



Monroe, WI

50 °F

Clear

at 7:56 AM



[Click for Forecast](#)

## [DINING GUIDE](#)

### [NEWS](#)

[Front page](#) | [Monroe Regional](#)

### [SPORTS](#)

[National](#) | [Local More](#)

### [OBITUARIES](#)

### [RECORD](#)

[Police Blotter](#) | [Circuit Court Court Headlines](#)  
[Death Notices](#) | [Births](#)  
[Hospital Report](#) | [Corrections Notices](#)

### [VIEWS](#)

[Our Views](#) | [Letters Blossoms & Barbs](#)

### [FAMILY'S MATTER](#)

[Anniversaries](#) | [Engagements](#)  
[Weddings](#) | [Calendar](#)

### [CONTACT US](#)

### [CLASSIFIEDS](#)

## Much to like about area, say young professionals

Published Friday, April 27, 2007 1:47:30 PM Central Time

By Brian Gray

[bgray@themonroetimes.com](mailto:bgray@themonroetimes.com)

MONROE -- Green County is a great place to raise a family, with plenty of culture.

That was the message from the first Young Professionals of Green County event Thursday at Blackhawk Technical College.

For some people, the reason they live and work in Green County is family.

"I've decided to live in Green County because my husband has his business here," Marci Boss, who works at Roth Kase, said.

Jake Anderson grew up in Monroe and, as a student at Monroe High School, never imagined himself coming back to live in his hometown. After he got married, however, he said he realized Monroe was a great place to raise a family.

Anderson said schools, parks and service organizations show the support Green County residents have for their communities.

"My family is in Green County, and I was born here," Kari Grossen, who works at the Brodhead Veterinary Clinic, said.

Jon Brunner said Monroe is big enough to offer a lot of activities for families but still small enough to meet other people.

"It has a rural feel," Roth Kase Plant Supervisor

Send your comments or questions about the Times to [newseditor@themonroetimes.com](mailto:newseditor@themonroetimes.com).

[Start home delivery of the Times](#)

[Places where you can buy the Times](#)

Rob Frie said. "It has the best of both worlds."

Boss said one of the things that attracts people to Green County is its culture. She pointed to the unique communities in Green County and said tourists who visit may decide to live in the county.

The young professionals event was organized to give young professionals throughout the county a chance to meet their peers, according to BTC Learning Resource Manager Lori Rodefeld.

University of Wisconsin-Extension Community Resource Development Coordinator Sarah Burgert said the intent was to connect young professionals with one another so they can take an active role in creating communities in which young professionals would want to work and live.

Guest speaker Rep. Brett Davis, R-Oregon, encouraged attendees to get involved with their communities by volunteering four hours a month to a service organization or local governmental body. He then challenged them to get involved by running for office in their communities.

"Run for office on the local level and federal level," he said, before adding, "and if you want to run for the Assembly -- wait for a few years."

Also at the event, Charlie Baumann of Swiss Colony was named Young Professional of the Year.

[Home](#) | [News](#) | [Sports](#) | [Classified](#) | [Contact Us](#)

Copyright ©2007 Bliss Communication Inc. All rights reserved. Use of this material subject to the [Times Terms of Use](#). It may not be published, broadcast, re-distributed or re-written.