



Spotlight shines on student artists

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Facebook etc. found guilty in landmark addiction trial
Jury awards \$3 million to victim due to the harm caused by social media

A jury in Los Angeles last week held Facebook and Instagram owner Meta and Google's YouTube liable in a landmark social media addiction trial. They awarded the plaintiff \$3 million in compensatory damages due to the way the social media platforms prey upon users and utilize algorithms to foster addiction and other psychological and emotional harm.

The decision could influence more than 1,600 similar lawsuits from more than 350 families and more than 250 school districts.



What is art?

Village's plan commission grapples with an age old question

By CATHY SCOTT
Mount Horeb Mail

The March 25 Plan Commission meeting included three items, two of which were property reviews and the third was an initial discussion for a Public Art Or-

dinance. All members were present, except Jill Remmert-Willis. President Ryan Czyzewski introduced Jon Hochkammer, the interim Village Administrator, who took copious notes during the meeting.

When the new Chapter

17 (zoning code) recently was approved, the Public Art section was intentionally left blank to have a separate discussion on the topic. Although Ben Rohr, the Village Planner, was not in attendance, he included a detailed memo which

pointed out several factors in Delavan's ordinance for the Commission to review to start the discussion on Mount Horeb's Public Art Ordinance. Its Ordinance was used as a guide when the Driftless Historium applied to have a mural on the

south wall of the building. Commissioner Andrew Kidd asked, "What is art is subjective as it varies from one person to another? Can a rusty object be put in someone's yard and be considered

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Food and family at Fink's

Family behind Steve's taco truck breathes fresh life into local restaurant



Ben and Claudia Kendall, along with family members and representatives from the Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce, officially cut the ribbon at the new Fink's restaurant last week. Chamber of Commerce photo.

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

The owners of one of the area's most popular food trucks have re-opened one of Mount Horeb's most historic brick-and-mortar eateries, and they say they are excited to breathe new life into an old favorite.

Ben and Claudia Kendall live just a few miles from the village, and they were

already familiar with the Troll Capital of the World because they regularly set up the Steve's Tacos truck here. When they saw that Fink's, the cozy café located at 204 West Main Street, was for sale last year, they jumped at the chance.

"When we saw the 'For Sale' sign at Fink's, I talked to Claudia and we just couldn't stop finding posi-

tives," recalled Ben. "It's an established restaurant, it's in a great community, we can use the kitchen for Steve's, there were just so many positives and even when we intentionally tried to list the negatives we *still* ended up finding more positives. It just fit so perfectly, it's close to home, and Mount Horeb has been really good to us. This almost felt like a small

It's just after 7 o'clock on a chilly Friday morning and Stephanie, the waitress at Fink's restaurant, is zipping from table to table, topping off cups with hot coffee. Steam and friendly chatter rise as food orders start coming out of the kitchen, French toast, bacon, eggs, hash browns and more sizzle on the kitchen's griddle. On her way back to the kitchen, she stops to remind a local veteran that he gets a discount on his order. As it has for generations, Fink's is up and running, offering a cozy, welcoming, daily respite for those who call Mount Horeb home, or those who are just passing through. It is a diner without pretension; small, unassuming, its beating heart a small group of family and friends...

way of giving back."

After extensive remodeling and replacing old kitchen equipment, they re-opened Fink's last week. Photos of the verdant farms and big red barns that make the area special line the walls (and they welcome people to send them more images of their own family farms).

"Honestly, we didn't even have to think about it twice," said Claudia. "We had this opportunity and we just couldn't let it go."

Fink's will remain a classic spot for breakfast and lunch, keeping old standbys and adding a few new ones, too.

The menu is still evolving, but today it features an assortment of dishes, from

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who must have graduated prior to 2006. Individuals who have had a significant impact on their individual professionals and personal communities are sought for this remarkable honor.

To nominate an individual for the Distinguished Alumni Award, an application can be found on

the Mount Horeb School District website (www.mhasd.k12.wi.us). Forms should be printed out, completed and mailed to the address indicated on the forms prior to May 1, 2026.

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Spring Election: Dane County Board

McGree vs. Doolan in District 28

Ahead of the April 7, 2026, spring election, candidates for Dane County Board District 28, challengers Nathan McGree and incumbent Michele Doolan, responded to questions from the Mount Horeb Mail to share their priorities and perspectives with voters.

Name: Nathan McGree

Bio: I am a small business owner and farmer in the Town of Vermont in Dane County. A diesel mechanic by trade, I started my career as a machinist in the IAM Union for BNSF Railways. I moved to Madison, Wisconsin in 2009 and worked in the Madison area as a mechanic until 2018 when I then purchased Tyrol Basin Ski Area in Mount Horeb. I am currently the general manager of Tyrol Basin and raise a small herd of beef cattle on our farm in Black Earth. I am also active in the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce. I have a wonderful, hardworking wife and three amazing daughters. When I have a free moment, I enjoy spending as much time as possible outdoors with them in the beautiful Driftless Area we call our home.

Name: Michele Doolan

Bio: 52, grew up in Neenah and moved to Middleton in high school when her single mother joined the State of Wisconsin. She lives in Mazomanie with her husband, Tom, and is the proud mother of three and grandmother of two. A retired hairdresser of 35 years whose career spanned every part of the industry, Michele now works for the State and is finishing her third term on the Dane County Board, bringing decades of experience and a deep commitment to her community. I'm a nerd, gamer, lover of people, cook and student of life. Went to college for

Economics and Political Science until I ran out of money. I hope to go back to it someday.

What are your top three priorities if elected to serve as County Supervisor for District 28?

- Nathan McGree:** 1. To be a voice for our rural district- someone who the constituents of District 28 can approach and ask for guidance or express concerns when navigating county policies and regulations, such as zoning or stormwater and erosion control, for example.
2. To listen to all constituents- Democrat and Republican voting- as this is a non-partisan position and should be treated as such.
3. To make sure the County budget is benefitting all districts within our county, not just the City of Madison.

Michele Doolan: My top priorities are protecting taxpayers, supporting rural communities, and making county government work more efficiently. First, I want to address the growing pressure on county services by focusing on the root causes—housing costs, food security, and jobs that don't keep up with the cost of living. Second, I want to expand workforce housing and strengthen local food systems so families can afford to live and work in our communities. Third, I want to improve regional collaboration on housing, transit, and public safety so rural communities can pool resources and reduce duplication instead of asking local taxpayers to carry the burden alone.

Do you believe the county is on the right track in terms of economic development? What benchmarks should county leaders use to gauge its progress in this area?

Nathan McGree: I do not. Dane County is less than friendly when it comes to small business development and expansion, even as small business is the real backbone of our economy. There is what I would consider to be a large amount of government overreach which makes multiple things challenging for small business owners. I think evaluating not only the number of small businesses that start up in Dane County, but the longevity of those businesses is important to look at in determining success in Dane County's economy, as many small businesses start in this area, but then fail to exist beyond 3-5 years.

Michele Doolan: Dane County has made important progress in economic development, but the real measure of success should be whether that growth is improving stability for the people who live and work here. Too often we measure success by new investment or job creation alone, without asking whether those jobs allow people to afford housing, food, and basic necessities in the communities they serve.

County leaders should look at benchmarks like housing affordability, wage growth relative to the cost of living, workforce housing availability, and whether families are becoming less reliant on crisis services. If economic growth is strong but more working people still need housing assistance or food support, that's a sign the system isn't working as well as it should.

Ultimately, economic development should strengthen local communities, reduce pressure on county services, and ensure that the people who help drive our economy can also afford to live here.

Are you well versed in

open government laws and Robert's Rules of Order? What other steps would you take to ensure transparency in county government?

Nathan McGree: I am familiar with both. I'd also aim to be well known to and build relationships with the constituents of District 28, attending town and village meetings in our District on a regular basis so that they know who is representing them and who they can turn to who will actually elevate their questions or concerns to the county when questions or concerns arise on a county level.

Michele Doolan: Yes. Having served three terms on the County Board, I am very familiar with open government laws and the use of Robert's Rules of Order in conducting public meetings. Transparent process and clear procedure are essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring that decisions are made fairly and openly.

Beyond that, I believe transparency also means making government easier for residents to understand and engage with. That includes clear communication about major policy decisions, accessible public meetings, and making it easier for residents to follow how county dollars are being spent.

County government works best when residents feel informed and able to participate. Maintaining strong open meeting practices, clear records, and consistent public communication helps ensure that trust remains strong.

Growth is always a thorny issue for any county. Infill development is demonstrably better for the environment and can bolster the tax base and create walkable communities. But it can also de-

tract from a community's "small town" charm and create aesthetic, traffic and parking issues. The alternative is often urban sprawl, which protects the downtown but destroys the agrarian beauty of the region, harms the environment, eliminates vital habitat for myriad species, and promotes "car culture" and "bedroom communities." Sprawl also usurps the valuable farmland that is at the very core of our area's identity (and economy). But growth, no matter where it occurs, can create jobs and housing, can add to the tax base, and is seen by many Americans as the most palpable evidence of progress. How would you grapple with the complex issue of growth?

Nathan McGree: As stated above, this is a tricky subject with most communities having very different ideas on how it should progress. I believe individual towns and villages are best positioned to make decisions about their own communities. The county should let the individual communities follow their own land use plans and support their decisions wherever possible. We have seen a few municipalities pull out of Dane County zoning over the last few years and I think this is due to frustrations in those communities regarding overreach of the county. Many zoning policies, while they might make sense in the City of Madison, aren't as applicable as they currently stand in our rural towns and villages.

Michele Doolan: Growth is inevitable in a county like Dane County, so the real question is how we guide it responsibly. I believe our approach should balance

protecting farmland and natural resources with ensuring that our communities remain livable and economically healthy.

Where infrastructure already exists, thoughtful infill development can strengthen communities by adding housing, supporting local businesses, and making better use of existing roads and utilities. At the same time, we need to respect the character of small towns and work with residents to ensure development fits the scale and needs of the community.

Protecting farmland is also critical. Agriculture is central to our region's identity and economy, and once productive farmland is lost to sprawl, it is very difficult to recover. Smart planning means directing growth toward areas that can support it while preserving the rural landscapes and habitats that define our region.

Finally, counties and local governments need to work together to push for stronger state policies that support balanced development across Wisconsin. When the state invests in infrastructure, housing, and economic opportunity throughout the state—not just in a few high-growth areas—it helps smaller communities thrive and reduces the pressure for unsustainable sprawl in places like Dane County.

What is District 28 currently doing right?

Nathan McGree: District 28 remains a beautiful, rural area filled with many small, medium, and large sized farms and ample public trails and parks for outdoor recreation opportunities.

Michele Doolan: District

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Obituary

CASEY BOATMAN



Casey Boatman loved life. He was the most perfect mix of sensitivity and comedic timing. At 6’7” his size was often the first thing people noticed about him, but his heart is what people connected to - whether he was chatting about sports, the

newest restaurant he wanted to try, or deeply listening to you.

He first met Sarah when they were 3-years-old and went to nursery school together. By 4th grade they started “dating”, and in 5th grade she was heartbroken when Casey’s family moved to Darlington. One warm summer night, when they were 24-years-old, he recognized Sarah from across the room and from the moment he approached her and said, “I think you were my 5th grade girlfriend”, they were inseparable. Engaged five months later and four months after that they were married on April 15, 2006.

Casey was at his happiest with Sarah, the love of his life, by his side, and

laughing with his children. He was the most incredible father. He delighted in every stage from swaddling our newborns and using his magic bounce to soothe them when they were sad, to seeing their personality form and teaching them how to dance and throw a ball. He loved reading to them and coaching them in every sport. He loved attending sporting events, concerts, and recitals for Tatum (18), Everett (16), Stella (9), and Hattie (6). Casey loved being in the kitchen cooking with his daughters, playing basketball with his son, dancing with his wife, shopping, traveling, hiking, enjoying the beach, and singing along to his latest playlist.

