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CHEESE DAYS 2022
PREVIEW
 Green County's largest festival returns after a 4-year absence.

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 HOURS
 MON-SAT: 11AM
 SUNDAY: 10AM

SEPTEMBER MUSIC
SAT. SEPT. 3:
 Just for Fun
 Starting at 7pm
SUN. SEPT 25:
 The Cool Duo
 Starting at 2pm
EVERY MONDAY 1/2 PRICE OFF FOR FOOD FOR OUR VETERANS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11:
 Marv Van Horn - Starting at 2pm
 • Raising money for our local Fire Depts
 • Meat Raffle • Moment of Silence
 Thank you to Deb Van Horn & the many other emergency personnel for their dedication in helping the 911 victims in New York

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STORIES BEHIND THE STARS

2nd Lieutenant Richard T. Booth



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By Krista Finstad Hanson
 For the Times

During World War II, the 34th Bomber Group (Heavy), 7th Bomber Squadron was activated on January 15, 1941 and first flew patrol missions along the east coast of the United States. The unit moved to England in April of 1944 and prepared for and supported the Allied invasion of Normandy. Over the summer of 1944 they were supporting the French campaign at St. Lo by delivering supplies and bombing enemy targets. Later they supported Allied forces as they moved into Belgium and Germany until the war's end in Europe on May 8, 1945.

Green County Airman Richard T. Booth served in the US Army Air Force with the 34th Bomber Group, 7th Bomber Squadron. Richard T. Booth was born in 1922 in Wisconsin to Maxwell and Marie (Mattern) Booth. On the 1930 US census, the Booth family was living in Monroe in Green County. The household included father Max, mother Marie, brother Phillip, Richard, and grandmother Katherine Mattern. Father Max was the County Clerk for the Circuit Court. Older siblings Charles and Maxime were not living with the family on this census count. On the 1940 US census, Marie was the head of household and was a widow. She was living with sons Charles and Richard in Monroe. Son Richard was 17, had completed his 3rd year of high school, and was working as a bellboy in a hotel for paid wages. Richard Booth graduated with the class of 1940 from Monroe High School. It is likely that Booth enlisted in service in World War II on June 13, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan. He listed his birth year as 1922 in Wisconsin. He had 1 year of college and his civilian occupation was "actors or actresses." His original rank was private and he enlisted in the Air Corps. He was originally in the Reserves and was single.

Stories Behind The Stars

A series that honors more than 421,000 Americans that lost their lives in World War II.

Fallen soldiers from Green County will be highlighted in the Monroe Times.

To learn more about the project, visit storiesbehindthestars.org.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONROE

Referendum push begins

Parents wait for their students outside Abraham Lincoln Elementary School after the first day of school on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022. The School District of Monroe is preparing an \$88 million referendum for the November election.

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What's at stake?

On the Nov. 8 election ballot, School District of Monroe residents will vote **yes** or **no** to **"Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$88,000,000"**

- New high school on a new site
- Capital maintenance and mechanical systems improvements at Abraham Lincoln Elementary

MONROE — Monroe School officials have started a big push to educate the voting public about a major school district referendum that will be on the November ballot and fund construction of a new, \$88 million high school campus.

"It's an exciting time to be in the district," said Superintendent Rodney Figueroa, who is in his first year leading Monroe schools.

The move to a referendum follows years of research and surveys on the various options, including, at one point, the idea of combining the middle and high school into one remodeled, grade 7 through 12 building that would share common areas, such as athletics. This

time, though a new high school is on the drawing board, along with major upgrades to the district's Abraham Lincoln Elementary School.

It would be the largest referendum in the district's history. Members of the

Estimated Impact to Taxpayers

Mill rate impact per \$1,000 of Fair Market Property Value: \$1.99

Fair Market Property Value	Estimated Monthly	Estimated Annual
\$100,000 Property	\$16.58	\$199.00
\$200,000 Property	\$33.17	\$398.00
\$300,000 Property	\$49.75	\$597.00

Assumptions | Mill rate based on 2021 Equalized Valuation (TID-OUT) of \$1,349,069,029 with growth of 15.00% in 2022 and 2.00% thereafter. Multi-phased borrowings amortized over 20 years at estimated interest rates of 3.50-4.50%. Prepared by Baird Financial Consultants

For more information, visit monroschools.com

school board were briefed on the effort to educate the public on the need for a referendum at the district's August 22

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It's delivery, not DiGiorno

Local grads create app, business to delivery local food orders around town

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MONROE — A pair of Monroe college students have created their own food delivery service, modeled after national big-name delivery apps but with a completely local focus.

The business, Delivery Drive, was founded by Gavin Jordan and Kendall Paulson, both 23, after Jordan had spent time in the Madison market and wondered why none of the home delivery giant applications were offered in Monroe. Jordan also worked for Eat Street, a similar service for the Madison-area restaurant scene.

"It's something we always wanted to do, so we made it happen," said Jordan. "This area really needed something like this."

So far six area restaurants have signed on to work with the pair and now Delivery Drive is off and running — and it has steadily

grown over the time since it was founded in the summer of 2021. Jordan and Paulson both agreed to postpone college for a time to help get their new venture off the ground.

Each restaurant's terms of service are different so the way the fees are structured varies, according to Jordan. But generally, restaurants can pay some or all of the delivery cost for Delivery Drive or pass it along to customers, who otherwise wouldn't be able to get delivery here.

But now one of the major delivery services, DoorDash is in town, prompting the boys to step up their game. They say the presence of a competitor actually helps them in some ways as customers

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Questions?

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