers. Without you, we might as well be yelling into a void. You have stuck with us since before electricity ran through every block in this town. You have taken in our stories and fol-

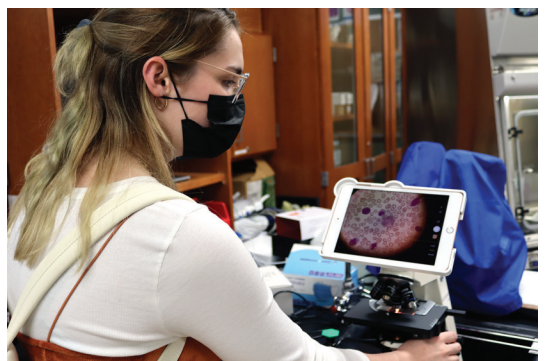


## Palm Sunday Tornado: April 11, 1965

lowed us through thick and thin. We are forever grateful, and we will continue to give it our best effort in order to keep you, our readers, informed and inspired, week after week, month after month, year after year. Here's to another 123! Prost!

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## BTC: A decade of replenishing growth



Times photo: Angie Maag

Maddy Roth, a Blackhawk Technical College student, is continuing her education at the local Monroe campus to be a laboratory technician, with a focus on microbiology.

### Blackhawk Technical College celebrates 10 years of its lab programs

Students attending BTC get hands on learning experience directly applicable to work output post education. BTC is trying to expand their reach by offering programs that transfer directly to accredited universities for students to ease the financial burden of attending a four-year university out of high school. A new plan to make the transferring process easier has been approved by the BTC Board and will move to the Board of Regents for

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MONROE — Reflecting on a decade of striving for student excellence, Blackhawk Technical College welcomed past students and the public to view current lab programs including Laboratory Lab Technician, Laboratory Technician Assistant, and Lab Food Science Technician.

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## Q&A with Green Bay Packer legend Dave Robinson

Hall of Fame player had his life brought to the stage in MTG production 'Lombardi'

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Dave Robinson is a former Green Bay Packer who won three NFL titles including the first two Super Bowls. He was drafted three times out of Penn State in 1963 — the Packers (NFL) spent a first-round pick on him; the Chargers (AFL) took him in the third round; and the Montreal Alouettes (CFL) also tried to get him to play north of the border. Robinson was named to three Pro Bowls: 1966, 1967, and 1969. He was also selected for one of the linebacker spots on the NFL's all-decade team for the 1960s. He finished his career with 27 interceptions for return yardage totaling 449, one touchdown and 12 fumble recoveries. Robinson was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1997 and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2013. He is one of the last two living players from the Vincent Lombardi Era in Green Bay.

### What would you say is your proudest achievement?

Getting into the Hall of Fame in 2013, that was probably the biggest thing in my life. The only drawback though, was the fact that I didn't get to see it through with my wife. I just think she was more of a Hall of Fame wife than I was a Hall of Fame player. I would have liked to have her there. She was the first African American wife to come to Green Bay. Nobody else bought their wives. She was

determined to come. She came to Green Bay and helped make changes.

My play in the '66 championship game, which led to us to going to Super Bowl I and winning it, establishing the fact that the NFL was dominant league and showcasing Vince Lombardi, which we knew all along, as one of the greatest football coaches ever, placing his name on the trophy. That was a big one for me. Big plays, big years.

(In) '65 I had an inception; we had to beat the Baltimore Colts to win our division. There were only two divisions, Eastern and Western Division. There are all these divisions now. We were in the same division with Baltimore, the Western Division. We had to win the game and wrap up the Western Division, and all the things that go along with it. I had an 87-yard interception that kind of wrote the game as over. Two minutes to go in the first half, we had a score of 14-13. Baltimore was driving. They were down on our three-yard line. I took the football and ran it all the way to the back all the way to the 10. Then the next play, Bart Starr threw a pass for the touchdown. We went into halftime up 21-13. The game was really over; we just won.

Every year you have big plays, that's the thing. It's hard to say my proudest accomplishment on the field. That's thing about playing for so long. So many big plays in



Times photo: Angie Maag

Dave Robinson, former NFL player with the Green Bay Packers and Washington Redskins, was in Monroe for the Monroe Theatre Guild's 'Lombardi' tailgate Oct. 7.

12 years. Anything that has to do with winning a championship, always has big plays.

One of the most memorable things in my life, my rookie year, once of the first games I played live, we were playing the Cleveland Browns. I was set against Jim Brown. The play begins and I tackle Jim Brown. That was quite a lot as a rookie. I was worried if I was going to make the team or not. I told my wife after the game. She didn't know much about football and didn't understand the importance of tackling Jim Brown. I said, 'Listen, there are some people in the league who can tackle Jim Brown and some who can't. I just tackled Jim Brown. I can take that film clip and send it to every team in the league if the Packers cut me. Somebody will pick me

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