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Citizens voice concerns about another apartment proposal downtown

By Abigail Leavins
Mount Horeb Mail

Local residents spoke up to opposed a proposed apartment building on Main Street at a plan commission meeting last week.

Resident Linda Hodge said buildings in the downtown area should stay consistent with the current small-town feel of the village.

"If you're going to build in Mount Horeb, honor Mount Horeb," Hodge said.

The proposed development is on 120 S First Street. The building would be four stories with around 66 residential units and includes enclosed parking as

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Fire destroys building in Mt. Vernon

Emergency crews used water from creek to fight blaze

On Thursday, June 26 around 6:50 p.m., the Fire Department of Mount Horeb was paged to the report of a structure fire of a multi-family residence in the 8600 block of Davis St. in Mt. Vernon, right next to Mount Vernon Tap.

According to Mount Horeb Fire and EMS Chief Jenny Minter, all occupants were evacuated upon arrival. Crews worked for more than five hours to extinguish the fire and the Red Cross was called to support two residents. A cat and a dog got out of the building and one cat was initially unaccounted for but later found. The building is considered a total loss. A rekindling of the blaze was reported the following morning and fire crews continued fighting it into the day, drawing water from Mount Vernon Creek to help extinguish the blaze. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Madison Area Fire Investigation Team (MAFIT). Minter thanked the following departments of their assistance on the call: Barneveld Fire Department, Barneveld EMS, Belleville Fire Department, Belleville EMS, Black Earth Fire Department, Brooklyn Fire Department, Cross Plains Fire Department, Dodgeville Fire Department, Fitchburg Fire Department, FitchRona EMS, Hollandale Fire Department, Middleton Fire Department, New Glarus Fire Department, Verona Fire Department, Waunakee Fire Department. Photo by Matt Geiger.

PERSPECTIVE

PFLAG celebration was a success

Dear Editor,

Thank you to everyone who helped make PFLAG's 10th Anniversary Celebration a huge success. The festivities exceeded expectations, starting with the Forward Marching Band, who donated their time and led our best attended annual June Pride Walk. Thank you to all the volunteers, face painters, Girl Scouts, ELC social justice committee, MHUMC members, MH Library, and all the businesses and individuals who donated time, money and family fun materials. People loved receiving the cool colorful sunglasses, lotions, stickers, pins, bracelets, flags, and other freebies. As the sun shined on participants, donated water came in handy. Thanks to the food vendors, who kept the hungry crowd well fed. Special thanks to our weather forecasters who made the perfect call that the sun would indeed "show up" after a very rainy morning. A big "thank you" to the popular band, VO5, for the fabulous and fun concert. You generously worked within our budget and inspired enthusiastic dancing and singing all evening. Thanks to all who attended and supported this fabulous night to celebrate our community presence.

Sue Huntenburg
PFLAG MOHO Board

Martha Pfaff 'honored and humbled'

Dear Editor,

My heart is so filled with gratitude for the many wonderful experiences, people, and opportunities I have encountered at Children's Community School over the past 40 years. My thanks to the Mt. Horeb Summer Frolic Committee of 2025 for honoring my dedication to CCS and the Early Childhood profession by selecting me as the Summer Frolic Parade Marshal. How ironic is it that when I moved here to Mt. Horeb in 1980, the Summer Frolic Festivities were held in the very space where the Children's Community School is now built?! The village of Mt. Horeb, Children's Community School, and the Mt. Horeb Summer Frolic will continue to develop and expand their legacies. I am so honored and humbled to have been a small part of that legacy.

Thank you,
Martha Pfaff
Director
Children's
Community School

Local, rural rallies sent a message

Much of the media coverage of the recent NO KINGS rallies in Wisconsin overlooked the significance of the large crowds the rallies drew in small rural communities across the state. And yes, the rural rallies were large! If you measure turnout only by crowd size, the rural rallies of a few hundred people might seem small. However, if you measure turnout by the percent of the adult population (18 years and older) in an area who attended a No Kings rally from that area, then the turnout in rural small communities was actually similar to the turnout in large urban centers. For example, the Madison rally attracted 15,000 protesters, but it drew from the adult population of 434,610 in Dane County (a turnout rate of 3.45%). The rally in Dodgeville, which attracted 550 protesters from around Iowa County (a turnout rate of 2.95%) suddenly looks pretty large when you consider that the total adult population of Iowa County is only 18,363.

So what is significant about the rural turnout? While rural areas have been a stronghold for the Republican party, not all rural voters are MAGA. Protests like the NO KINGS rally have rarely if ever been seen in rural communities. However, the authoritarian actions of the Trump administration have made rural voters across the political spectrum more aware of the values they share in common and more ready to act to protect those values. People who never before attended a political rally overcame their discomfort to join friends, neighbors and other community members in common cause.

The rural rallies also demonstrated the effectiveness of the growing organizational infrastructure in rural communities being built to oppose the Trump administration and help those hurt by it. Organizing a rally like the one in Dodgeville requires a lot of work and know-how: obtaining permits, meeting with county and city police departments, coordination with different community groups, arranging for speakers and public address systems, publicity, and much more. And all of it done by volunteers who had to learn as they went.

To our urban counterparts and the urban media: we are here, we are strong, and we vote. Our voices will be heard.

Allen Pincus
Barneveld

No, village did not okay 'tiny homes'

Letter to the Editor,

Thank you for covering the Village of Blue Mounds news. Local coverage is important for building and maintaining community, and I appreciate the time that is invested in covering the news from area communities.

In your July 26th issue, you mentioned that Scott Anderson was interested in building "tiny homes." While I find tiny homes interesting, I DO NOT plan to build tiny homes in the Village of Blue Mounds. The generally accepted definition of tiny homes is "a dwelling with a maximum of 400 square feet of floor space" and are often built on a trailer chassis or are otherwise moveable. The project I'm proposing includes efficiency and one-bedroom units that meet or exceed the square footage averages for these units in Dane County.

You can think of my proposed plan as an apartment building that has detached efficiency and one-bedroom units. Each architect-designed unit will be built on permanent foundations with high quality construction and finishes. Contrary to fears I've heard expressed by some, my proposed project aims to bring high quality housing to the Village of Blue Mounds in a manner that integrates into the existing character of our land and community.

I appreciate the opportunity to set the record straight. The Village of Blue Mounds has not approved the construction of "tiny homes," but rather a collection of normal-sized residential units that will offer a balance of privacy and community for future residents.

