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Cheese Days and Monroe City Band Seeking 100 Accordion Players

(Monroe, WI) Seventy-six trombones might have led the big parade, but one hundred accordion players are needed for the grand celebration being planned in honor of the 100th anniversary of Green County Cheese Days, September 19 – 21, 2014. The Monroe City Band, under the direction of Randy Schneeberger, traditionally performs their crowd-pleasing show at noon on Saturday of the festival. This year's finale will feature one hundred accordion players joining the band in a rousing rendition of the Cheese Days Song. Accordionists of all skill levels are invited to participate in this historic event.

Back in 1965, Rudy Burkhalter – long-time accordion teacher, performer, and Cheese Days promoter – adapted a traditional Swiss folk song to use as the official anthem for the biennial celebration of cheesemaking and dairy farming along with the Swiss culture and traditions of Green County. Monroe music teacher Pat Barnard organized the Monroe City Band in 1949, and orchestrated Burkhalter's tune for the band to perform at Cheese Days. An accordion score matching Barnard's arrangement is available on the Cheese Days web site www.cheesedays.com. Call 608.325.7771 or email cheeseday@tds.net to register as one of the 100 Accordions, or to request a copy by email or mail. For questions contact Monroe City Band director Randy Schneeberger at 608-325-9722. More information on rehearsal and logistics will be provided closer to the concert date.

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