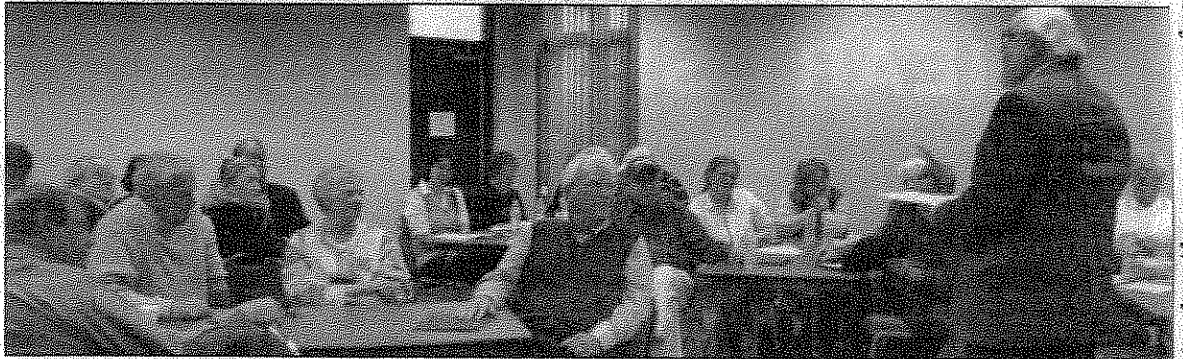


## Area planners, participants attended "Our Community Gives" event recognizing Hollandale, Argyle and Blanchardville philanthropic efforts



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Many attendees were present in Argyle Wednesday night - at the first-ever regional "Our Community Gives" celebration, sponsored by First National Bank and Trust, the Blanchardville-Hollandale Community Fund and the Argyle Community Fund.

The event was held at First National Bank and Trust in Argyle.

"Our Community Gives" included a presentation by rural Blanchardville's Dick Jaeger and by rural Argyle resident John Condon - as both men spoke - regarding personal philanthropic goals.

Another featured speaker was rural Hollandale resident - and Argyle K-12 educator Marilyn Rolfsmeyer who shared experiences regarding the Excellence in Education initiatives - offered through the community funds. Pictured above - and speaking at right, Ron Spielman of Monroe addresses the contingent of guests. Meeting attendees received a "Top Ten List" regarding personal planning or to use in assisting others with an interest in developing and refining their philanthropic efforts.

Also taking place was the auctioning of a gift basket - and proceeds from the auction and the event registration fees were donated to the Argyle Excellence in Education Fund and the Pecatonica Excellence in Education Fund.

As organizer Linda Gebhardt notes - "The Blanchardville-Hollandale and Argyle community funds and the Argyle and Pecatonica excellence in education funds are components of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc. Gebhardt is a Donor Services Representative for Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin.