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PONIES RIDE TO STATE

Monticello volleyball has carved a path toward a state title.

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Missing from Monroe



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MONROE — A Monticello woman has been missing for over a week. Melissa Trumpy, 37, was last seen in Monroe Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Family members spoke to Trumpy Tuesday evening and were alerted to Trumpy's disappearance the following morning when they received a call after Trumpy did not show up for work. She had worked a previous shift until 10:30 p.m. the night before.

The Carroll County Sheriff Office launched an investigation looking into Trumpy's whereabouts Thursday, Oct. 28. It is believed Trumpy was destined to Shannon, Ill., where she has ties.

A search party with dogs combed through the Freeport area for several hours with no conclusion. The family searched a 20-mile radius around Shannon, including areas of Stephenson County.

Trumpy was believed to be in a silver Toyota Tundra extended-cab

truck or a white Toyota Avalon four-door sedan. The truck was later found abandoned near W. Pearl City and S. Bolton Roads.

Derek Hammer, whom it is believed Trumpy visited the night of her disappearance, has been taken into custody by the Carroll County Sheriff for charges listed as miscellaneous. In Sept. Hammer and Trumpy were both arrested for child neglect and drug possession.

Hammer currently resides in the Carroll County jail and is charged with bail jumping and fleeing a vehicle/eluding an officer in Green County. Hammer has been uncooperative with the police in their investigation of Trumpy's where-

The family of Trumpy ask the community for help in locating her. She is described as being 5'10" with blue eyes and blonde hair, and she weighs 163 pounds.

Carroll County Crime Stoppers asks anyone with information to call 815-244-7867. Callers' information will remain anonymous and tips could lead to a cash reward.





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Times photos: Adam Krebs

The WIAA postseason continues on for football and volleyball, as cross country finishes out. TOP: Monticello continues their siege, taking no mercy on Hilbert as they march towards a state title, which has eluded the program since it's inception. LEFT: Monroe's Charlie Wiegel holds tight to Greendale as the Cheesemakers storm through. RIGHT: Blackhawk-Warren's Landen Mahonev streaked the field with 65 ground yards, leaving Hilbert to trail behind, Saturday, Oct. 30. see Sports, Page B1.

Main Street Monroe, Inc.'s popular Wine Walk returns

Event will help kick off holidays in downtown Monroe

MONROE — Downtown Monroe is getting uncorked. After being canceled in 2020, Main Street's First Thursday Wine Walk returns in November. The event, sponsored by Hawk's Mill Winery and the Bank of New Glarus, will be held Thursday, Nov. 4 from 5-9 p.m.

It has been planned for the beginning of November to capitalize on the start of the holidays and fall season. Tickets are required to attend. Main Street Monroe's executive director, Jordan Nordby, notes that the last four wine walks have all sold out and encouraged everyone interested to buy tickets now. Participants can

sample wine and eat heavy appetizer

pairings at 17 downtown stores. Each

store is provided two types of a wine.

Participants may sample one or both. Stores are responsible for food pairings but are given their list of beverages ahead of time so they may plan appropriately. Each ticket also includes a commemorative wine glass and gift bag.

In June, hard ciders and local beer (from Bullquarian Brewhouse) were served at some stores. Most participating stores will also be having night-of-only specials, which makes it a great way for people to jumpstart shopping for Christmas, adds Nordby. One store will even be bringing in a particular brand representative for a pop-up section for the event. Participating businesses include locally owned women's clothing boutiques, home good stores, specialty gift businesses, and new businesses including Sunrise Donut Café, which

opened in September.

Hawk's Mill Winery will be pro-

viding four to five different wines for the event. In the past, they have unveiled new releases during the event. Beyond that, a volunteer committee works to find a good variety of local, regional, national, and international wines so that whether someone is attending the event for the first time or has attended all Main Street's wine walks, they will find something they like. Nordby also credited the locally owned stores and strong density of retail in downtown Monroe for making this event such a hit amongst locals and out of towners. "It's a fun night and we all need a few of those right now," he said. Because of the ongoing pandemic,

adjustments have been made so that samples are served in disposable cups with none being used twice, separate entrance and exit points at check-in

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