Thank you,
Scott A. Anderson, Ph.D.
Village of Blue Mounds

Bill will help post-partum care

To the Editor:

I am writing to thank Rep. Todd Novak for co-sponsoring Assembly Bill 97 and to ask him to actively work with his colleagues to pass the crucial postpartum care bill in the Wisconsin Assembly. This legislation, which would ensure new mothers receive the care needed after welcoming a new baby into the world, is an essential measure for the health and well-being of Wisconsin families.

The period after childbirth is a critical time for both new mothers and their infants. Access to consistent, quality care during this first year is paramount. It allows for the monitoring and treatment of postpartum physical complications, which can be life-threatening and often arise well after childbirth. Furthermore, comprehensive postpartum care is vital for addressing mental health challenges, such as postpartum depression, ensuring new mothers receive the support they need to care for themselves and their babies effectively.

Wisconsin newborns benefit immensely when their mothers are healthy and supported. A mother's well-being is directly linked to her ability to provide the nurturing care essential for an infant's healthy development. By ensuring mothers have access to necessary medical care, we are also investing in the future health of Wisconsin's children. Supporting this legislation is a direct investment in the health of Wisconsin communities and a testament to our state's commitment to families.

Rep. Novak, your voice is key to passing this bill. Children and mothers of Wisconsin are counting on you.

Jamie Orloff
Blue Mounds

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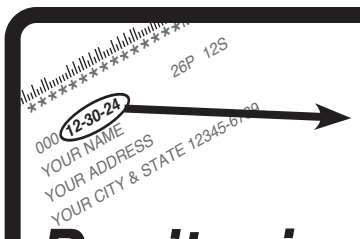
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Village Vignettes

Stewart Park - What's in a Name?

By Laurence Kruckman
Village Vignettes

Back in 2012 I was asked to create a website and Facebook page for the Friends of Stewart Park. Part of that task was to write about the parks history. It struck me that I didn't know why it was named Stewart Park. This took me to the archives at the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society and its helpful curator, Johnna Buysee. She led me to an older "history" by Jim Neidhardt, related newspaper clippings, and files on various early settlers.

I quickly became aware that the park has a very interesting origin, well before it became Stewart Park. The first known recreation in the valley occurred in 1885 when local farmers damned Moen Creek to create a swimming hole. In 1912, a group of 54 progressive thinking Mt. Horeb citizens conceived the idea of forming a larger lake and purchasing more land in the valley. The Lake Park Association was formed, and loyal residents rapidly purchased shares collectively worth over $10,000, and valley land was acquired. It was one of three major investments to the park by citizens of Mount Horeb. A dam was constructed on spring fed Moen Creek and the resulting body of water was apparently the first artificial lake in Dane County.

But what about the name Stewart Park? By 1913, a lake had filled the steep valley floor and the park was used for hiking, ice skating, and fishing. Ice cutting machinery was also purchased. Soon a ski club was formed, and they built a massive iron jump 90′ high and 160′ long. Crowds of 5000 plus began packing the valley west of the current beach area to watch the ski jumping.

Alas, on September 17, 1915, it rained for 14 hours straight. The quickly constructed dam washed away as a raging late summer storm dumped tons of water into the valley. Despite its amazing success once the dam collapsed and the lake was drained the park fell into disrepair. Perhaps this could also be attributed to the triple whammy of a raging flu epidemic (1918-20), the great depression (1929-39) and WWII (1939-45).

Enter a very interesting individual named Frank Stewart. The Stewarts immigrated from Scotland



Frank Stewart



Photos Courtesy of Mount Horeb Area Historical Society.

in 1843 and were some of the first settlers in the area, establishing a large farm on what is now the EPIC campus near Verona. Another piece of their holdings later became the Madison School Forest. Frank's father, Thomas, was a farmer and businessman. Dedicated to community and civil service, he was also a member of the state assembly. His son followed suit a school principal, and an early owner of what is now Miller's and Sons grocery store. Plus, he was a long time Dane County Board Chairman, a persistent supporter of western Dane County, and a champion of outdoor recreation. And here we have our park link. Stewart noticed that while Madison had many public parks, the rural areas had none.

As it happened Frank Stewart's youngest son Don, born in 1923, was still alive, aged 90, and living in Madison while I was writing my history. With the help of the google gods, I located his number and found a very kind, jovial, and helpful Don Stewart willing to talk. He beguiled me with many memories and funny stories of his father and Stewart Park.

In one, the County Board, possibly tired of him badgering them for recreation space outside Madison, had finally demanded, "Frank, just go ahead and find us a rural park!" Stewart and his son had a lead and headed towards Blue Mounds to meet with a property owner. They marched up a very long, steep hill to a flat bit of terrain with tremendous views. Frank was enthralled and announced, "I believe this is going to be the site of the very first Dane County Park." The property owner laughed and said, "probably not!" Frank asked for an explanation and learned they were in Iowa County. This land was ultimately put to a similar use as it turned out to be the future Blue Mounds State Park!

Stewart's second choice turned out to be the valley surrounding Moen Creek, sans the lake as stated above. But when he reported back to the Dane County board, they were not in agreement with his plans and cost. Shrewdly, reported his son, he reached out to the Mount Horeb community to share the cost. Coming to his aid was Joe Buechner, Commander of the local Legionnaires, who wrote an article in the Mt Horeb Mail in April 1935 stating: "It seems to us that it just doesn't make good sense to pass up this opportunity when we have the finest spot in the entire state in our backyard. We appeal to the public to join with us and cooperate in this project. The future will thank us for our thoughtfulness in providing recreational and playground facilities that will be the envy of every youngster who is deprived of these pleasures."