Casey was a beloved 5th grade teacher at Wisconsin Heights Elementary. He built relationships with his students and through those connections he taught them to love math, dig into a good book, and, most importantly, to believe in themselves.

Casey was an avid athlete, playing football and basketball for Darlington. He went on to play basketball at MATC. His kindness and quiet determination were admired by his teammates.

Casey passed away on Wednesday, March 18th, at age 44, surrounded by his adoring wife and children. He will be forever missed by his wife and best friend, Sarah Boatman. And by his children that were the biggest joys of his life, Tatum,

Everett, Stella, and Hattie Boatman.

He will be further missed by his loving parents, Bob and Ellen Boatman. His grandmother, Gloria Boatman; brother, Ryan (Kari) Boatman; brother, Scott (Lynnette) Boatman; sister, Shannon (Jamie) Williams; sister, Ashley (Mark) Gosens; and 13 adoring nieces and nephews. His father- and mother-in-law that loved him like a son, Ben and Debby Kahl. And his sister-in-law, Laura Kahl.

Preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Edith Vickers; and grandfather, Richard Boatman.

He will be deeply missed by his loving friends, Eric Elzen and Jason Elzen.

A memorial service will

be held at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at the Swiss United Church of Christ, 18 Fifth Avenue, New Glarus, WI. Rev. Sara Rabe will officiate. A gathering of relatives and friends will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at Edelweiss Chalet Country Club, W4764 Edelweiss Road, New Glarus, WI.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established at the Bank of New Glarus for Sarah and the children.

The Zentner-Beal Funeral Home of New Glarus is assisting the family.

An online memorial with guestbook is available at www.bealfuneralhomes.com.

Opinion

Mount Horeb Area School District: What Does “Commitment to Belonging” Mean?

By Brian Johnson

Education is sometimes cluttered with well-meaning buzzwords, yet it too often lacks the commitment and practice needed to bring them to life. In the Mount Horeb Area School District, “belonging” is not just a concept—it is a commitment to action. Aligning resources and supports that foster belonging is an ongoing priority, ensuring that every student feels valued, connected, and empowered to succeed.

This past week, I was watching a Sources of Strength (SOS) meeting at our High School. (SOS is a group of student volunteers who desire to maintain and grow a positive, welcoming school culture.) I was amazed at how invested our students are in the process and solutions in making our buildings a more welcom-

ing place for all students. During the meeting, students were actively engaged in planning a school-wide event they created called “Mentor Madness.” Students across the school nominated staff members they felt were impactful mentors, resulting in approximately 56 staff being recognized. The group then designed a “March Madness”-style bracket, incorporating fun and engaging activities to ultimately celebrate a Mentor Champion. What stood out most was not just the creativity of the event, but the intentionality behind it. Our students are not only identifying what makes them feel connected and supported—they are leading the work to strengthen those connections for others.

This experience gave me a moment to reflect on the broader work happening across our district. It is

clear that our commitment to belonging is not just an initiative—it is something our students are embracing, shaping, and bringing to life in meaningful ways.

The District’s commitment to belonging begins with the Board of Education’s Power Goals and Strategic Plan. Data collection and analysis of students’ overall well-being are woven into every aspect of the Board. Supporting students to be “Prepared for the Future” is central, with a strong emphasis on helping them become “Socially Aware & Respectful Contributors.” The aim is for students to champion belonging, welcoming a variety of voices and representation; to recognize the importance of community; and to see their potential to improve the world around them. This commitment is reflected in every Board of

Education document, mission, and vision statement.

The District’s administrative team actively integrates belonging into everyday operations. Examples of these efforts include:

- Staff professional development focusing on belonging and the whole child,
- District Belonging Committee, which devotes itself to connecting the variety of student backgrounds in a way that enhances each school’s culture;
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), which is designed to reward and recognize our students for “doing the right things” and “doing what is right”;
- Bullying resources on the website, and the “what” and “how” to respond and report are specifically taught at each grade level;

Writing grants to support programming such as Youth Frontiers, alcohol/drug prevention initiatives, and many other areas, looking at student support, and

Approaching school safety from the perspective of student belonging and proactive support.

In the classrooms, the work around belonging is intentional and woven into daily routines. Staff members foster a sense of community through morning meetings, welcoming signs as part of their classroom décor, as well as small gestures like high fives in the hallways—all of which contribute to a positive and inviting atmosphere.

Lessons are designed to reflect a wide array of backgrounds and experiences, ensuring that every student sees themselves represented in the curriculum.

Instruction goes beyond academic content, emphasizing social-emotional learning, collaboration, and the soft skills needed for future success. By focusing on these aspects, educators help students build confidence, develop meaningful relationships, and feel safe to express their ideas. All of these efforts ensure that students are not only comfortable but also valued for the unique strengths and perspectives they bring, ultimately preparing them with the skills needed for college, career, and life.

As noted in our mission statement, the Mount Horeb Area School District is focused on making every student feel like they belong in our schools and within our community. The practices and commitment are focused and connected to the incredible work happening in classrooms.

PLANNING

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art or is it considered a piece of rusty junk?”

Commissioner Ben Vondra opined he would like additional information from either the attorney or planner to learn what authority a Village has over public art so it is not burdensome to artists, saying he believes some control is warranted with a ‘light touch’, as well as learning more about the uses of the public art, questioning if every new troll placed in town needs a permit as he believes that should not be required.

Commissioner Destinee Udelhoven suggested changing the Applicability section of Delavan’s plan to one that avoids any review process by the Plan Commission for public art that is within a certain size and is not using municipal funds, referring to the trolls about town placed by both public and private parties.

Commissioner Peggy Zalucha believes we need to be careful about being too strict with minimum display timelines, stating what proposals will not be accepted for review, and not allowing covering or draping over windows (referring to some Halloween storefronts).

Zalucha said, “We need to stop saying no so much. We are a charming town, but also progressive, and need to be open to artists, which is one of our claims to fame and we do not want to lose that.”

Before wrapping up the discussion, Zalucha offered to contact the Wisconsin Arts Board which is tasked with reviewing what art goes into public buildings all over the State and see what their calls for entry look, how they word it, as there has to be an appropriate way to do this. The commissioners quickly accepted her offer.

Miscellaneous

Mark Sherven, Town of

Vermont, and applicant of four Certified Survey Maps (CSM) for a map land division into four lots requested consideration of this due to Mount Horeb’s Extraterritorial Zoning agreement with Vermont. A motion made and unanimously approved for recommendation to the Village Board for final approval.

Nick Olday, owner of 1348 Field Court, presented a concept review for a multi-family development for the property. The lot now includes two buildings, each with two units. The concept review is for two additional buildings, each with two units. The new zoning code

does not require approval from the Village Board, a public hearing, or a notice to the neighbors. Ben Rohr, Village Planner, recommended approval, with the understanding the three foot back yard setback is increased to the required five

foot setback. Olday said he will remove the needed two feet from the patio design to meet the standard. He will submit the required development application for consideration by the Plan Commission for the April Plan Commission meeting.



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Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- April 7, 1886

This issue of the news is one day late in order to give results of election.

Whole number of votes cast at the polls at this place was 271, the largest vote cast at any town meeting held in this town.

Miss Woodward returned Sat. afternoon to commence her summer term of school at East Mount Horeb Monday morning. As this is her fifth term at the place it shows how well the District is pleased with their teacher. We hope during this term she will favor us with another entertainment as good as the last one, as it was pronounced by all there to be one of the best they ever attended.

Anton Erickson has accepted a position with Dr. Evans.

Blue Mounds has a new brass band of twelve pieces. Music is in the air.

130 Years Ago- April 2, 1896

A lively and well attended creamery meeting was held at Fosshage & Olson's furniture store last Monday evening with Jas. Banner, presiding officer.

The house and three lots advertised found a ready buyer in Mrs. Wm. Dunn, from near Riley's. She was among the first to enquire

and purchased the property. Mrs. Ophelia, who was the advertiser and owned the property, realizes the stern fact that advertising pays.

Kleven Bros. has invested in a pleasant sounding chime whistle to take the place of the former one which has gotten into the habit of giving false alarms most any hour of the day or night. It would get a whistling spell that would astonish the natives for blocks around, hence it was placed on the retired list.

A lady doctor from Madison is treating Gunder Halverson.

Henry Dahle is visiting us oftener than he used to since moving away. He looks just the same, but says he has gained 10 lbs. avoirdupois since he commenced to inhale the lubricating air of Mt. Horeb. There might possibly be other reasons-what?

Christ Johnson has bought some land near Oakdale in this state. This price was \$4.25 per acre and is said to be fair farming land.

Many of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Mael banded themselves together in the way of a surprising party one day recently. Mrs. Mael has been ill for some time but is now improving.

120 Years Ago- April 5, 1906

Talk about prosperity, we have it right here by the loads of calves that come in on Mondays and the loads

of milk cans that the farmers take home.

G.M. Ranum, the poultry man from Perry was here last Monday and shipped from here seven sittings of eggs for hatching. Mr. Ranum is giving his best attention to high bred poultry and is meeting with good success.

The village election was one of the most quiet and docile elections in the history of Mt. Horeb, only 105 votes being polled. But one ticket was in the field, not a single candidate had an opponent.

Dr. Evans retires from the village presidency with the record of having run the affairs of the village very economically and in a business-like manner, and it will be well for the coming man to follow in the footsteps of the outgoing official.

A boy at S. Nygard's and a girl at Ole Olson's arrived simultaneously and all is well.

110 Years Ago- April 7, 1916

Melvin Lunde has bought a Ford touring car as has Walter Evans.

Autoes and motor cycles were numerous on the speedway last Sunday afternoon.

Monday was the banner calf day at Mt. Horeb, 698 calves were taken in at the stock yards and were shipped same day in double decked cars.

Mrs. Christina Peterson had the telephone installed in her hat shop Wednesday. You can now order that Easter hat and when you call it'll be all ready to put on.

The phone number is 233.

Fred Vilberg and Ruth Berg were united in marriage at the U.L. Church yesterday at 5 p.m. Only the nearest relatives were present. The happy pair will go to housekeeping in the new home which the groom has so industriously prepared, located on Third Street.

John Steyer sports a fine Oakland car and was seen enjoying an outing Sunday. It's a sensible thing for well to-do retired farmers to have an auto with which to occupy their leisure moments and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

100 Years Ago- April, 6, 1926

Mt. Horeb Times
James Anderson of Forward who attends High School here had the misfortune to break his right wrist Sunday while cranking a Ford car.

Elmer Lunde of Springdale was injured Sunday afternoon by a accidental discharge of a gun he was carrying.

A little son of Nels Lee broke his right arm Monday while trying to crank a Ford car.

Ralph Burgh, son of Orille Bergh, cut an artery in his left arm when he fell on a broken bottle while playing.

Mr. Leonard Thompson, who has been employed as assistant Marshall and Street Commissioner for three years, has resigned and will move to his father's (O. L. Thompson) farm soon. Mr. Sponem is employing men by the day to help him with his duties.

SCHOOL GIRL

WANTED: To help with house work about 4 or more hours per week. Call 145.

The Olson Restaurant and Bakery is resplendent in a new coat of paint applied by that master craftsman Gus Johnson and his able crew of helpers.

90 Years Ago- April 9, 1936

Sanford Thompson is employed as a junior salesman with Swift & Company. He is stationed at Madison at present.

Sidney Wallen will leave Friday morning for Illinois to buy his fourth load of horses this spring.

Mount Horeb voters Tuesday voted to grant liquor by a vote of 372 to 249. Six hundred ballots were cast.

Henry Steyer, 86, passed away at the Buchner Hospital Friday, April 3.

80 Years Ago- April 11, 1946

Work has started for two new buildings on Lincoln Street. One being built by the Kaestner Henze Company and the other is to be a dwelling for the John Mueller family.

At the school board meeting that was held last Friday evening it was voted to appropriate up to \$10,000 for a residence for the principal. Sixty-nine votes were cast, 44 for, 25 against.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore Aavang have moved into an apartment in the Clarence Schwenn house.

Mrs. Eleanor Thompson is a patient at Methodist Hospital, Madison. She fell

off the back porch and fractured several ribs.

60 Years Ago- April 7, 1966

Steve Johnson, eighth grade student at Mount Horeb Grade School was selected as the first recipient of the annual Carl Baertschy Award for outstanding sportsmanship and athletic potential.

Kathy Zwettler was crowned spelling champion of the Mount Horeb Grade School last Thursday afternoon. She became the 1966 spelling winner by spelling the word "colleague."

A daughter, Helen Mary, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sutter, Mount Horeb, Thursday, March 31, 1966 at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison.

Six youth were confirmed at Springdale Lutheran Church by the Rev. Bill Redman. They were Steven Basthemer, Steven Kahl, Toni Jones, Donald Magnuson, Philip Helland and Keith Bakken.

40 Years Ago- April 3, 1986

The sounds of buggy wheels and horses' hooves on the streets of Mount Horeb will be heard again during the Quasquicentennial on Saturday afternoon, June 21, that will be a horse and carriage parade through town.

Mildred C. Sutter, Mount Horeb, died on Sunday, March 30, 1986 at the Ingle-side Nursing Home, where she had been a resident since March 10.

Our Summer Activity Guide is now available and registration is open! Visit our website to see the list of wonderful programs and to register!

Pool passes for the Mount Horeb Family Aquatic Center are now available! Call or visit our

website to purchase your family or individual pass. *Purchase before May 14th and get \$10 off!*

Get ready for a season full of sunshine, fun, and community by joining some of our wonderful programs! Some activities include:

Smiling Trolls Summer

Camp!

Art and pottery classes!

Adult fitness, water exercise, and line dancing!

Coding, animation, and video game design classes!

Youth sports – baseball, soccer, rugby, tennis, kayaking, cheer, and many more!

HOW TO REGISTER: There are multiple ways to register for summer programs and activities.

Online (go to <https://secure.rec1.com/WI/mount-horeb-wi/catalog>).

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street.

Place completed registration form (found on Rec

Dept website) and payment in 24-hour drop box.

Email completed registration form (found on Rec Dept website) and payment to mhrec@mounthorebwi.info.

UPCOMING SPRING REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

These programs can be found on our previous ActiveNet registration site

4/6: Babysitting Class

4/7: Fun with Volleyball (6th-8th grade)

4/8: Track and Field Decathlon

PFLAG

PFLAG Mount Horeb continues monthly chapter meetings on Monday, April 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Mount Horeb Public Library meeting room with guest Carl Siciliano.

Carl Siciliano is a pioneering advocate and provider for homeless LGBT youth. His programs have been widely recognized for their quality and innovation.

In 2002, Siciliano founded the Ali Forney Center (AFC), which has grown

to become the nation's largest and most comprehensive housing program for homeless LGBTQ+ youth. The Ali Forney Center offers emergency housing, transitional housing, a drop-in center, a vocational/educational center and a mix of supportive services that help LGBTQ+ youth become successful, independent adults.

In 2011, Siciliano launched the Campaign for Youth Shelter, which sought

to leverage the political influence of the LGBT community to achieve a commitment from New York City to adopt a plan to increase it's youth shelter capacity to meet the need of all the city's homeless youths. This campaign was instrumental in transforming NYC's treatment of homeless youth, resulting in over 500 new beds.

In 2002, Siciliano was named by *OUT Magazine* as one of the 100 Outstanding

Gay Achievers. In 2007 he was awarded the New York Public Library's *Brooke Astor Service Award*, which is given to someone who is relentless in his or her dedication to the city of New York and who has contributed substantially to its enrichment. In 2012 he was named a *Champion of Change* by the Obama White House.

In 2024, Siciliano's memoir *MAKING ROOM: Three Decades of Fighting*

for Beds, Belonging, and a Safe Place for LGBTQ Youth was published by Penguin Random House. His writings have also been published in the New York Times, Huffington Post, The Advocate, and LGBTQ Nation.

Today Siciliano continues to fight for the rights and empowerment of homeless LGBT youth through the growth, outreach and advocacy of the Ali Forney Center.

Carl will be joining via ZOOM and will speak the first hour, with the second hour dedicated to confidential support and sharing. Email pflagmoho@gmail.com to request the zoom link.

This event is free and open to the public. The program is made possible by a grant from the Mt. Horeb Community Foundation and is not a library sponsored event.

UPDATE: Officer Involved Death in Springdale

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is conducting an investigation into an officer involved death that occurred in the Town of Springdale in Dane County, Wis. on the evening of Sunday, March 15.

At approximately 5:09

p.m. on Sunday, March 15, officers with the Verona Police Department initiated a pursuit of a vehicle wanted in connection to a burglary and stolen vehicle. During the pursuit, the subject's vehicle became disabled near the intersection of Highway 151 and Spring Rose Road in the Town of Springdale. Eric

Pottinger, age 44, exited the vehicle with a hammer and an altercation ensued. Verona Police Department Sgt. Trevor Runkle, 13 years law enforcement experience, discharged his firearm striking the subject.

EMS was contacted and life saving measures were attempted. Mr. Pottinger

was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

No members of law enforcement or other members of the public were injured during this incident.

The incident was captured via the on-scene officers body worn cameras.

Sgt. Runkle was placed on

administrative leave, per the agency's policies.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by the Dane County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, the Dane County Medical Examiner and a DCI Crime Response Specialist. All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating

with DCI during this investigation. DCI is continuing to review evidence and determine the facts of this incident and will turn over the investigative reports to the Dane County District Attorney's Office when the investigation concludes.

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port and elect leaders who are committed to funding public education. While a single school board may not be able to reform the state funding formula on its own, school boards working collectively, along with staff and community members, sharing real, personal stories about the impact of these funding shortfalls will help elevate the issue and hopefully create momentum for change.

Members of the board don't always see eye-to-

eye, but their debates are (usually) respectful and fairly good-natured, at least compared with many other government bodies. Explain how you would bring different ideas to the table, and even disagree, in a way that is productive, helpful, and does not detract from civil discourse:

As a school board member, I believe sharing different ideas in a productive and respectful way is essential to good governance. Clear meeting norms, such as listening without interruption, focusing on issues rather than individuals, and grounding comments

in shared goals, create the structure needed for honest dialogue. I believe productive discussion also depends on asking questions to further understand perspective. Discussions are less about persuading others and more about sharing ideas, exploring options, and understanding perspectives. Finally, thoughtful deliberation is necessary for a board to reach a collective decision. School board decisions are complex and consequential, and they are stronger when multiple viewpoints are examined openly, respectfully, and with a willingness to learn from one another.

What are the school district's biggest challenges in the coming years?

As I have noted in previous responses, inadequate funding is the school district's current most significant challenge and will continue to be in the coming years if the challenge isn't addressed at the state level. Ongoing underfunding places pressure on programs, staffing, and services, while increasing reliance on local property taxes strains our community. Addressing this challenge will require continued advocacy from the school board, district leadership, staff, families,

and community members to push for a more sustainable and equitable funding model at the state level.

What are the greatest opportunities moving forward?

I believe the greatest opportunity moving forward is our students. Their curiosity, creativity, resilience, and diverse experiences offer endless possibilities for learning and growth. By listening to students, centering their voices, and continuing to build learning environments where they feel a strong sense of belonging and are academically challenged

and supported, we can help them be successful. Investing in students is our most powerful opportunity to shape the future.

What's an important local issue you feel is not talked about enough?

I think many people in our community would be surprised to learn that the Mount Horeb Area School District, like many districts across the state and country, is experiencing declining enrollment. Supporting growth in our community directly supports our students and staff.

DIST. 28

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28 is doing many things right by maintaining a strong connection between rural communities, local agriculture, and the broader Dane County economy. The district continues to support working farms, local businesses, and community institutions that are central to the area's identity and stability.

There is also a strong tradition of collaboration among towns, villages, and residents to address shared challenges while preserving the rural character of the region. That balance—supporting economic opportunity while protecting farmland, natural resources, and community identity—is one of District 28's greatest strengths.

What could it do better?

Nathan McGree: This District deserves true non-partisan representation and a voice to speak up to make changes to zoning and stormwater and erosion control, and to advocate for a budget that will fit our rural agricultural communities, too.

Michele Doolan: In District 28, we rely heavily on our Sheriff's Deputies to serve widespread rural communities, and their work is very different from deputies in Madison. Budget decisions shouldn't shift the cost of managing county finances onto them. We need to use the Sheriff's Office efficiently for the unique needs of rural residents, rather

than trying to balance the county budget on the backs of the people doing the work

Explain how you would bring different ideas to the table, and even disagree, in a way that is productive, helpful, and does not detract from civil discourse:

Nathan McGree: As a small business and farm owner in this county, I have real world and hands-on experience in navigating some of the policies and rules that make both trying to do projects on your own home or land and running a small rural business very challenging in our county. Through these lived experiences, I feel that I can help be a voice for what other constituents have encountered and bring forth ideas that could make these processes more efficient and potentially affordable from a landowner and taxpayer perspective.

Michele Doolan: I approach disagreements as opportunities to explore new ideas while keeping the focus on residents. My 35 years as a hairdresser taught me the value of listening, building trust, and understanding people's needs. I didn't plan to run for office, but I saw the need for authentic representation and committed myself to serving the community, putting my effort—and resources—where my values are. I will not vote for anything that advances a political career over the people who placed their trust in me at the polls. Even when I disagree, I keep discussions civil, fact-based, and focused on prac-

tical solutions that strengthen our communities.

What is the biggest threat to current residents' high quality of life?

Nathan McGree: High taxes and county overreach.

Michele Doolan: The biggest threat to residents' quality of life is the growing gap between wages and living costs. Many families struggle to afford housing, food, and basic necessities. Without policies addressing affordability, workforce development, and regional collaboration on services like transit and public safety, these pressures will continue to strain both families and taxpayers.

What are the district's greatest opportunities moving forward?

Nathan McGree: I think there is a huge room for opportunity in our county budget. I think we can make smarter budget decisions that benefit the county as a whole to narrow the current budget deficit rather than continue to raise taxes for the residents of Dane County.

Michele Doolan: District 28's greatest opportunities lie in strengthening rural communities, preserving farmland, and supporting residents who make this area thrive. By expanding workforce housing, improving access to local food systems, and creating family-supporting jobs, we can help more working families afford to live and work here.

Regional collaboration on transit, housing, and public safety is another key opportunity. When communities pool resources and coordinate planning, we reduce duplication, stretch taxpayer dollars further, and ensure services reach those who need them most.

Finally, advocating for policies at the state level that give local governments more flexibility and resources will allow rural communities to thrive without being forced to carry disproportionate costs. By focusing on these areas, District 28 can preserve its rural character, support local families, and build a sustainable, resilient future.

Local property taxes across much of Southern Wisconsin have skyrocketed in recent year. Many homeowners are currently paying double what they paid in local taxes just a decade ago. The increases are driven primarily by school districts and other sources, but the county levy plays a role, too. How can county government balance the need to pay its bills and provide vital services with the need to keep this area an affordable place to live?

