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WELCOME WHITE HILL!

Two leaders in the Wisconsin cheese industry have teamed up to form White Hill Cheese. Swiss Valley Farms and Emmi-Roth Käse USA announced that the new partnership will begin producing early next year in a 24,000 sq. ft. cheese manufacturing plant, a 50,000 sq. ft. warehouse, and a waste-water treatment facility in Shullsburg. The joint venture will allow the two entities to increase production of Baby Swiss, No-Salt-Added Swiss and other varieties of quality Cheese.



"We are very excited about this partnership because it will allow us to respond to growing consumer demand for Swiss cheeses," said Don Boelens, CEO of Swiss Valley Farms. Jim Natzke, Vice President of Operations for Emmi-Roth Käse USA, agreed. "This new joint venture allows us to dedicate an entire plant to Swiss cheese production. It also will allow us to more fully utilize our Monroe cheese factory to produce Gruyere and other specialties," Natzke said.

Lafayette Development Corporation is pleased to welcome this facility to our already strong lineup of companies in the county. This will help place Lafayette County even more firmly on the global map regarding cheese production.

www.FutureLafayette.com/Cheese

FIND IT ALL HERE!

Every Business, Every
Community, Every
Professional...

FutureLafayette.com

The listing on these sites is free and can be entered by you directly or LDC.

Call (608) 776-8080

or email Ken at:

Ken@FutureLafayette.com.

A special thanks to the communities and the county for the support to make these free services available.

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## PASS IT ON

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My list of emails is small and I need an army of you to help market this region. So...

FORWARD THIS EMAIL!

and if you want to be on my list for updates and notes email me at:

Ken@Futurelafayette.com

A CONTEST FOR YOU ...

This month's restaurant review is a hunt for the perfect steak - and to make it even more interesting, the first person to email me the correct names of the restaurants serving the following meals will win a steak dinner for two at the restaurant of their choice in Lafayette County. The meals are:

- 1.) Crusted Beef Tenderloin - served with a side of bourbon mustard sauce
- 2.) Ribeye with Orange Chipotle Glaze
- 3.) Philly Steak Pizza

To make your search easier we have a list of some of the finest restaurants serving steak in the county here: www.FutureLafayette.com/steak. My email is Ken@FutureLafayette.com.

Thanks to all the people that suggested that steaks should be the next great food challenge. Next month we will find another category and hopefully another contest. I should point out that the options for a good steak in the county are endless and if you have a favorite restaurant not on our list send it my way and I will add them asap. Note: we used the websites of area restaurants to create our contest if you do not have a website we can help you set one up for free.

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BRIEF UPDATE

Lafayette Development Corporation has approved the establishment of the Ken Leahy Outstanding Community Service Award. Ken Leahy was an outstanding member of his community (Belmont) and Lafayette County. He served on a number of boards and committees and was the Belmont Village President for 26 years, but more importantly Ken served as a tireless advocate for our area.

"Ken was a wonderful person to work with and he was a true ambassador of Belmont. He promoted Belmont wherever he went and to whom ever he spoke."

Alice Gilman, Belmont village clerk

We would like to honor his dedication to the region by recognizing others in the area who share his passion and dedication for the communities of Lafayette County. You may nominate any individual from the area by submitting a brief description of their contributions and other information you think will help us make a decision. We will publicly recognize both the nominees and award recipient.



Ken Leahy

GROWING OUR OWN

It is exciting to welcome a new business into the community, but we need to remember that most jobs will come from companies that are already here. The idea of growing rather than transplanting the next great business in Lafayette County is a far more likely scenario and we have a number of great opportunities to do just that. We have a strong dairy, ag and beef industry and our manufactures and retailers are beginning to see a slight improvement in the economy. We need to encourage these businesses and help them plan their growth here.

Communities need to allow for expansion, and work with companies as they grow. Our schools need to continue to provide well educated graduates ready to step into a more technological workplace. Our employees need to continue to pride themselves on producing the finest quality products. Finally our business community needs to remember that all boats rise with the tide the more world class cheese manufactures we have the more we can attract.

I would also remind everyone that Culver's started as a single restaurant, Harley Davidson started in a shed, and Land's End came from a basement in Chicago to Dodgeville because, "I fell in love with the gently rolling hills and woods and cornfields and being able to see the changing seasons... it's a farm community, and our fellow workers were the sons and daughters of farmers and their families included a fine bunch of kids... people who... get up mighty early in the morning, because they may have a cow or two to milk before coming to work." Gary Comer Founder and Chairman.

Never underestimate what we have to offer!

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## AVAILABLE PROPERTIES

Please visit our websites at either the  
[www.FutureLafayette.com](http://www.FutureLafayette.com)  
or  
[www.LafayetteCounty.org](http://www.LafayetteCounty.org)

To see a listing of available properties in Lafayette County.  
Come grow with us today!

## HELP WANTED

We have a few openings on the LDC Board of Directors. We meet once a month and try to have a great time doing it! We are looking for new ideas and direction for the organization. If you would like to help promote the county as a great place to do business give Terry Sheffer or Ken Harwood a call today.

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GET LISTED

Your Lafayette County business should listed on both the...

FutureLafayette.com

&

LafayetteCounty.org

...websites. We are still in the processing of updating the sites so feel free to call (608) 776-8080 or email Ken at:

Ken@FutureLafayette.com.

There is no charge for these listings and any business in the county may participate. We should point out that these services and all the work LDC does is supported by your local community and the County.

PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

I was asked to find an office space in the county this month and was surprised by the number of properties that were not listed but still available. I even found some turnkey businesses that were for sale but the owners did not want the details publicly listed.

If you are looking for space in Lafayette County please contact our office with details and let me dig a little on your behalf. We may have just what you are looking for. We can also help you get your business started and connect you with the people and companies that can help.

Don't forget to view all the commercial listings that are listed for Lafayette County at:

FutureLafayette.com

Thanks for looking!