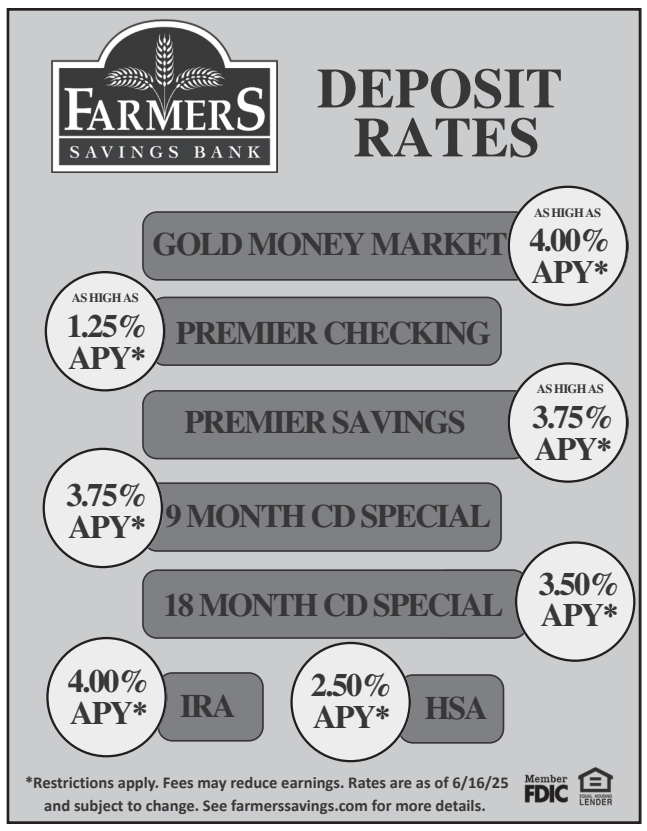
Once again, the village and local citizens contributed partial funds towards the park improvements and encouraged the county to support the park project. On July 30, 1935, the county passed a resolution to buy the park from the current owner, Dr. Brager, and rebuild the dam and lake.

But this final proposal, even with village financial support, was not a slam dunk and passed only by one or two votes, success by a slim margin. The property was then purchased for $2800, making Lake Park the very first county park. In 1936, the county voted to add 56 additional acres of land which was acquired from the Leitch, Rue, and Thies families. However, it took another 5 years until the park was finished and renamed, in 1941, in honor of Frank Stewart. His teenage son, Don, remembered attending the opening day celebration and recalled to me how rough the area looked, with almost no vegetation and raw limestone, in part due to the quarrying for the dam construction. It had required deep cuts into the western limestone laden hillside to make room for Highway JG (which previously had ended at Lake Street high above the lake). An estimated 150,000 cubic yards of soil and rock were moved to do so.

Soon the park was once again popular with visitors. However, over the decades, the lake slowly became silted, and urban run-off impacted water quality. A Dane County Restoration and Watershed Plan was initiated, coupled with a Mt. Horeb Village Stormwater Management Plan in 2000. The lake was drained and about 19,000 cubic yards of sediment was dredged from the bed. The dam was once again improved.

Dane County contributed $570,000 for the project while the Village of Mount Horeb added $100,000, representing a third community contribution over the park's many year history. A new beach area was added in 2014, and the park is thriving today with over 30,000 visitors a year; all thanks to a supportive village and a tenacious Scot name Frank Stewart!

Laurence Kruckman, a retired anthropologist who did research on birth and the postpartum in South America and the Pacific, returned to his roots in Mount Horeb to live in the house his father built in the early 1950s. Upon arriving back, he reconnected to many old friends, and recalled others long gone - the ink started flowing.





Obituary

Jon Michael Larson

Jon Michael Larson, age 67, passed away at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison on the morning of Friday, June 27, 2025, at 8:20 a.m. - leaving behind a space no one else can fill.

Born in Madison on July 10, 1957, Jon lived with a fire that never dimmed. He was loyal to the people he loved, full of life in every room he walked into, compassionate to the core, and a leader who earned respect through love and action. He didn't just show up for others, he lived through them. Jon always said he was here to be a "servant to his family and community".

Jon served six years in the United States Marine Corps, with deployments in Vietnam, Okinawa, and the Philippines. Jon embodied this chapter of life that shaped his grit and sense of purpose. After his service, he dedicated over four decades of hard work and pride into his career at Sub-Zero, becoming not just a person to



count on, but a trusted friend and mentor to many.

Jon's truest legacy was in how he showed up for his people. Whether cheering on a game, cracking a joke at just the right time, or offering advice that came straight from the heart, he had a way of making others feel seen, safe, and supported. He was a sports lover, a fisherman, and a golfer, as well as a role model, and a rock. His impact runs deeper than any words could ever portray.

Jon is survived by the love of his life, Pam Larson; his sons, Jason Larson (Elisa Weier) and Cody Hanson (Marwah); his fur baby, Levi; as well as his brothers, Tom (Paula), Bob (Bobbi), and Doug (Karen), who shared both memories and plenty of mischief with him over the years. Jon now reunites and was welcomed with open arms by his parents, Robert Larson and Doris Erickson; sister-in-law, Debbie Bagby; and brother-in-law, Jerry Leuzinger.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELC), 315 W. Main St., Mount Horeb, with military honors concluding the service. Fellowship and lunch to follow.

We'll gather not just to grieve, but to celebrate a man who lived big, loved hard, and left this world better than he found it.

All Faiths Funeral & Cremation Services of Madison is assisting the family. Online condolences can be shared at www.866allfaiths.com.

VFW Post 9511 Member Profiles

Marchall Ruegger

Marshall Ruegger was born June 21st, 1937, in Hayward, Wisconsin. He grew up in the Wisconsin north woods and graduated from Winter High School in 1955. In 1957, he volunteered in to the Federal Reserve, as he calls it. His Army enlistment was for two years active and four years inactive duty. He went to basic training at Ft. Carson, Colorado. After completing heavy equipment training Ft Leonardwood, Missouri, he was stationed in South Korea from April 1958 to May 1959. His duty station was visual distance from the DMZ.

After returning to the States from Korea, he worked on the airfield at Ft. Wolters, Texas until he was discharged in 1959. Marshall attained the rank of Specialist while he was in the Army. Marshall decided to go back to school and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry. After college he was hired by the State of Wis-



consin Department of Natural Resources as a forester. While working for the DNR, Marshall assisted in firefighting in 27 States, Canada and Mexico. He retired from the State in 1992 after 30 years of service, plus two years of military service for 32 years of credit. Marshall served on the National Fire Equipment System that helped standardize firefighting equipment. He served on the Sawyer County Board for seven years. He also served as the Ojibwa Park Manager for 10 years, with both his father and grandfather.

Marshall and Pat were married 53 years until her passing in 2023. They have five children: son (Tim) who served in the US Coast Guard, daughter (Sammi) who served in the US Army; and three siblings: Jody, Rebecca & Sara. Pat and Marshall have 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. They are scattered from Oregon to Wisconsin. Marshall's sister, Delma resides in San Diego, California. Marshall's hobbies include hunting, fishing, woodworking and traveling. He had many fishing and hunting trips to Canada and the north woods of Wisconsin and Minnesota. He recently took a trip to Iceland and is planning a cruise to the Panama Canal. Marshall is a busy man these days volunteering at the Mount Horeb Historium where he volunteers approximately 1000 hours annually. His smiling face can be seen at all VFW meetings.