Nathan McGree: I believe there are differences in what the residents in Madison compared to the residents in the rural parts of the county see as vital services and benefits, so ensuring both perspectives are considered when making these decisions is imperative. I think it is the responsibility of the county to improve

the business management of facilities such as the Alliant Energy Center and Dane County Regional Airport to ensure these facilities are truly self-sustaining and run as business rather than costing Dane County taxpayers' money.

Michele Doolan: Property taxes in Southern Wisconsin have risen dramatically, and much of that burden falls on local homeowners. While schools and other districts account for a large share, county taxpayers also carry growing costs for housing support, behavioral health services, and public safety—services that are increasingly required because the state does not fully fund them.

Counties are often left to fill gaps created by state policy, which forces local governments to raise taxes to meet basic needs. To balance fiscal responsibility with affordability, the county must focus on prevention—supporting workforce housing, local food systems, and family-supporting jobs—so fewer residents rely on costly crisis services.

At the same time, county government should advocate for state involvement and funding that helps share responsibility for these programs. Property taxes shouldn't be the only tool for making communities livable; state support is essential if we want to keep Dane County and rural areas affordable for families while maintaining high-quality services.

What's an important issue that doesn't get talked about enough?

Nathan McGree: Zoning and stormwater and erosion control statutes in Dane County while applicable to the large cities in our county, are not always applicable to our rural communities and often come at ridiculously high costs to rural residents.

Michele Doolan: An issue that doesn't get enough attention is wage theft and corporate favoritism. When workers are not paid what they've earned, families struggle to cover basic needs like housing, food, and healthcare. At the same time, some large companies use tax breaks, loopholes, or other advantages to shift costs onto local taxpayers. The result is that ordinary families are forced to rely more on county services, which increases the burden on local residents. Addressing wage theft and holding corporations accountable would strengthen families, reduce pressure on county budgets, and make our communities fairer and more sustainable.

Local taxpayers shouldn't have to cover housing, food, and healthcare for people working full-time jobs while large employers rake in billions. When wages don't match the cost of living and corporations exploit loopholes or get special breaks, families rely on county services—shifting the burden onto hardworking residents instead of the businesses that can afford to pay their fair share.

Sugar River Euchre

Statistics for the 94th Sugar River Euchre League Season

**By Stan Hook
League Reporter**
Individual Averages: Seventy-three players qualified for the high average competition by playing 12 or more matches: The highest average was recorded by Barb Judd with an impressive 107.333 points. She played in all 18 matches. The next closest was Steve Ace, with 105.176.
Jerome Krantz, 104.647; Jerry Judd, 104.294; Larry Losenegger, 104.111; Harold Schlinggen, 104.111;

Ferdie Schmitz, 103.889; Roger Olstad, 103.714; Roger Truttmann, 103.588; Darrell Storkson, 103.059; Jack Gehin, 102.778; Dale Herfel, 102.769; Don Boley, 102.667; Chris Booth, 102.667; Jim Day, 102.200; Rodney Latham, 101.938; Al Zimmerman, 101.786; Ross Nesheim, 101.417; Steve Dower, 101.056; Randy Skogen, 101.000; Don Williams, 100.824; Ernie Sarbacker, 100.667; John Scheidegger, 100.588; Tom Arneson, 100.412;

Fred Ryser, 99.222; Randy Schmid, 99.200; Dave Steinhauer, 99.059; Opie Taylor, 99.000; Dean Disch, 98.824; Laurel Grindle, 99.824; Jeff Buesser, 98.824; John Forbes, 98.813; Scott Keys, 98.611; Tiny Zander, 98.500; Kevin Haack, 98.438; Chris Hook, 98.412; Stan Hook, 98.375; John Nechkash, 98.313; Corey O’Hearn, 98.286; John Baumgartner, 98.056; Jolene Klarer, 98.056; Shawn Farrell, 98.000; Tracy Funs-eth, 97.938; Keith Wenger,

97.938; Jeff Goebler, 97.882; Ryan Arneson, 97.765; Mary Humphrey, 97.722; Jeff Gassman, 97.429; Jim Boland, 97.357; Kurt Wedig, 97.231; Derek Schmitz, 97.133; Erika Fors-eth, 97.000; Karen Miller, 96.929; Tom Schulenberg, 96.750; Tracy Haag, 96.500; Jimmy Gehin, 96.214; Pete Ott, 96.214; Jeff Judd, 96.167; Leo Humphrey, 96.000; Tom Magnuson, 95.667; Dave Hook, 95.444; Kohl Wenger, 95.412; Ken-dal Wenger, 95.294; Steve

Vogt, 94.923; Kevin Ollen-dick, 94.882; Bruce Mile-stone, 94.750; Pate Baier, 94.714; Giff Hoesly, 94.615; Lavern Maier, 92.929; Larry Disch, 92.867; Dan Meinholz, 92.000; Shane Kahl, 91.800; Brett Hoesly, 88.917.
Perfect Scores: Laurel Grindle (2), Steve Ace, Larry Losenegger, Jack Gehin, Rodney Latham, Randy Skogen, and Dewey Haag.
Skunks: There were no skunks.

Low Score of Season: Jimmy Gehin and Paul Gehin – 59.
High Team Combined Score: Kleeman’s Hay Shakers – 452.
The second half playoff match between Kleeman’s Hay Shakers and Norsk Cowboys was rescheduled for March 26th. It was held at the Norsk Golf Club, at 7:00 p.m. See the results in next week’s edition.

Sheriff’s Office issues 129 citations during special deployments

In February, the Dane County Sheriff’s Office joined the City of Madison Police Department to conduct traffic grant deployments focused on OWI and seatbelt enforcement. During just two seatbelt grant deployments, 129 traffic citations and 28 warnings were issued. Those stops resulted in 2 felony arrests and one arrest on an out-standing warrant.

The agencies conducted 8 focused OWI enforcement deployments, issuing 386 citations and making 4 OWI arrests. During these operations, they made 3 felony arrests and 8 arrests for outstanding warrants.

“Traffic safety affects everyone in Dane County,” said Sheriff Calvin Barrett. “Dur-ing these overtime grant deployments, our deputies are enforcing all traffic laws. But as a community, we share this responsibility. Drive the speed limit, wear your seat-belt, and never drive under the influence.” These overtime enforcement grants are provided by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety. The Dane County Sheriff’s Office and the Madison Police Department continue their grant efforts in March, including a new grant focused on speed enforcement. Just last night, Sheriff’s deputies issued 37 speeding citations. Four of these citations were for drivers going over 80 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Dane County Executive Melissa Agard Announces Caleb Frostman as Chief of Staff

Dane County Executive Melissa Agard has announced the appointment of Caleb Frostman as her new Chief of Staff, bringing extensive experience in government leadership, economic development, as well as public and private budgeting to the role.

Frostman, a Green Bay native and graduate of the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Business, has served in a range of leadership positions at the state and local level. He was elected as the State Senator for the 1st Senate District from 2018 to 2019 and later served as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development from 2019 to 2020, where he managed a large state agency and worked to strengthen workforce systems across Wisconsin.

“Caleb brings a strong track record of leadership at the highest levels of state government and a deep understanding of how to build and manage effective teams,” said Dane County Executive Melissa Agard. “His experience navigating complex challenges, combined with his vision for how government can better serve people, makes him uniquely suited for this role. Frostman previously served as Executive Director of the Door County Economic Development Corporation from 2016 to 2018, where he focused on strengthening local economies and supporting business growth. He also brings more than a decade of experience in commercial real estate finance, primarily with U.S. Bank.

“Dane County is a leader in innovation, economic opportunity, and public service,” said Frostman. “I’m honored to join County Executive Agard’s team and look forward to working alongside dedicated county staff and community partners to continue delivering results for residents.”

In addition to his professional experience, Frostman has been actively engaged in community service. He has served as a Big Brother since 2019 and previously mentored youth in Minneapolis. He currently serves on the boards of Wisconsin Conservation Voters and the East Side Alano Club.

Frostman lives in Madison’s Orchard Ridge neighborhood with his wife, Emily, their two corgis, Edie and Blue, and eight chickens. An avid outdoorsman, he brings a strong personal commitment to the environment and community to his work in public service.

“As we continue to focus on operational excellence, strong partnerships, and delivering for the people of Dane County, Caleb’s leadership and understanding of how government works at every level will be invaluable,” Agard concluded.



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Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church – ELCA 315 E. Main St. 608-437-5012 www.elcmthoreb.org 5 pm Saturday Worship 9 am Sunday Worship	Perry Lutheran Church ELCA 1057 Hwy 78 S, Mt. Horeb 608-437-5294 Sunday Worship 9:00 am www.perrylutheranchurchelca.org	West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church 2962 Church St., Blue Mounds 608-437-3493 Pastor Jim Ranney Worship: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, 10 am twosteeple.org
Mt. Horeb United Methodist Corner of Hwy. S & Hwy. 78 Sunday Worship: 9am online and in person umcmh.org Celebrating God's Inclusive Love	Springdale Lutheran Church 2752 Town Hall Rd. 608-437-3493 Pastor Jim Ranney Worship: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month at 10am twosteeple.org	



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Gasch and Hubbard are named 2026’s Student Spotlight Artists



Gasch and Hubbard’s art show (title pending) will debut June 10 and run through July 21. For more information, call 608-437-6486 or email mthorebahs@gmail.com.

The Mount Horeb Area Historical Society (MHAHS) and Mount Horeb High School (MHHS) Art Department are once again partnering to celebrate the talent of area youth via the seventh annual “Student Spotlight” initiative. This intensive program provides an opportunity for young artists to gain experience producing and promoting a public exhibition in a professional setting.

The Selection Committee met in February to consider a pool of gifted candidates and unanimously agreed to invite MHHS Senior Raniah Hubbard and Junior Delilah Gasch to serve as 2026’s featured artists.

Their applications conveyed the meaningful role that art plays in their life, as both a creative and emotional outlet. Delilah wrote that art “makes it possible for me to share my ideas with other people” and “be heard in ways that would otherwise go undetected.” Raniah noted that “working on a project helps [her] forget about the stress and noise of the outside world”; in the studio, she is “focused, calm and fulfilled.”

The Selection Committee was pleased to see that both also highlighted skill sets that an art show will cultivate: for Raniah, the process of managing and promoting the Student

Spotlight installation was an obvious precursor to her upcoming university studies in Business Administration and Music Business; while Delilah explained how the “larger platform” of a museum exhibit will “build [her] confidence.”

The Student Spotlight artists toured the Driftless Historium Community Gallery (100 S 2nd St, downtown Mount Horeb), the site of their upcoming art show, on March 9. At this time, they also reviewed the project timeline and task list. MHHS Art Educators Anna King and Dana Showers and MHAHS Director Destinee Udelhoven will serve as project mentors,

with funding made possible by MHAHS Members and donors.

The Selection Committee and project mentors look forward to a dynamic collaboration, as the students’ submitted work samples were a virtual ying and yang of artistic expression. For example, though nature is a shared and consistent inspiration for both artists, this theme emerged in starkly different ways—Delilah’s work is whimsical, with calming colors and a fairytale atmosphere, while Raniah’s portfolio incorporates darker tones and strong characters that evoke intense and brooding emotion.



Mark Tully will visit the Driftless Historium on Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. as a Revolutionary War Soldier, as part of the 2026 “Visions & Voices of Early America” series commemorating America’s 250th anniversary.

Revolutionary War Soldier Makes Stop at Driftless Historium

As America celebrates its 250th birthday, have you ever wished you could step back in time –and meet the characters who populate our history books? Driftless Historium and Mount Horeb Public Library are making it possible with their “Visions & Voices of Early America” partner program!

On Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m., historian and longtime reenactor Mark Tully will visit Mount Horeb’s downtown Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St) in costume and character, and present “Redcoats in Wisconsin.” Mark will bring history to life, and regale the audience with the true story of the British military’s Revolutionary era forays into the Wisconsin frontier and how it shaped the region’s development.

