

## Connie Kunkle and Brandon Meats and Sausage: Friends to the Rosendale-Brandon School District

Submitted by Eric Bartelme

Annually, the Rosendale-Brandon Education Association recognizes a member of the Rosendale-Brandon School District. Due to the cancelation of last year's district recognition banquet, the RBEA is celebrating two Ron Milton Friends of Education this year. Ron Milton was a beloved teacher and administrator for many years in the Rosendale-Brandon School District. In the spirit of Ron's giving attitude, the 2020 *Ron Milton Friend of Education Award* recipient is Connie Kunkle and the 2021 *Ron Milton Friend of Education Award* recipient is Brandon Meats and Sausage.

Connie Kunkle has been a resident of Rosendale for 40 years and has been a volunteer at Rosendale Primary and Rosendale Intermediate Schools for a number of years. Connie is a very kindhearted and positive woman who enjoys sitting out on her deck. Many teachers have been told by Connie that the highlight of her day is "greeting kids and asking them about their day." She has created great relationships with the students and they look forward to her time in their classrooms. Connie volunteers for a number of teachers at both buildings by reading with students, assisting students with finishing up projects, and helping students with reading skills and practice. She loves baking cookies and sharing them with the students at school. Purchasing books off of teachers' wish lists at the school book fair and donating them to classrooms for students to read is an example of Connie's generosity. Even the current pandemic hasn't prevented Connie from volunteering. She has become a pro at using Google Meet this year in order to work with students.

Brandon Meats and Sausage has been an award-winning staple in Brandon for many decades. In 2015, former owners Al and Janet Feucht agreed to create a fundraiser for Brandon School. Rosendale Primary followed in Brandon's footsteps and adopted the fundraiser for its school shortly afterwards. Current owners Ryan Redmann and John Benson have graciously continued their support to the two schools. Funds raised defray the costs of field trips, allow the schools to bring in guest presenters and offer lyceums. In recent years, the new owners have donated cheese and sausage platters for Brandon School's Veteran's Day Program. For a number of years, Brandon Meats and Sausage have purchased Laconia High School students' animals at the Fond du Lac and Alto fairs; sponsored t-shirts for Laconia FFA, student council, and Powerlifting events; and provided meat at the best possible prices for concessions for extra-curricular organizations. Additionally, Brandon Meats and Sausage collaborates with various student organizations, such as the Wrestling Club, to raise funds by operating a brat fry at the Depot Park shelter in Brandon. When you stop in at Brandon Meats and Sausage, there's a good chance you'll run into one of Laconia's students working behind the counter.

Connie Kunkle and Brandon Meats and Sausage exemplify the community spirit that sets Rosendale-Brandon apart. On behalf of all Rosendale-Brandon School District teachers, please join the Rosendale-Brandon Education Association in thanking Connie Kunkle and Brandon Meats and Sausage for their support of the students in our district.



Connie Kunkle received the 2020 Friend of Education Award from the Rosendale-Brandon Education Association at the recognition banquet at the Knights of Columbus on April 10, presented by English Teacher Danielle Olejniczak.



Ryan Redmann of Brandon Meats and Sausage received the 2021 RBEA Friend of Education Award on Monday, April 12 at Brandon Meats and Sausage. Unfortunately, he was unable to receive it in person.

# Community Section

## Did You Know?

Submitted by Marcie Kunkle

Sisson's Peony Gardens, owned by the Rosendale Historical Society, is maintained by many gracious volunteers. It is not necessary to be a member of the Historical Society to volunteer. Each row is "adopted" and cared for by an individual, a couple of friends, or even a family unit. The really good news is there is room for you! The major focus is weed control in the spring through the time the peonies are blooming. The rows are mulched to lessen the amount of weeding.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Sue Pinch at 979-8375.



*Enjoy a blast from the past:*

Bethel Church of Brandon

## Car Hop Fry/Old Car & Motorcycle Show

featuring a 50s Diner Type Menu

May 16, 2021

(Rain Date May 23)

4:00-7:30 p.m.

Bethel Church Parking Lot

305 W Main St

Brandon, WI

Sponsored by:

Senior High Youth Group

If you would like to display your car/motorcycle please bring them to church by 2:30 that day. Prizes will be awarded to the top three cars and motorcycles.



## New Generation Singers at Peniel Chapel

Submitted by Lynette Booth

Saturday evening, May 8, 2021, at 6PM the New Generation Singers will present a concert at the Peniel Welsh Chapel, located at 9644 Zoar Rd Oshkosh WI 54902. The concert features young musicians from Central Wisconsin Christian School in Waupun. These talented students love sharing their music and gifts at Peniel.

The Association is an organization dedicated to preserving the 165-year-old Peniel Chapel and the Welsh heritage.