Marshall is a life member of VFW Post 9511, as well as, a member and Sergeant At Arms for the Mount Horeb American Legion Post 113.

APARTMENTS

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well as exterior parking in the alleyway. The development would also include retail spaces.

Olson's Flowers owner Kristen Dresen said she's worried about losing the "magic" of downtown Mount Horeb and just becoming another Madison suburb.

"What we have in our central business district is magic," Dresen said, adding people love the current old and historic feel of downtown.

Plan commission member Destinee Udelhoven echoed residents' concerns. She said having a four-story building downtown will bring "the end of downtown as we know it."

"I think it's going to completely change how downtown feels," Udelhoven said.

Udelhoven said it's "jarring" from a historical perspective and said a four-story building downtown is a "non-starter" for her, and she thinks even a three story building would harm the look of downtown.

Kristen Fish-Peterson, the village's economic development consultant, said, "there are many reasons to support this development."

Fish-Peterson said the development would stimulate commercial growth, create jobs, further economic activity and promote a higher tax revenue.

And plan commission member Sarah Best said she supports the idea of development, but wants the developers to consider resident opinions. Best recommended the developers hold a neighborhood meeting.

"While I support a development going into this space, I think the time and care and consideration is important"

Best said she wants some layout changes made to the original design. She said the apartment lobby and amenities should face Third Street or the back of the building instead of Main Street, as a way to improve the facade.

Village President Ryan Czyzewski said the developers have a good record and could come up with a plan that works according to the concerns of the residents and plan commission.

Czyzewski said there are still a lot of details that need to be worked out, and asked developers for a traffic study to see the impact on the area for safety purposes.

Developer Jeff Grundahl said he is open to considering different design materials and would like to hear village feedback on the project.

"It's pretty simple," Grundahl said. "The goal is to create a project that enhances downtown."

The commission told the developers to talk with neighbors and come back with another concept presentation considering feedback from residents and the commission.

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Gleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- June 30, 1885

P. O. Murphy has had bad luck in losing a span of valuable mares.

A.H. Elver entertained the Harmony Cornet Band at his residence last week.

Our Wagon and Blacksmith shops have been kept busy as bees for the last few weeks.

J.P. Moe has been painting a number of guide boards for use in the town, and they will soon be placed in position.

On Wednesday night of last week the house of Ole Sale, Jr., of this village, was entered by what was supposed to be a tramp. Having made his entrance through the cellar and using the same for an exit, he made his escape before he was captured. Is not this getting rather brave?

Little Boys- Will every little boy who reads this article, heed to the well-meant advice here given for the 4th of July. Be good, keep out of danger such as horse races, foot races, the firing of guns or anvils, and keep the firecrackers away from yours and also the eyes of others. Therefore take this advice and believe us, that it would be a disagreeable duty for us to mention your name in our next issue as having through carelessness been hurt.

130 Years Ago- July 4, 1895

The storerooms in the Opera Block are in good demand.

Thomas Uldickson is getting to be quite an artist in enlarging pictures.

Editor Swan, of Mazomanie, appeared on his bicycle up here Sunday.

The Norwegian school commences next Monday at the district school house of this place.

Dr. Anderson arrived Monday and has located on the second floor of Kittleson, Vilberg and Syvrud's hardware store.

A conspicuous looking human being appeared on the streets here Monday and if rags are worth anything he must be quite well off, for he carried an extremely large stock of them.

120 Years Ago- June 29, 1905

The glass harvest is still in progress for the dealers here due to the severe storm. Some residences have damages as high as $20-$25.

G.A. Thompson and Oliver Grafsrud attended the big Woodman convention at Milwaukee last week.

Miss Marie Grinde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Grinde and James Brown were married June 28 at St. Ignatius Church by the Rev. Fr. Mueller.

Continuation of Grinde/ Brown wed:

They are so well and favorably known here that any praise is superfluous.

Mrs. L.J. Weltzin has recovered from her detention at the hospital here and is again enjoying home surroundings.

All trimmed hats, including the latest in midsummer styles, will be sold at half price from now until the 4th of July. E. Halferdahl & Co.

Simon Opsal has bought a Monarch stock and wagon outfit and is traveling his assigned territory. The Monarch medicines are well and favorably know and Mr. Opsal is meeting with fine success disposing of the goods.

110 Years Ago- July 2, 1915

Greg Thompson has purchased a very nifty pony outfit for his little boys.

The water in the lake has been in fine condition for bathers and many are enjoying a plunge.

Mr. and Mrs. Fosshage were given a pleasant surprise last Sunday on the 25th anniversary of their wedding day a large number of friends and relatives gathered at their home and took unsolicited possession, prepared a sumptuous repast with Mr. and Mrs. Fosshage as guests of honor.

The Boy Scouts took a hike Saturday evening with Madison for their destination, they pitched their camp for the night on Campbell's hill and after a few hours slumber in the blankets, onward march was ordered by scoutmaster Haakenson and Wokonia park was reached in time.

The cable for the ornamental lights is being laid.

100 Years Ago- June 30, 1925

Fifteen hundred picnickers, who had gathered to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the completion of St. Williams Catholic church at Paoli, were unable to stop it from burning to the ground Sunday afternoon. The blaze was discovered shortly after 3 o'clock when flames burst from the barn in the rear of the George Little residence, next to the church. Bucket brigades were formed but a strong west wind blew sparks onto the church roof and united efforts of the picnickers, Belleville and Verona fire departments. The Madison department refused to respond to the call for help sent to that city. Several other building in the village also caught fire and for awhile it looked as if the entire hamlet would be wiped out by the flames. The contents of the building were mostly saved.

A fire of unknown origin started in the attic of the Henry Moen residence on the Eli Witte farm about 6:30 Monday evening. There was no doubt that the building was saved because of the fact that Mt. Horeb possessed a modern fire engine.

August Luhman and son Alvin returned Saturday from a sixteen day automobile tour of Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota.

Joe Buechner crews completed the work on the new Elver Cheese Factory. The new building is of cement blocks and black mortar being used, thus making a fine appearing as well as a substantial building.