Tully is a historian and au-

thor of twelve Colonial and early American history titles, including “The Packet,” a five-part “Collection of Patterns, Articles and Essays Pertaining to the American Revolution.” He is an active member of the Northwest Territory Alliance, a non-profit organization that studies and recreates the culture and arts of the Revolutionary War era. He has consulted for historic sites, theatrical products, archaeological investigations and scholars, and regularly shares his knowledge for schools, symposiums and lectures.

“Visions and Voices” sessions are free and family-friendly. Reservations are not required. For more information call the Driftless Historium at 608-437-6486 or email mthorebahs@gmail.com.

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McDonald Blinds and Shades Celebrates Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting in Mount Horeb

The Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce joined community members, representatives from Springs Window Fashions, and fellow businesses to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting of McDonald Blinds and Shades on Main Street.

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Tuesday, April 28, 6:30pm - Part of the Mount Horeb Public Library’s Disagree BETTER Series

In a time when news is everywhere, all the time, it’s important to think about the news people see, and how people interpret it. This talk with UW-Professor Michael Wagner reviews research on fake news, fact-checking, selective exposure to like-minded media outlets and describes the implications for democracy.

Michael W. Wagner is William T. Evjue Distinguished Chair of the Wisconsin Idea and Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he directs the Center for Communication and Civic Renewal. His work, exploring how individual interactions in the information

ecology affect what people believe, what they want, and what they do has been published in prestigious journals such as Science, Journal of Communication, the International Journal of Press/Politics and in books he has co-authored at Cambridge University Press, CQ Press, and Sage Press.

Beekeeping and business law are specialties for this local attorney



Paul Onsager (above) has enjoyed being part of the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce.

“I’ve really enjoyed the Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce’s smaller size and hometown feel,” said attorney and West Madison resident Paul Onsager. “I love the feel of the community, and I’ve been welcomed from day one.”

Onsager’s parents were from Wisconsin, but his personal journey took him all the way from Phoenix, where he was born, to upstate New York, to Germany, where he studied abroad. These days, he calls Wisconsin home, and he remains a loyal Badgers fan, keeps his own bees, and runs his own practice, Onsager Law Of-

fice.

Onsager specializes in small business law, as well as estate planning and more.

“Law can be a bit dry if you pick up any random statute and start to read it, but the law is also a whole series of puzzles, and it’s thinking through those puzzles and trying to solve those puzzles and where you want to go that I really enjoy.”

“What I try to do for people is figure out for them which parts of the law will be a smooth highway and which will be a hill or a mountain,” Onsager continued. “Lawyers can’t move mountains but they can rec-

oncile and figure out how all the pieces can fit together and how to get you where you need to go.”

“The other thing that really satisfies me is working with people,” he said. “I’m a people person, and because of the type of law I practice, it’s usually not a ‘one and done’ thing and I tend to build relationships with people. It’s really comforting for people and it’s a load off their minds to have someone on their team.”

Law isn’t the only puzzle Onsager likes to solve. He also has four beehives in his backyard.

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A photo of Hugo Fink, former owner of Fink’s Restaurant, in the spring of 1991, standing beside an American Flag. Flags were placed on the stress of Mount Horeb daily during the Persian Gulf War. Photo courtesy of Mount Horeb Area Historical Society.

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buttermilk pancakes and hearty skilletts and omelettes to country fried steak, chilaquiles verdes, biscuits and gravy and more. Lunch includes burgers, BLTs and other sandwiches and sides. “We’re kind of being cautious,” said Claudia. “It’s a breakfast place and we don’t want to show up and just completely flip it. We want to keep the things that made it a staple in the community and add new ideas, too.”

“We have big, big plans and we’re full of ideas!” she added. For Ben and Claudia, food and family are inexorably linked.

“My wife’s family is of Hispanic descent, and so I’ve eaten many, many Mexican meals over the years, and then one day I offered to cook for my brother-in-law’s birthday party, I set up a little 19-inch flattop, and that was the first time I made Steve’s Tacos.”

“Ben said we should cook for him so he could hang out and relax,” Claudia said. “It was a hit. Everyone thought it was the greatest thing ever.” “Everybody there absolutely loved them,” Ben agreed. “This was back in 2016 or 2017, and then they invited me back for his wife’s birthday, then I started doing small events.” The events grew, as did the equipment and the menu, and by 2022 he had an official taco truck business that soon became a popular visitor to Mount Horeb. “He’s always had this passion for food and cooking,” Claudia said. “He always cooks at home, he learned my mom’s salsa recipes from her, he’s always been very interested in all of those things.” “There is just nothing greater than watching someone come up and take a bite of a taco and get a big smile on their face,” he said. “Just thinking about it sends a chill down my spine. It doesn’t get old.”

Astute readers might notice that neither Ben nor Claudia (nor anyone else associated with the food truck) are named “Steve.” There is a reason for the moniker, though. The couple first met while working at a call center together. Claudia eventually gave her future husband the affectionate nickname of pelón, which means “baldy” in Spanish. They often laughed at the way customers would get his name wrong on the phone, mistaking “Ben” for “Bill,” “Bob” or some other three-lettered moniker. But one



day, a customer thought his name was “Steve,” and they later decided to name their food truck after the comical incident. Fink’s will retain its name, and it will continue serving classic Americana (a word that evolves and means many things) breakfast fare, but they are working to make it their own, and Ben said he looks forward to taco Tuesdays during the winter months, so that customers can get their Steve’s fix even after the food truck has been put away for the winter months. It makes sense that neither business is named after Ben, particularly because they are both about far more than one person.

“Honestly it’s all about the team,” he explained. “I’m just there to help out and to make some of the decisions, but Fink’s is all about the team.” There is head chef, Pedro: “Ten minutes talking to him and we were like, yeah, this is the guy,” Ben said. And Stephanie, the waitress who has local roots and says serving customers is “her jam.” After only a few days, it’s clear the Fink’s regulars feel they are in good hands with her. There is also Malachi, the dishwasher, plus an assortment of other family members, all of whom bring their own stories, their own ideas, and their own energy to this little restaurant that is enter-

ing a new and exciting chapter in its lengthy history. “My mom, my sisters, my brother, it’s definitely been all-hands-on-deck,” said Claudia. “The idea is that everyone make it their own,” Ben said. “You do you.” So far, the response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. “I was so nervous when we made our first Facebook post,” said Claudia. “It’s a big responsibility to run a place with a history like this. But people have been so excited and so welcoming. We already feel like part of the community.”

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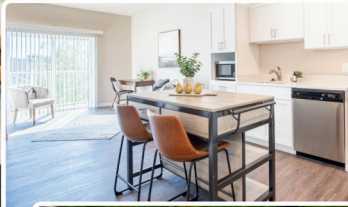
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Mount Horeb has great expectations

Vikings' baseball team returns deep, gifted roster

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's baseball team began its season this week with a spring break trip to Jacksonville, Fla. By the time the Vikings' year ends in June, don't be surprised if it's filled with thrilling wins, unforgettable memories and perhaps even championships. That's right. Plural. Mount Horeb returns a terrific nucleus from a team that went 17-12 and reached the WIAA Division 2 regional finals. Now, with a senior-laden roster, the Vikings hope to make a run at a conference title and the school's first state tournament appearance since 1987. "When we've discussed goals so far this season, it's been pretty focused to winning each day and stacking

good days on top of good days," Mount Horeb 19th-year manager Ryan Finley said. "If we continue to do that, then we have a chance to do something collectively that we are pretty proud of at the end of the season."

Returning stars

Mount Horeb returns four all-Badger Small Conference players and several seniors with multiple varsity seasons. Senior pitcher/right fielder Jaxen Finley was named first-team all-conference in 2025, while senior center fielder Josh Kuntz and senior left fielder Logan Ford received second-team all-league honors, and senior catcher Jackson Myers was named honorable-mention all-conference.

In addition, seniors

Hayden Anderson, Terek Isley, Ethan Morrisard and Brecken Dudley give the Vikings a veteran group with the ability for great things. "We honestly have just talked about raising the standards that we hold ourselves to on a daily basis," Ryan Finley said. "We have a great group of seniors and they have bought in and how we should go about our business on a daily basis. We had a really good first week with our pitchers and catchers and are looking to build off that as we start the season." A year ago, Jaxen Finley led the Vikings with a .333 batting average and an eye-popping .509 on-base-percentage. Finley, who will play collegiately at Edgewood College, was

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Hayden Anderson will help anchor Mount Horeb's pitching staff this season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Softball Vikings thinking big again

Mount Horeb gunning for third straight conference title

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

The 2025 softball season had just ended. Mount Horeb coach Jeramie Holman said goodbye to a terrific senior class that included his daughter, Jayse. And Holman wanted to step back and contemplate his next move. Turns out, the process didn't take long whatsoever. "It didn't take me very long to decide to keep coaching," Holman said. "I've been around a softball diamond my whole life and I love it. The girls are putting in the time, which makes me want to keep coming back every year and to see the youth working hard. I hope to be here for a while." That was certainly good news for the Vikings, as Holman has built Mount Horeb into an area power. And 2026 figures to be much of the same. Despite heavy graduation losses, Mount Horeb figures

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Lauren Mester (left) and Jozie Clifton (above) were both named first-team all-Badger Small Conference last season. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Mount Horeb’s gymnastics team — which finished second at the WIAA Division 2 state meet — recently held their postseason banquet. The Vikings recognized several award winners that are shown here.



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All-state gymnasts

Mount Horeb had several gymnasts earn all-state honors. To qualify, a gymnast’s average of her four best scores from the regular season (not including sectional or state) are sent to the Wisconsin High School Gymnastics Association board. The gymnast must be code violation-free for the season. The top five gymnasts throughout the state in Division 2 for each event earn first-team all-state honors, the next five are named second-team all-state and the next five earn honorable-mention. A gymnast can only be all-state on one event, including all-around.

Mount Horeb’s all-state gymnasts included, from left, Tessa Soppe — Honorable Mention All-Around (32.69); Avena Meyers — Honorable Mention Balance Beam (8.78); Carmen Oglesby — Second Team All-Around (34.29); Averi Kalscheur — Second Team Uneven Bars (8.38), Harper Hendrickson — First Team Balance Beam (9.25); Sylvia Seeliger — First Team Balance Beam (9.16); and Macie Finley — First Team Uneven Bars (8.84).



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Academic all-state selections

Mount Horeb had several gymnasts earn academic all-state honors. To qualify, a gymnast or manager must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher, must be code violation-free for the season and her coach must be a member of the Wisconsin High School Gymnastics Association.

In front (from left) are Harper Hendrickson, Tessa Soppe, Macie Finley, Marie Hutchins, Carmen Oglesby and Sylvia Seeliger.

In back (from left) are Kathie Schneider, Avena Meyers, Kate Van Gorden, Ava Bilse, Ella Soppe, Averi Kalscheur, Jacey Morin and Elise Hooks.



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All-Badger Conference gymnasts

Mount Horeb had several gymnasts earn all-Badger Conference honors. To earn all-conference honors, a gymnast’s average of her five best scores from the regular season (including the sectional, but not state) are submitted. The gymnast must be code violation-free during the season and she can be named all-conference in one or more events. The top two gymnasts on each event receive first-team honors, the next two are named second-team and the next two receive honorable-mention honors.

From left are: Harper Hendrickson — First Team Floor Exercise (9.32), Second Team Balance Beam (9.24), Second Team All-Around (35.37) and Honorable Mention Vault (8.83); Carmen Oglesby — Honorable Mention Floor Exercise (9.09); Averi Kalscheur — Honorable Mention Floor Exercise (9.10); Macie Finley — First Team Uneven Bars (8.82); Sylvia Seeliger — Second Team All-Around (35.27), Honorable Mention Uneven Bars (8.70) and Honorable Mention Balance Beam (9.15).



