

# TALES AROUND TOWN

## Talk Series

### **Murders of Monroe with Tom Mitchell**

**Tuesday, June 15 at 6:00 PM**

**Historic Courthouse, south side lawn**

Local author and historian Tom Mitchell will share the tragedies and trials of the seven murders committed in the history of Monroe.

### **The Fascinating History of Colony Brands with**

**Jim Glessner**

**Saturday, June 19 at 1:00 PM**

**Historic Cheesemaking Center, behind the building**

Colony Brands historian and former employee, Jim Glessner, shares interesting artifacts from the Swiss Colony and the history surrounding them.

### **The Ever-Changing Responsibilities of Rural**

**Schoolteachers with Matt Figi**

**Tuesday, July 13 at 7:00 PM**

**Monroe Public Library, front lawn**

Local historian and author Matt Figi will share the realities of one-room school education from the 1840s to the 1960s in Green County.

### **Twining Family Tales with Suzann Holland**

**Tuesday, July 20 at 6:30 PM**

**Twining Park, South Shelter**

Suzann Holland, library director and avid admirer of the Twining Family, will share the amazing and colorful history of this prominent Monroe family who became well-known national figures.

### **Joining us at a Tales Around Town event?**

- Face masks are encouraged at our outdoor events.
- Face masks must be worn when using the library's restrooms.
- Please come prepared for the outdoors by dressing for the weather, wearing bug spray or sunscreen, and bringing a picnic blanket or chair.
- In case of heavy rain or weather advisory, Tales Around Town events may move to Zoom, with a recording available after the event. Check our website for updates.

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## Self-Guided Walking Tour

### ★ **Twining Park**

**Main entrance on 14th Ave.  
between 2nd St. and 6th St.**

The park was named for Gen. Nathan Twining, and was dedicated in 1960, with a marker located on the south side of the park.

### ★ **Green County Historical Society**

**1617 9th St**

Bethel School was moved to this location in 1971.

Contact the Society for information about tours of this one-room school.

### ★ **Monroe Public Library**

**925 16th Ave.**

The Monroe House, which was located on this block, was the site of the first murder in Monroe.

### ★ **Green County Historic Courthouse**

**1016 16th Ave.**

The courthouse at this location in 1869 is where the first murder in Monroe was tried. The current building was built in 1891.

### ★ **Kubly House**

**1322 17th Ave.**

Built by Dr. F.M. Confer around 1890, this house was later owned by Ray Kubly Sr., who started his cheese mail-order business from the attic and basement: the beginning of Swiss Colony.

### ★ **Twining House**

**1423 15th Ave.**

The Twining home was built around 1900. Gen. Nathan Twining was born in Monroe in 1897, and was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1957-1960.

### ★ **Historic Cheesemaking Center Museum**

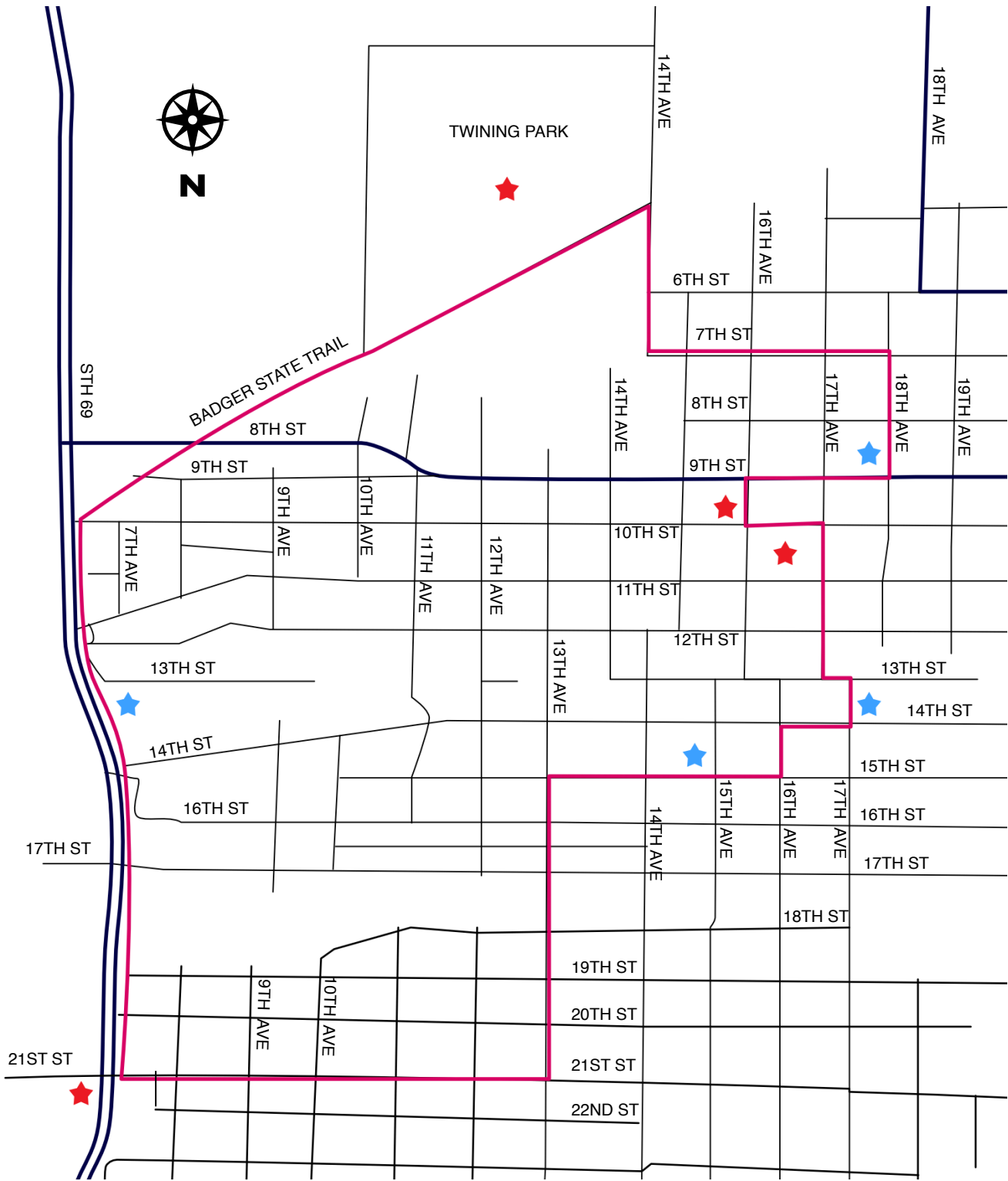
**2108 6th Ave.**

The Imobersteg Cheese Factory is restored and located on the campus of this museum. Contact the museum for information about visits and tours.

### ★ **The Swiss Colony**

**1112 7th Ave.**

What started as a small food mail order business known as The Swiss Colony is now Colony Brands, strong competitors in the catalog and internet retail industry.



- ★ Locations of the talks in the Tales Around Town series.
- ★ Points of historical interest related to the Tales Around Town series.

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