90 Years Ago- June 27, 1935

The Mount Horeb Post Office will be moved to the Dahle building on Main Street Saturday of this week.

The new municipal well was sunk to a depth of 800 feet yesterday morning and piping will begin today preparatory to testing the water supply. It is expected that water will be flowing by Saturday.

Our former townsmen, John Mael, sends us a postal card from Mexico City, Mex., bearing the following writing: Mexico City June 17, 1935. Got here 6:45 last night with the Rotary delegation to World Rotary convention. Left Madison on Wednesday.

The Committee on County Parks and other members of the Dane County Board came Friday to view the Lake Park as a possible sight for a county maintained recreation ground. Our supervisor, John Vilberg, has been instrumental in bringing the Lake Park to the attention of the board.

60 Years Ago- July 1, 1965

Bill Olson, owner and operator of Olson's Flowers and Gifts, Mount Horeb, announced this week that he has purchased the equipment and fixtures of a Madison flower shop owned Mr. and Mrs. Gayhart Theusen. The shop was known as Mullin's Flowers. It opened under the new name of Olson's Flowers.

S.A. Sylvester, President of Bank of Mount Horeb, is one of the 11 Wisconsin banking officials enrolled as a member of the Wisconsin Bankers Association 50-Year Club.

Paul Schlimgen, Mount Horeb, will have the exclusive use of the pre-fix "Schlimgen" in naming all Registered Holstein dairy animals bred in that herd.

Miss Kristine M. Boswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Boswell, Mount Horeb and Philip S. O'Carroll, Orcutt Calif., were wed on Saturday, June 19, in the Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Miss Elaine Midthun left today on a five-week tour of the European countries.

50 Years Ago- July 3, 1975

The sign went up last week prohibiting swimming, wading or diving at Stewart Lake but violations were frequent over the weekend. Because of the number of serious accidents and drownings at the lake during the past five years, the Dane County Park Commission found it necessary to post the new policy.

Douglas Peterson is the new State Farm Insurance agent for the Mount Horeb area. He replaces the late Dean Daly as the area agent.

20 Years Ago- July 7, 2005

Tim Apuzzo and Richard Baumeister, the owners of Mount Horeb's Blue Sky Café, announced July 1 that they are assuming operation of Schubert's Café and Bakery. A longtime Mount Horeb Bakery, Schubert's reopened July 6 as Blue Sky Café & Bakery.

This week's Town & Country Shopper, the Mount Horeb Mail's weekly shopping news publication, features a new logo that matches the Norwegian rosemal patterns that adorn much of the downtown area, including the colorful signs and banners on the lampposts along Main Street. It is based on the artwork of Mount Horeb resident Olga Edseth.

LaVerne Richard Hefty, 73, of Mount Horeb, died on July 4, 2005 at Ingleside Nursing Home.

















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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Library Corner

Once upon a time

By Melissa Roelli
Programming Librarian

We all need a breather right now. At least, I do. Not a vacation (though I wouldn't turn one down). Just a short hiatus from the constant barrage of all-the-things. The news continually blasts viewpoints from all sides and no matter the topic it's subtly (and not so subtly) filled with fear, (MH Mail excluded, of course.) I hear so many conversations couched in anxiety, uncertainty and anger. If you are like me, you sometimes want - no, NEED - a way to think about something else. Anything else. I need something my overactive mind can both ponder, and rest in, at the same time. And, occasionally, I want this in 20 minutes or less. (I'm not asking for much, am I?)

I've been thinking of time-tested strategies to help take our minds somewhere else. There are four magical words that usually do the trick. "Once Upon a Time." (Are you feeling nostalgic now?) What happens when you hear (or read) those words? Do you feel excitement? Curiosity? Comfort? That sentence has always been an invitation to slip away to another place. Your opportunity to have grand adventures in a land far away, to spend time with talking animals or to live inside a tree on a mountainside. Whether reading on your own, or if someone was reading aloud, time stopped and you were transported. All you cared about what was going to happen in the next chapter.

Oh, how I wish someone would utter Once Upon a Time again and I could have a reason to stop what I was doing, and enjoy a different world. I want to get caught up in the tale, wondering what might happen and…. wait a minute. People make up stories for us all the time, and have for hundreds of years. These stories are bound in the pages of books. Maybe the novel doesn't specifically start with Once Upon A Time, but there are thousands of other first lines just as intriguing. (And pretty much mean the same thing.) How about this opening sentence: "The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it, no paper notices on downtown posts and billboards, no mentions or advertisements in local newspapers. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not." (*The Night Circus*, Erin Morgenstern) Or "The sheriff leaned against the doorjamb of my office without saying a word, lounging there until I finally decided to notice him. (*Heartshot,* Steven Havill.) Or " Dear Mr. Wrexham, I know you don't know me but please, please, please you have to help me." (*The Turn of the Key*, Ruth Ware.) Or "Wylie Frye was used to smelling of smoke and that was long before he became a criminal of sorts." (*The Disappeared*, C.J. Box.)

Do you want to know what happens next? See, Once Upon a Time is still inviting you. It doesn't take long. Even just ten minutes in a book is enough to engage your imagination and turn off your other thoughts for a bit. (Though watch out, those ten minutes might turn into twenty.)

What are you waiting for? You get to decide which direction you want to go – Mystery? Light-hearted? Historical? Beach Read? Futuristic? Not sure? The librarians are happy to take part in your journey and put some of 32,780 stories on our shelves in your hands. We are happy to give you a breather.

"Once upon a time, a person walked into a library and…"

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Blood Pressure Check- Wednesday, July 9 from 10:00-11:00am

Men's Story Telling Group- Tuesday, July 8, 12:00pm

Tai Chi- Tuesday, July 15, 22 and 29 at 1:00 pm

Ageless Grace- Tuesday, July 15, 22 and 29 at 2:00pm

Table Tennis- Monday, July 7, 21 and 28 10:00

Caregiver Support Group- Thursday, July 3, 1:00pm

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Card Making- Monday, July 21, 9:00-11:30 am
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Brain Health Presentation by Baily Schmidt, Azura Health Facility- Thursday, July 24- 1:00pm
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Badger Hearing- Tuesday, July 15- 1:00-3:00pm
Walk-In or By Appt.

American Legion Auxiliary



American Legion Auxiliary holds bake sale at Miller's

The Mount Horeb American Legion Auxiliary held a bake sale in the Miller & Sons Supermarket parking lot on the blazing hot June 21, the same day the American Legion sold brats.