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Team awards

Mount Horeb’s gymnastics team handed out several team awards. From left are:

- Marie Hutchins — Spirit of David Koller
- Tessa Soppe — Team Captain
- Harper Hendrickson — Most Valuable
- Sylvia Seeliger — Team Captain and Most Valuable
- Elise Hooks — Most Improved
- Carmen Oglesby — Coaches’ Award
- Ava Bilse — Coaches’ Award

Mount Horeb’s boys basketball team — which won a share of the Badger Small Conference championship this season and reached the WIAA Division 2 sectional semifinals — recently held their postseason banquet. The Vikings recognized several award winners shown here.



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All-Badger Conference

Mount Horeb had four players named to the all-Badger Small Conference team.

From left, Hayden Anderson was named second-team all-conference, Alex Chapman was named second-team all-conference, Josh Manchester was named first-team all-conference and the league’s Player of the Year, and Cal Odgers was named to the league’s All-Defensive team.

Team awards

From left, Alex Chapman was named Mount Horeb’s Most Valuable Teammate, Hayden Anderson was voted a co-captain, and Josh Manchester was also voted a co-captain.

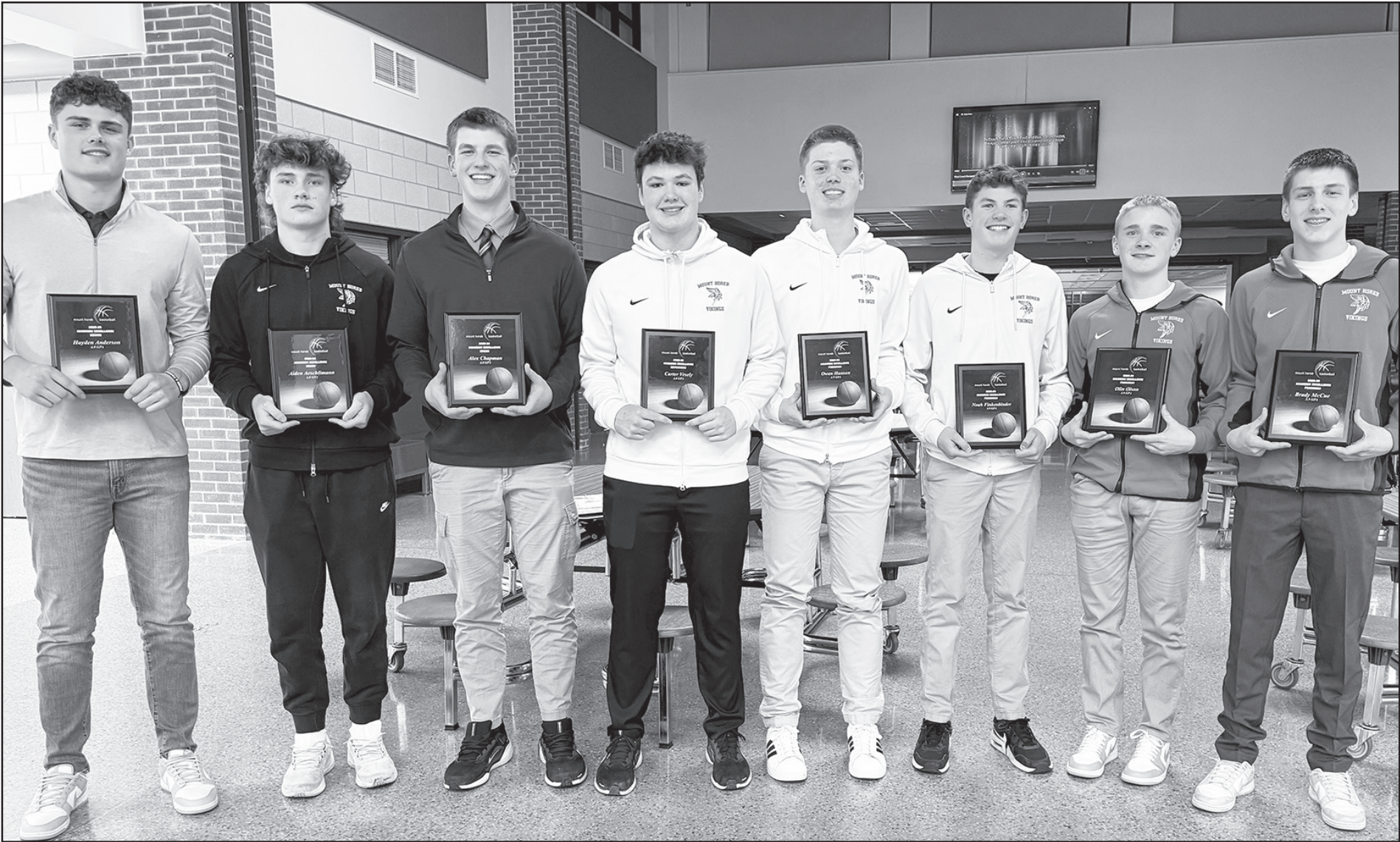


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Stars in the classroom

Mount Horeb recognized its GPA award winners from each grade for first semester classes. From left are senior Hayden Anderson, juniors Aiden Aeschlimann and Alex Chapman, sophomore Carter Vesely, and freshmen Owen Hanson, Noah Finkenbinder, Olin Olson, and Brady McCue.

Mount Horeb begins season 2-0

Softball Vikings roll past Highland, rally back to topple Pecatonica

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s softball team got off to a terrific start last week, as the Vikings won their first two games of the new season. Mount Horeb rolled past Highland, 16-2, on March 26. The Vikings then top-

pled Pecatonica, 6-3, on March 27. Here’s a recap of Mount Horeb’s start. • **Mount Horeb 16, Highland 2 (5)** — The Vikings scored seven runs in the second inning and seven more in the fifth to rout Highland in a game stopped after five innings

due to the mercy rule. Third baseman Elaina Imbus led Mount Horeb’s offense, going 3-for-3 and driving in five runs. Left fielder Delaina Nicewander went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and catcher Sonja Schreiber had two RBIs. Jozie Clifton, Kam Ryan, Lauren Mester and

Ella Baber all had RBIs for Mount Horeb, as well. Baber was the winning pitcher, throwing 4 2/3 innings, allowing just one hit and no runs. Baber struck out 12, walked six and threw strikes on 52 of 97 pitches. • **Mount Horeb 6, Pecatonica 3** — The Vikings rallied from 2-0 and 3-2 holes and defeated Pecatonica last Friday. Jozie Clifton threw four innings and picked up the

win. Clifton allowed three runs (none earned), struck out four and didn’t walk a batter. Ella Baber threw the final three innings and allowed just one hit and no runs. Baber struck out eight and didn’t walk a batter. Emily Wittenwyler led Mount Horeb’s offense with a triple, two hits and two RBIs. Clifton had two hits and scored a run, while Jami Chapman had two hits and scored a run.

Lauren Mester, Baber and Claire Casey all had RBIs for Mount Horeb, as well. • **On deck:** Mount Horeb hosted McFarland Tuesday, then hosts Fort Atkinson Thursday at 5 p.m. The Vikings are then at the Jefferson triangular Saturday, where they’ll meet Lakeside Lutheran at 10 a.m. and face host Jefferson at noon.

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to remain among the Badger Small Conference’s elite. The Vikings, who have won back-to-back conference titles and reached the sectional semifinals last season, bring back two high-level pitchers, a handful of gifted veterans and a group of newcomers loaded with potential.

“It will be very tough to replace our seniors,” Holman said. “But the girls we have in the order this year can definitely do it for the next three to four years, seeing how we are a very young team. I don’t see us missing a beat.”

Pitching almost always determines how far a softball team goes. And the Vikings appear to be in terrific shape there.

Junior Jozie Clifton went 9-1 a year ago with a 1.69 ERA and was named first-team all-conference. She also went 5-0 in conference games with a 1.19 ERA and batted .468 overall and .513 in conference games

“Jozie will be one of the top pitchers in the conference,” Holman said. “She has great command of her pitches. She will be also one of the top hitters in the conference.”

Sophomore Ella Baber will play the role of Robin to Clifton’s Batman.

Baber threw 14 innings on varsity last season, went 1-0 and didn’t allow a run. This year, her role will expand dramatically.

“If we weren’t so strong at pitching last year she would’ve been on varsity,” Holman said of Baber. “She has made a big leap from last year. She will be one of the hardest throwing pitchers in the conference with great movement on the ball. I’m expecting big things from her the next three years and she will be a force of the plate.”

Overall, Holman believes his pitching duo will match almost anyone’s.

“Our strength will definitely be our pitching,” he



Elaina Imbus and Mount Horeb’s girls softball team have great expectations this season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

said. “Our two pitchers are two of the best in the conference and as you know in softball, it all starts in the circle.”

The Vikings should put together a terrific lineup, as well.

Sophomore Lauren Mester was the first-ever Viking named first-team all-conference last season when she batted .421 overall and .515 in conference games. Mester, a standout in the field, as well, moves from second base to shortstop this year.

“She was one of the top second baseman last year in conference and played great defense all year and put the ball in play consistently,” Holman said of Mester.

Senior Delaina Nicewander, a second-team all-conference selection last year, will play first base, third base or left field this season.

A year ago, Nicewander batted .375 in conference games and .445 overall. She also had two home runs and was a terrific defender

at both first base and in left field.

“She will be one of the top power hitters in the conference,” Holman said. “She will be a very tough out this year.”

Junior Elaina Imbus batted .325, led the Vikings in doubles and struck out just nine times last season. This year, Imbus will transition from catcher to third base.

“She will also be a very tough out this year,” Holman said of Imbus. “She also possesses a very strong arm at third base.”

Two returnees from last season are expected to have expanded roles.

Senior Sonja Shreiber will take over catching duties and hopes to have a big final season.

“She has a very strong arm and her hitting has come a long way in the last couple years,” Holman said of Schreiber. “She can be a very tough out in that six or seven slot in the lineup.”

Junior Clare Casey will

take over at first base and Holman has high hopes for her.

“She will bring a solid glove at first base and a very strong bat,” Holman said of Casey. “She has some nice power and I’m expecting her to drive in a lot of runs from that five or six spot in the lineup.”

There are several newcomers ready to make their mark, as well.

Sophomore Anneka Polman will be used at both catcher and in the outfield.

“She brings a lot of speed to the team and will be playing some key roles for us all year,” Holman said of Polman.

Freshman Isla Odgers, a cross country standout, will play both second base and in the outfield.

“Isla brings a ton of speed to the team,” Holman said. “She has a very strong arm and a quick bat. She will be batting in the nine slot setting the table for the top of the order.”

Mount Horeb Softball Roster

No.	Name	Year
2	Ella Baber	10
3	Emily Wittenwyler	10
5	Isla Odgers	9
9	Elaina Imbus	11
12	Sonja Shreiber	12
18	Jozie Clifton	11
19	Eva Larson	9
21	Clare Casey	11
22	Annika Polman	10
30	Lauren Mester	10
54	Delaina Nicewander	12
Manager: Jeramie Holman		

Eva Larson is another freshman hoping to contribute immediately. Larson is expected to play all three outfield positions.

“She has been doing a great job this spring catching everything hit to her,” Holman said of Larson. “She has been playing just as good of defense as her older sister, Ellie did for the last three years and she’s looking very good from the plate.”

Sophomore Emily Wittenwyler will also play both second base and in the outfield.

“She brings speed to the team and a very good glove,” Holman said. “She also will be a very tough out.”

Holman knows it will be tough to replace a senior class that included his daughter, Jayse, Ruby Dahlk, Morgan Monroe, Ellie Larson and Hallie Klein. All five of those players earned all-conference honors last season and combined for 15 all-conference awards during their combined careers.