"We had to use inflatable serving trays with ice packs and ice to keep our baked goods fresh," said Auxiliary president Connie York. "We ultimately had a very good turnout despite the hot weather. We are able to purchase 40 food pantry bags from Miller's from the proceeds we received at this bake sale."

Pictured above are Kim Treamer (Secretary/Treasurer), Connie York (President), Theresa Hofstetter (Chaplain).

COMMUNITY

A special report from Badger Boys & Girls State

By Jerry Hook

As most students were starting their summer break 20 up-and-coming seniors attended Badger Boys and Girls State.

For such a small community, we send more students to Badger Boys and Girls State to get the "Experience of a Lifetime" than many very large cities. We have been very fortunate to receive financial assistance for students from the Mount Horeb Community Foundation, the Rotary, Lions, and Optimists Clubs, Mount Horeb American Legion and the VFW.

The High School Staff and Faculty and especially Sateash Kittleson are vital partners in this process as well. Students that have a 3.0 Cumulative GPA or higher qualify to attend are notified and must submit their name to be considered. The High School Staff then vote to rank the students to create a listing of delegates and alternates. The students selected then attend Badger Boys State at UW Eau Claire in mid June, (roughly 900 boys each summer), and Badger Girls State is held on the campus of The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (approx. 725 girls each summer).

Here are your Mount Horeb Delegates and Alternates for 2025:

Marc Stoddard, Jerry Larson, Timothy Kruse, Kyle Frischmann, Eli Dinh, Mason Hurda, Brandon Horne, Jude Young, Brooks Hendrickson, Gannon Bagstad, and Isaac Gunby attended Badger Boys State at UW Eau Claire 8 to 14 June. Eleanor Guenther, Kajsa Peterson, Lily Wahl, Ava Bilse, Eirinn Carr (had to leave after the first day to attend a grandparents funeral), Shayla Morin, Aspen Laesch, Anna Hofmann attended Badger Girls State (BGS) at UW Oshkosh 15-20 June. Badger Girls State Alternates were. Brittany Walton, and Sylvie Seeliger Congratulations to all these students.



According to Jerry Hook (far left) Mount Horeb sends more students to Badger Boys and Girls State to get the "Experience of a Lifetime" than many very large cities.

This was the list we started with from Mount Horeb High School BGS Delegates: Anna Tranel, Eleanor Guenther, Kajsa Peterson, Lily Wahl, Ava Bilse, Eirinn Carr, Shayla Morin, Aspen Laesch, BGS Alternates**: Anna Hofmann, Erin Wagner-Leek, Brittany Walton, Sylvie Seeliger, Danee Karls, Evelyn Rinaldo

BBS Delegates: Eli Dinh, Tim Kruse, Marc Stoddard, Jack Wilson, Kyle Frischmann, Mason Hurda, Brandon Horne, Jerry Larson, BBS Alternates**: Jude Young, Bjorn Oppegard, Desmond Kelley

Things change over time, students have fantastic opportunities that come up so some of our delegates attend other events and the alternates move up. Badger Boys State has more space and money for alternates to attend and over the years we have been very fortunate to get our alternates in.

Some of you have attended Badger Boys or Badger Girls State so you know all to well what the programs are all about. For those that haven't, here's a short synopsis.

Badger Boys and Girls State are American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Programs. Both started over 70 years ago as a way to teach young men and women about our government, our American way of life and about our traditions. The purpose of Badger Girls and Boys State is to develop leadership skills, instill pride as American citizens, educate citizens about American traditions, and to stimulate a desire to maintain our democratic government process. Students from Mount Horeb get an opportunity to meet and interact with students from across the State. The students have an opportunity to take classes or participate schools of interest, ie.law enforcement, law, medical, music / band public relations, etc… Students elect officials from their city, county and finally state level government electing legislative officials, supreme court justices, a governor. Typically the Governor, a former justice from Wisconsin's Supreme Court come to Badger Boys and Girls State along with several other key figures.

Students come back to Mount Horeb better informed about their Government, ready to serve their community, and filled with a sense of pride in America. Many graduates go on to become leaders in their communities, doctors, lawyers, business leaders, school board members, teachers, and local and state representatives. To find out more about these programs, you can go to https://badgerboysstate.org/ for Badger Boys State and https://www.alabgs.org/ for Badger Girls State. Students make long-lasting friendships with other delegates from all over Wisconsin.

Numerous admissions officials from several colleges have told us that attendance at Badger Boys and Girls State gives the student additional points on their application, normally awarded in the leadership category.

MHHS Class of 1957 reunites



The Mount Horeb High School class of 1957 held a class reunion at Spring Garden, with 18 of the 61-person class attending. Pictured from left to right: (front) Hannah Mueller Jelle, Nancy Johnson Caldwell, Linda Amacher Gerke, Julie Midthun Vasen, Ruth Thronson Gellhar, Carol Jones Voss, Betty Maurer Gasser, Barbara Gordon Furstenberg; (back) Ken Stamn, Marlene Domini Raemisch, George Fjelstad, Joann Nesheim Throndson, Gary Einerson, Don Williams, Paul Peterson, Richard Schmid, Joyce Dettwiler Gust and Audrey Berg Dietrich.

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People and pets had a blast at library dog show

Annual event took place Friday, June 20



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Best Costume - Poppy with Ren Colello



Most Treats in 60 seconds - Deeogee with Anna Potter and Callie May with Ashlynn Wik



Best Tail Wag - Blue with Addy and Evie Dolfin



Best Trick - Callie May with Ashlynn Wik

Best Senior Dog - Deeogee with Anna Potter

**Not pictured are Spoon Race winners Callie May with Ashlynn Wik and Murphy with Ralph Morey*



Pictured above, judges and contesstants. Photos contributed.



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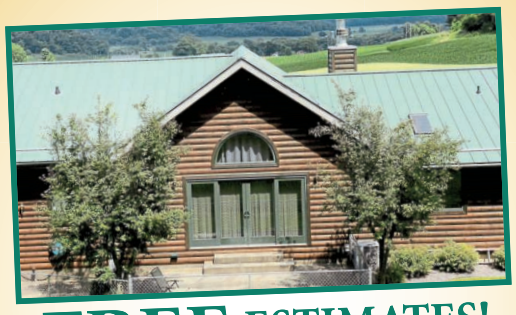
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WIAA votes down shot clock, expansion

WBCA coaches had favored both measures

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

There are certain things that have always held true.