The group also was part of four straight regional

championships, two trips to the sectional finals and two others to the sectional semifinals.

“It will be very tough to replace our senior girls,” Holman said. “They accounted for almost 20 wins a season, conference championships, regional titles every year and sectional finals.”

“Ruby and Jayse both had over 100 hits, while Hallie had over 90. Jayse was back-to-back Pitcher of the Year and Morgan and Ellie were some of the top defenders and hitters in the conference. So that will be a lot to replace.”

Amazingly, though, Holman doesn’t expect any dropoff.

It’s one of the many reasons he decided to return in 2026.

“We might have to mix and match to find where our strengths are, but I know the girls are capable of anything,” Holman said. “As for league I would put us, Stoughton and Portage as the top three, so it should be another fun ride.”

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also second on the team in runs scored and RBI's.

On the mound, Finley pitched 28 innings in conference games and had a 2.47 ERA.

Finley also had walk-off, game-winning hits against both Stoughton and Baraboo, and a game-winning, two-run single in the top of the ninth at McFarland.

"Jaxen will once again be on the mound a lot this spring as he has been the past two seasons," Ryan Finley said of Jaxen. "Jaxen is also projected to be in the top of the batting order and will be playing outfield when he's not on the mound."

Kuntz, a four-year starter in center field, hit .271 in league play last season and had a team-best 11 runs scored. In addition, Kuntz — a UW-La Crosse recruit — was one of the top defensive center fielders in the state.

"Josh has been starting in center field for us since his freshmen season and has been an all-conference player every season," Ryan Finley said of Kuntz. "He'll be back in center field again this spring at hitting in the top three of the batting order."

"There's a good chance we will see Josh on the mound some, as well, this year as he attacks the strike zone and brings another good left handed arm to the staff."

Ford, a two-time all-conference player, is coming off a terrific year in which he hit .370 with a .396 on-base percentage. Ford led the Vikings with 15 hits during conference play, had five stolen bases and played an outstanding left field.

Ford was also a second-team all-conference player in 2024 when he batted .400 in conference games.

"Logan has put together back to back impressive seasons at the plate while playing great defense in left field," Ryan Finley said. "Logan led us in stolen bases a season ago and will be aggressive on the base paths again this season."

Myers, a Wisconsin Lu-

theran recruit, hit .333 last season and drove in 16 runs. He's also stellar behind the plate.

"Jackie will spend the majority of his innings behind the plate, but you could also see him around the infield when he's not catching," Ryan Finley said. "Jackie was great behind the plate (last) year as he caught a staff that was one of the best we've ever had. Jackie's work behind the plate was a big reason for that."

Strong seniors

The Vikings will lean heavily on their other gifted seniors, as well.

Anderson, a St. Thomas (Minn.) football recruit, had a dominant junior season in which he had a 1.14 ERA and a WHIP of .860. Opposing batters also hit just .168 against Anderson.

"Hayden has been an impact player since his freshmen season and he's coming off a dominant junior season on the mound," Ryan Finley said.

Isely, another Wisconsin Lutheran baseball recruit, will pitch and play the infield. A year ago, Isely had five extra base hits and scored 10 runs.

"Terek is expected to make a big jump at the plate this spring," Ryan Finley said. "We expect Terek to drive in a bunch of runs, which he is more than capable of."

Morrisard had 15 hits a year ago, and will play second or third base, a corner outfielder spot and log some innings on the mound this season.

"Ethan is expected to make a bigger impact for us this season," Ryan Finley said. "I'm expecting a big season out of Ethan."

Dudley proved he a capable pitching option last season when he threw 20 innings and posted a 2.45 ERA. He'll be asked to carry more weight this spring.

"Brecken did a great job on the mound a year ago," Ryan Finley said of Dudley. "He's expected to make a bigger impact on the mound this season and add some punch at the plate for us. He's a strong kid that is capable of producing some runs for the Vikings at the plate."



Fellow seniors Evan Preimesberger and Zach Brummand are hoping to crack the lineup, as well.

Preimesberger is a utility player who could do some catching, play third base or the outfield, and even pitch.

"Evan is a true utility player," Ryan Finley said. "He's a talented athlete that is also expected to add some depth to the batting line-up."

Ryan Finley calls Brummand a "glue guy" who will help in multiple places.

"Zach is loved by all of his teammates and does what he can to make everyone else a better player," Ryan Finley said. "Zack will be battling to see time at third base and the corner outfield positions and could provide a nice left handed bat at the plate for us."

Talented newcomers

Ryan Finley is also excited about his newcomers which include juniors Sawyer Diercks, Ryan Kuntz, Camden Swift and Caleb Johnson, along with sophomores Easton Mesenberg, Michael Bogue, Connor Casey and Carter Vesely.

Diercks will compete for time at both corner infield positions and could see some innings on the mound.

"Sawyer is a talented junior that we are looking for



Terek Isely (top) and Logan Ford (above) will be two key cogs for Mount Horeb's baseball team this season. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

to take that next step at the varsity level," Ryan Finley said. "He has a natural swing at the plate, a strong arm on the mound, and we are looking for him to dial in the strike zone on a more consistent basis. If he's added to his game in the off-season, he could be a pleasant addition to the team."

Ryan Kuntz is a gifted, versatile player who could help in a variety of ways.

"Ryan is an extremely skilled ball player that really understands how the

game is played," Ryan Finley said. "He will be working to help the team in different areas, so I'm not exactly sure where he will fit in just yet. But one thing

I do know, you can't have enough young men like Ryan on your team. He has the type of character that

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Dynamic duo

Mount Horeb baseball players Jaxen Finley (above) and Josh Kuntz were both all-Badger Small Conference selections last season. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



Mount Horeb Baseball Roster

No.	Name	Year	Throws/Bats
1	Josh Kuntz	12	L/L
2	Brecken Dudley	12	R/R
4	Jaxen Finley	12	L/L
5	Evan Preimesberger	12	R/R
7	Michael Bogue	10	R/R
8	Hayden Anderson	12	R/R
9	Ethan Morrisard	12	R/R
10	Caleb Johnson	11	R/R
11	Ryan Kuntz	11	R/R
12	Connor Casey	10	R/R
14	Logan Ford	12	R/R
17	Sawyer Diercks	11	R/R
18	Terek Isely	12	R/R
21	Zach Brummund	12	R/L
22	Carter Vesely	10	R/R
24	Jackson Myers	12	R/R
25	Camden Swift	11	R/L
27	Easton Mesenberg	10	R/R

Head Coach: Ryan Finley
Varsity Assistants: Cory Morrisard, Brett Myers, Casey Dudley, Paul Manchester
Managers: Josh Morrisard and Macie Finley

BASEBALL

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brings teammates together and allows them to max out on their potential.” Swift has made terrific strides during his time in the program and will add depth to the Vikings’ pitching staff. “Camden made as big a jump as anyone in the program from his freshmen to his sophomore season,” Ryan Finley said. “If he can continue to believe in himself, he’s capable of adding another good arm to the pitching staff. He

matured a lot last spring and I expect him to continue in the same trajectory this spring.” Johnson is another player that’s grown and could help in both the outfield and on the mound. “Caleb made a lot of improvements during the spring last season and worked hard this summer for us,” Ryan Finley said. “He’s a kid that loves baseball.” Mesenberg will battle for a middle infield opening, could get an extended look in the outfield and could also add depth to Mount Horeb’s pitching staff. “Easton is strong at the plate, as well,” Ryan Finley said. “He’s just a ball player and we are looking to see if he can take that next step at the varsity level.” Bogue is another gifted player who will add depth

at second base, third base and catcher. “Michael is a really talented ball player, possess a nice glove and has great competitive fire to his game,” Ryan Finley said. “Michael handles that bat well at the plate and can continue to put pressure on the defense for us.” Casey is expected to provide depth in the outfield and infield. “Connor is another good young athlete,” Ryan Finley said of Casey. “He’s also another good young pitcher, adding depth to the staff and is capable of adding some more speed to our offense.” And Vesley is a big, strong athlete who will vie for time at third base and on the mound. “He’s a well-rounded, even keeled athlete,” Ryan Finley said of Vesley. “It’s going to take some really

good baseball by his teammates to keep him out of the lineup.” **Finding the right mix** Ryan Finley said his biggest challenge the first month will be settling on an everyday lineup, and deciding who fits best at each position. “Early on, it’s going to be like a jigsaw puzzle,” Ryan Finley said. “We have some talented players at all levels. The coaches and I just need to find the right pieces to the puzzle to fit it all together and maximize our talent. And we need to do it quickly.” Finley is extremely excited about his deep, gifted pitching staff which should keep the Vikings in almost every game they play. “We have four proven varsity starters that we will be able to work on the mound often,” Ryan Finley said. “We have some other good arms that just haven’t had their opportunity at the

varsity level yet, so we will have confidence in whoever’s on the mound because they will have to earn those opportunities in practice.” Finley also knows the Vikings bring back as many experienced players as almost anybody in the league, which could pay dividends in critical moments. “We also have a strong core of returning players that have been competing at the varsity level since their freshman and sophomore seasons,” Ryan Finley said. “They have a lot of experience and understand how challenging the conference is and are ready to lead the younger kids. “Like most years, we definitely have some unproven players in key positions and in the line-up, but that’s what makes each season special — new kids getting opportunities to step up, and a few of them will definitely have an opportunity to make an impact for us. I’m looking

forward to coaching them up and watching them grow as players.” **Deep, talented conference** While the Badger Small leaves a lot to be desired in some sports such as football, it is a hotbed of baseball talent. Reedsburg has won the last two conference titles, reached the state tournament last season and appears loaded again. Madison Edgewood won the Division 2 state championship in 2024 and still has several of those players on the team. McFarland, Portage and Sauk Prairie are also extremely capable of making some noise in the conference race. Mount Horeb was picked for third place by conference coaches and the Wisconsin Baseball Yearbook. Ryan Finley believes the Vikings are capable of more than that, but also knows nothing will come easy in a deep league like the Badger Small.

“The league looks as talented as ever,” Ryan Finley said. “Every team has a handful of talented pitchers, so there won’t be any easy games. We play Sauk Prairie in our first conference games and they have already been keeping me up and night trying to figure out a way that we can compete with them and their talented ball club. “I like my club a lot, but some days I look at our schedule and there isn’t a spot where you can pencil in a win. The teams in this league won’t give you anything. We will need to earn every win.”

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TOWN OF PERRY INVITATION TO BID FOR ROAD REPAIRS

The Town of Perry will accept bids for sealcoating on the following Town roads in 2026. Contractors interested in bidding should contact Town Patrolman Mark Eastman at 608-513-1359 for more information.

Single Sealcoat:

Clean existing road surface, apply emulsified asphalt with full-width sprayer, cover with 3/8-inch washed pea stone, and roll with pneumatic tire roller.	
Overland Rd from town line to Keller Rd	1.12 mi
Dead End Rd	0.61 mi
Dead End Ln	0.48 mi
Grinder Rd	0.19 mi
Perry Center Rd from CTH JG to Keller Rd	0.43 mi
Albert Haag Rd	0.19 mi
Town Hall parking lot	approx. 5000 sq ft
Sealed bids are due by Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM.	
Hand deliver/mail to:	
Town Deputy Clerk, Stephanie Zwettler	
9730 County Rd A	
Mount Horeb, WI 53572	

Bids will be opened on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 8:00 PM, following the town's Annual Meeting, at the Perry Town Hall, 10084 County Rd A.

Accepted bids will be awarded at the regular Town Board meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, beginning at 7:30 PM.

The Town of Perry reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any technicality in any bid, and accept any bid deemed most advantageous to the Town of Perry.