The sun rises in the east and sets in the west.

Food, water and shelter are fundamental and unchanging basic human needs.

And the WIAA has always moved at a snail's pace, alienating many of its members along the way.

That was the case again last week as the WIAA's Advisory Council voted down recommendations from its basketball coaches to implement the shot clock and expand the number of state tournament qualifiers to eight in all five divisions.

Recommendations that earned majority vote from the Advisory Council advanced to the WIAA Board of Control for another vote. Then, the recommendations that received majority vote from the Board of Control would have been implemented for the 2025-26 season.

With a majority of coaches in favor of both a shot clock and state tournament expansion, many were both frustrated and exasperated by the WIAA's decision.

"I can't begin to express how disappointed I am in the WIAA for once again failing to listen to its membership," said Madison Memorial boys basketball coach Steve Collins, who's led the Spartans to three state titles and 10 trips to state since 2004. "The WIAA continually claims to be an 'association-run' organization. But when it consistently ignores the voices of its stakeholders, that claim rings hollow."

Collins certainly has a point.

Let's start with state tournament expansion.

An overwhelming 90.9% of the 438 coaches surveyed by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association supported a format that expanded the tournament from four teams to eight in each of the five divisions.

Members of the WIAA Coaches Advisory Committee passed the proposal, 7-0. The Sports Advisory Committee then voted 7-6 to move it along.

The WIAA Executive Staff — which is advisory only — voted 'No' for this recommendation, though. Then the Advisory Council killed the proposal before it reached the Board of Control.

"I was disappointed to see the results of the vote on this," said Mount Horeb boys coach Todd Nesheim, who led the Vikings to a state title in 2015. "I think tournament expansion was

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The WIAA voted down a proposal to implement the shot clock in high school basketball last week.

Mount Horeb's 'Best of the best'

Vikings' boys enjoyed a terrific year



ROB REISCHEL

It was another memorable year on the gridiron.

The basketball team had a season few will ever forget.

And wrestlers Eli Leonard and Eli Maier both posted top-three finishes at the state tournament.

Mount Horeb's boys sports programs produced one highlight after another during the 2024-'25 school year. And per usual, the Mount Horeb Mail has picked the 'Best of the Best' from the year that was.

This week, we'll honor the Vikings' boys, and next week we'll recognize the top girls.

Team of the Year
Football

Bret St. Arnauld didn't mince words.

It was mid-August, and his Mount Horeb-Barneveld football team had been on the field for just a few practices. But St. Arnauld already had a gut feeling about what was to come.

"We're going to get better as the season goes on," said St. Arnauld said, MH-B's seventh-year coach. "But as it stands right now, we're pretty good."

Boy, were they ever.

MH-B rolled to an undefeated season in the Badger Small Conference. The Vikings won a fourth straight conference title for the first time in school history.

MH-B went 11-1 overall before falling to Catholic Memorial, 17-14, in Level 3 of the WIAA Division 3 playoffs. The Vikings are now 22-2 in the last two years and 39-6 overall since 2021.

And along the way, MH-B dominated the all-conference team and had three all-state players.

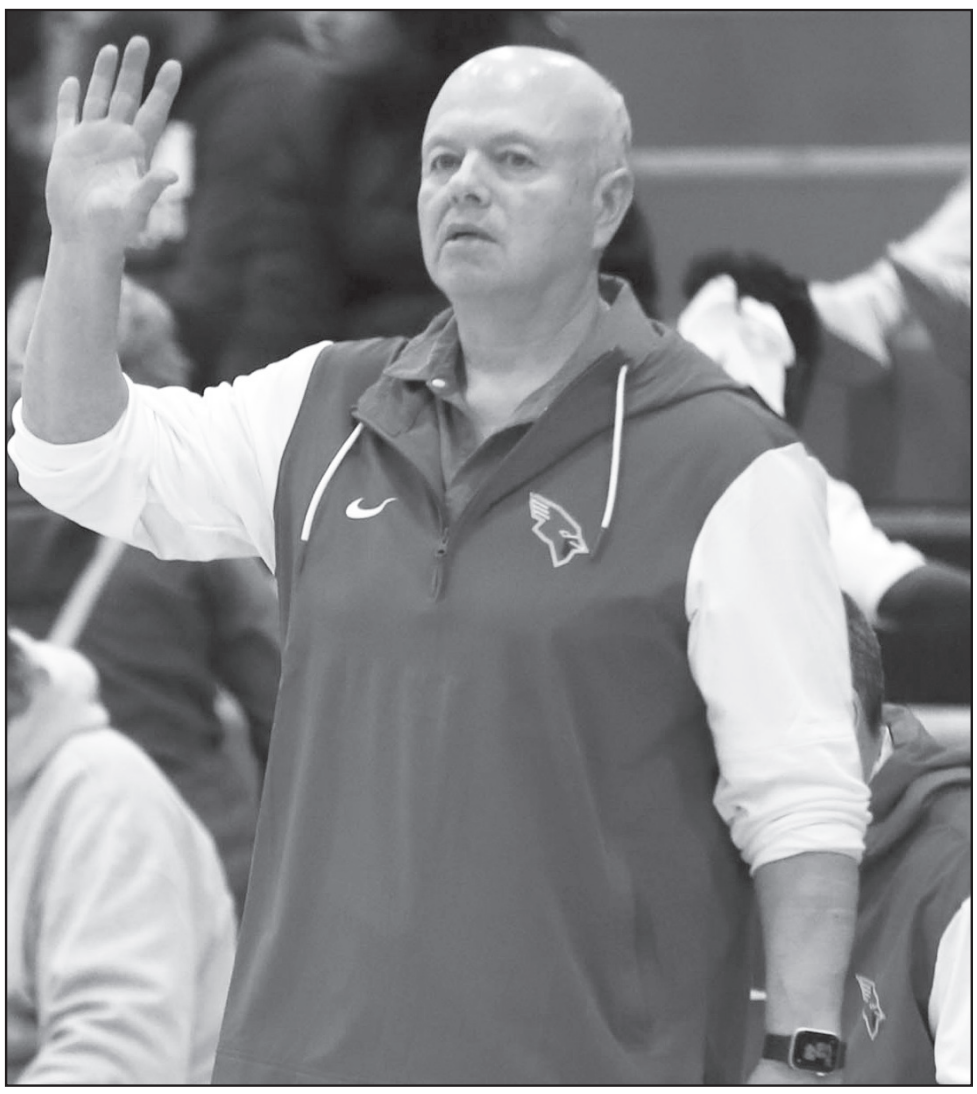
"I think we can beat anybody," St. Arnauld said of the expectations inside his program. "We show up on

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The Mount Horeb/Barneveld football team went 11-1 in 2024, won the Badger Small Conference for a fourth straight year and was named the MHM's Team of the Year. File photo





Mount Horeb's Todd Nesheim (left) and Middleton's Kevin Bavery (above) were two area boys basketball coaches disappointed the WIAA didn't approve tournament expansion last week. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

WIAA

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important for the state of Wisconsin to keep up with neighboring states in terms of the number of teams that qualify for the state tournament."