Stephanie Zwettler, Deputy Clerk

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TOWN OF PERRY INVITATION TO BID FOR ROAD REPAIRS

The Town of Perry will accept bids for hot mix asphalt overlay on certain Town roads in 2026. Contractors interested in bidding should contact Town Patrolman Mark Eastman at 608-513-1359 for more information. * TRIP funding is available.

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(2" overlay, 20' wide, 2' gravel shoulder on each side, ¾" lime-stone with fines)

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TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACES

The **2026 SPRING ELECTION** will be held on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026**. The polling location for the Town of Blue Mounds is the Town Garage at 10566 Blue Vista Road, Blue Mounds, WI 53517. The **polling location will open at 7:00 am and will close at 8:00 pm**. If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Amanda Burghy
608-437-8722
townofbluemounds@gmail.com

The Town of Blue Mounds polling place is accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvases pursuant to Wis. Stat. §7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Amanda Burghy
Clerk

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOT

APRIL 7, 2026

Office of the Dane County Clerk
To the voters of Dane County:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Dane County on April 7, 2026, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word “exempt.”**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter’s minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter’s employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to “no” if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device (“ExpressVote”)* to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select “no” if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If a voter spoils an optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Scott McDonell, Dane County Clerk

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB

LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

The following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated, at the Spring Election to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 in the Village of Mount Horeb:

Mount Horeb Public Library	105 Perimeter Road
Wards 1 – 5, 12	
Mount Horeb Senior Center	107 N Grove Street
Wards 6 - 11	

Both polling places will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. The polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Wisconsin law requires voters to be a resident of the Village of Mount Horeb for at least 28 days before the election to vote in the village. You can find your polling place on the My Vote Wisconsin website at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>. If you have any questions concerning your polling place or voting requirements, please contact Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney at 138 E Main Street or call 437-9404.

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TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The Town of Cross Plains is soliciting requests for proposals for chip seal work and crack filling work in the Town during 2026.

Chip Seal areas: Coyle Lane, Birch Trail, Camel Hill, Timber Lane South of Mineral Point, Maurer Rd, Maurer Drive, North Riley Rd.

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The Town reserves the right to award only a portion of the work available for bid, to award projects by individual roads to separate bidders or to award all road projects to one bidder. The Town also reserves the right to refuse any or all bids or reject the low bid for cause.

Bids should be mailed to the Community Center and must be received by 5:00 PM Friday, May 1, 2026. Bids will be opened and awarded at the regular Board Meeting May 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Jennifer Broberg, Clerk
Town of Cross Plains
3734 County Road P
Cross Plains, WI 53528
Posted: March 26, 2026

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TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS

LOCATION/HOURS OF POLLING PLACE AND BALLOT SAMPLE

Notice is hereby given of a Spring Primary Election for residents of the Town of Cross Plains. Said Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at the Town Hall, 3734 County Road P, Cross Plains. The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. They are accessible to all. Sample ballots are listed below. If you have questions concerning the polling place contact the Town Clerk, Jennifer Broberg at 608-798-0189 or tcpcclerk@townofcrossplains.wi.gov.

Official Ballot

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April 7, 2026

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.)

General Instructions	School District
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)	Middleton Cross Plains Area School District School Board Member Area 2 Vote for 1
To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this:	☐ Catherine Kells
To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this:	☐ write-in:
Judicial	School District
Justice of the Supreme Court Vote for 1	Middleton Cross Plains Area School District School Board Member Area 4 Vote for not more than 2
☐ Chris Taylor	☐ Jim Coursey
☐ Maria S. Lazar	☐ Marni Ginsberg
☐ write-in:	☐ write-in:
Court of Appeals Judge District 4 Vote for 1	☐ write-in:
☐ Rachel A. Graham	School District
☐ write-in:	Mount Horeb Area School District School Board Member Vote for not more than 2
Circuit Court Judge Branch 1 Vote for 1	☐ Jessica Arrigoni
☐ Huma Ahsan	☐ Elizabeth Grabe
☐ Ben Jones	☐ write-in:
☐ write-in:	☐ write-in:
Circuit Court Judge Branch 8 Vote for 1	☐ write-in:
☐ Stephanie Hilton	County
☐ write-in:	County Supervisor District 28 Vote for 1
County	☐ Michelle Doolan
County Supervisor District 28 Vote for 1	☐ Nathan McGree
☐ write-in:	☐ write-in:
Municipal	School District
Town Board Supervisor 3 Vote for 1	Wisconsin Heights School District School Board Member Vote for not more than 2
☐ Greg Haack	☐ Dylan Helmenstine
☐ write-in:	☐ Mary Beth Schall
Town Board Supervisor 4 Vote for 1	☐ write-in:
☐ Paul J Correll	☐ write-in:
☐ write-in:	

Jennifer Broberg, Clerk
Posted: 3/25/2026

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TOWN OF PRIMROSE

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the primary to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, in the Town of Primrose, the following polling locations will be used for the wards indicated:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Wards</u>
8468 County Road A, Verona, WI	1

All polling places will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and voters with disabilities.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Matthew Waite
clerk@townofprimrose.com
608-571-2988
by appointment

Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Notice of Meeting of MBOC to Process Rehabilitated Provisional Ballots

If provisional ballots have been issued and are subsequently cured by the voter before 4:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election, the MBOC must meet no later than the following Monday at 9:00 a.m. to process the cured provisional ballots. This is a public meeting and requires applicable notice.

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VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUNDS

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW

OPEN BOOK: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the assessment roll for the Village of Blue Mounds, Dane County, Wisconsin, will be available for inspection on line at <http://accurateassessor.com/>, or by telephone appointment only on April 14, 2026 from 12:00 pm – 2 pm by calling Accurate Appraisal at 920-749-8098 or booking on line through <http://accurateassessor.com/>, by clicking “Open Book Assistant”.

BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Village of Blue Mounds of Dane County shall convene for the purpose of hearing objections to property valuations on the 30th of April 2026 starting at 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Objection form(s) for Real Property Assessment and/or Personal Property Assessment may be obtained at the village clerk’s office and must be filed by April 28, 2026, by 4 p.m. A waiver to the 48-hour notice may be granted by the Board of Review during the first two hours of the meeting if the applicant shows good cause for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement.

Be advised of the following requirements pursuant to Wis. Stats. 70.47(7)

(aa) No person shall be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of the real or personal property being assessed.

(ac) After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board’s final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact, or provide information to, a member of the board about that person’s objection except at a session of the board.

(ad) No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under sub. (3) (a), that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal under sub. (6m) (a) and if so which member will be removed and the person’s reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

(ae) When appearing before the board, the person shall specify, in writing, the person’s estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person’s objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

(af) No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone or object to a valuation; if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method; unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the board of review the person supplies to the assessor all of the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under s. 73.03 (2a), that the assessor requests. The municipality or county shall provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph and shall provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1) unless a court determines before the first meeting of the board of review that the information is inaccurate.

Notice is hereby given this 1st day of April 2026

Mary Jo Michek, Clerk/Treasurer

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MOUNT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF SPRING VOTING
INSTRUCTIONS AND
SAMPLE BALLOT
APRIL 7, 2026

OFFICE OF THE MOUNT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK TO THE VOTERS OF MOUNT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in the Mount Horeb Area School District, on April 7, 2026, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, in the sample ballot below and will be held in the following polling places at the indicated times:

VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUNDS, Village Hall, 11011 Brigham Avenue, Blue Mounds

VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB, Library, 105 Perimeter Road, Mount Horeb, and Senior Center, 107 North Grove Street, Mount Horeb

TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS, Town Hall, 10566 Blue Vista Road, Blue Mounds

TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS, Cross Plains Community Center, 3734 County P, Cross Plains

TOWN OF MOSCOW, 895 Cty Road F, Hollandale

TOWN OF PERRY, Town Hall, 10084 CTH A, Mount Horeb

TOWN OF PRIMROSE, Town Hall, 8468 County Road A, Verona

TOWN OF SPRINGDALE, Town Hall, 2379 Town Hall Road, Mount Horeb

TOWN OF VERMONT, Town Hall, 4017 County Road JJ, Black Earth

ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word “exempt.”**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to

“yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to “no” if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* (“Automark,” “ExpressVote,” “Clear Access” or “ImageCast Evolution-ICE”) to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Spoiled Ballot

If the voter spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan** ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the voter shall leave the booth, insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen** ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly. The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Primary Ballot Nonpartisan Office
April 7, 2026

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See back of ballot for initials.)

General Information
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)
To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name, like this ☐ .
To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked “write-in” and fill in the oval next to the name like this ☐ .
School District
Mount Horeb Area School District
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Vote for not more than 2
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☐ Elizabeth Grabe
☐
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Mount Horeb senior guard Josh Manchester was named first-team all-state by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Manchester named all-state by WBCA

Mount Horeb standout earns first-team honors

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Josh Manchester had a legendary career for Mount Horeb’s boys basketball team. And the Vikings’ senior guard put a bow on his four years last week when he was named to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association’s Division 2 all-state first team team. Manchester was one of 12 players named first-team all-state. Thirteen players were named honorable all-state.

Joining Manchester on the first team were Wauwatosa West junior guard Jalen Brown and Trojans senior forward Matthew Kloskey, Slinger junior forward Jack Kohnen and sophomore forward Joey Kohnen, Greendale senior guard Xavier Castillo, Nicolet senior guard Rashaad Davis, Brookfield Central senior post Henry Gruetzmacher, Waterford senior guard Caden Gustafson, McFarland junior center Eli Krueger, Port Washington senior guard Cal Loose

and Plymouth senior guard Kayden Schultz. Manchester, who was also named the Player of the Year in the Badger Small Conference for a second straight year, averaged 30.1 points per game this season. He finished his sensational career in 10th place on the state’s all-time scoring list with 2,532 career points. Manchester made a team-high 60 3-pointers and shot 83.1% from the free throw line. Manchester also led the Vikings with 3.1 assists and 3.6 steals per game and added 4.2 rebounds per contest. Manchester put up those eye-popping numbers de-

spite missing four conference games and seven games overall with a separated shoulder. “We will certainly miss a player of that caliber going forward,” Mount Horeb coach Todd Nesheim said of Manchester. “His ability to score in multiple ways at all three levels was incredible. He was probably not known for his defense, but yet made a ton of plays with his ability to steal the ball and was a good rebounder. “Josh has left a lasting impact on our program, school, and community and I have no doubt we can say we witnessed the best player in Mount Horeb history.”

Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Division 2 All-State Team

First Team

Name	Year	School
Jalen Brown	Junior	Wauwatosa West
Xavier Castillo	Senior	Greendale
Rashaad Davis	Senior	Nicolet
Henry Gruetzmacher	Senior	Brookfield Central
Caden Gustafson	Senior	Waterford
Matthew Kloskey	Senior	Wauwatosa West
Jack Kohnen	Junior	Slinger
Joey Kohnen	Soph.	Slinger
Eli Krueger	Junior	McFarland
Cal Loose	Senior	Port Washington
Josh Manchester	Senior	Mount Horeb
Kayden Schultz	Senior	Plymouth

Honorable Mention

Name	Year	School
Xavier Allen	Senior	Milwaukee Lutheran
Jayce Cook	Junior	New Berlin West
Garrett Crull	Junior	McFarland
Joseph Daly	Senior	New London
Devon Feck	Senior	Rhineland
Colin Julien	Junior	Whitefish Bay
Evan Kern	Senior	New Berlin West
Ian Kowal	Senior	Onalaska
Tyson Labus	Senior	West Salem
Drew McConkey	Junior	West Salem
EJ Salettel	Senior	Beaver Dam
Gabe Servais	Junior	La Crosse Central
Jakari Smith	Senior	Milwaukee Bradley Tech



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