Bordering states Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois all have 32 total teams — four divisions of eight — that reach the state tournament. Michigan and Indiana also have 32 teams that qualify for state (four divisions of eight), while Ohio has 28 state qualifying teams (seven divisions of four).

From 1991-2010, Wisconsin's tournament included eight teams in Division 1, and four from Divisions 2-4. Then the WIAA added a fifth division in 2011, and made all five divisions four teams.

With 91% of Wisconsin coaches supporting expansion of the state tournament, they believed now was the time for change. Instead, the WIAA shot down that idea.

"Every other state surrounding us has a much higher level of participation at the state tournament level," Middleton boys coach Kevin Bavery said. "Minnesota and Iowa are proportionally about double the teams advancing to state compared to what Wisconsin has. We have more schools, but they have more schools going to state.

"Again this is a common sense, no-brainer type of move to make for the benefit of kids and communities. If the WIAA doesn't agree with the layout, then it would be great for them to give feedback as to what their ideas are for expansion. We are archaic in our Midwest region in terms of state tournament representation."

Many coaches were also disappointed that shot clock adaptation didn't pass.

Currently, 27 states have adopted a shot clock in some capacity. Many other states are in the process of adopting or experimenting with shot clocks.

For example, Kansas will implement shot clocks in Classes 6A, 5A, and 4A starting in the 2025-26 season, while Illinois will do so starting the following year. By the start of the 2026-27 season, at least 31 states are expected to be using the shot clock.

In 2022, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) approved state adoption of a 35-second shot clock in girls and boys basketball. Since that time, debate has ensued on the need for a shot clock at the high school level.

Proponents believe it will eliminate stalling tactics, make the game more entertaining and help student participants get to the next level. Opponents counter with a concern that fundamentals will be lost among a frenetic pace that can lead to sloppy play, along with cost and finding enough qualified people to run the clock.

"I have stayed pretty neutral on this subject," Nesheim said. "I see it from both sides. Most neighboring states have gone to this concept and many feel that this would improve the game of basketball. Aesthetically, many feel it would be a better game to watch and more exciting.

"Some say from a skill perspective, that kids will become better at the skill piece of the game to keep up with end of the shot clock situations. And even more say that it will help kids that go onto college be ready from that perspective.

"On the flipside, I see the importance of not having one from a strategy standpoint. I'll use our own program as an example. In my first few years, the only chance we had in competing with the Waunakee's of the world was to have long possessions and shorten the game. With a shot clock, that opportunity is taken away from a coach to do what is best for his team."

Wisconsin coaches brought two recommendations to the table:

The first was the option to use a shot clock in the 2025-26 season for non-conference games. That recommendation passed 6-1 from the Coaches Committee and 11-2 at the Sports Advisory level. The Executive Staff was 'Split' on the idea and the Advisory Council eventually voted it down.

The second recommendation was to implement the 35-second shot clock in all regular season and tournament games in the 2027-28 season. The Coaches Committee voted 6-1 to advance that recommendation, and the Sports Advisory moved it along by a 7-6 vote. The Executive Staff was 'Split' on the idea again, before the Advisory Council killed the measure.

Bavery, a leading voice for adding a shot clock, was extremely frustrated by the outcome.

"There was a proposal to pilot it this season," Bavery said. "One example would be for us to play at Oregon High School in a non-conference again this season. They have shot clocks. Both teams and the officials agree, why not? Every division in the state, D1 thru D5, supports that. And the WIAA didn't pass it.

"My opinion is that if that passed, the momentum would have grown quickly and strongly for implementing it. For some reason the decision-makers don't want that. That's an antiquated approach to me when you go in direct defiance of what your membership wants."

The WBCA surveyed head coaches about piloting the shot clock in the 2025-26 season, and an overwhelming majority favored the move.

Division 1: 87.4%
Division 2: 92.9%
Division 3: 77%
Division 4: 69.5%
Division 5: 58.7%

Instead, the WIAA voted down the measure.

"Every state that has implemented the shot clock has said that it was easier than they thought, the obstacles of cost and running the clock have been non-issues, and they would not want to play the game without it," Bavery said. "To me it's been a no-brainer for so long, and the results no matter how much the support is growing remain the same. It's very discouraging and frustrating."

Collins shared Bavery's frustration — and said the WIAA needs to start listening to its members instead of continually ignoring them.

"The WIAA needs to recognize that times are changing — and fast," Memorial's Collins said. "If the organization refuses to evolve and respond to the needs of its membership, it's only a matter of time before another association steps in to fill that void. Just look at how much the state basketball tournament has changed over the years.

"Schools and districts won't hesitate to explore other options if their voices continue to be ignored. Don't assume the status quo will last forever. Change is coming — whether the WIAA is ready for it or not."

The WIAA did approve the following changes in boys and girls basketball:

• After years of refusing to tell coaches the formula used to determine electric seeding in the postseason, the factors will finally be revealed. They'll include: Own winning % and overall strength of schedule (opponent's winning %, opponent's opponent's winning %, defeated opponent's winning % and defeated opponent's opponent's winning %).

The weights of winning percentage and overall strength of schedule will be published in the season regulations.

• The Board approved a recommendation to release unofficial preliminary electronic seeds for the girls tournament in Week 30 and for the boys tournament in Week 31. In addition, beginning in 2025-26, head-to-head contest results will be reviewed for all consecutive seeds, and when virtual statistical ties occur among three or more teams, head-to-head results will be reviewed among all respective tied teams.

The WIAA passed a handful of measures in wrestling, including:

• The wrestling tournament series for the 2025-26 season will balance the number of qualifiers across divisions, eliminate the regional round of the tournament competition and replace the Tuesday team sectional with an expanded team sectional on the second Saturday of the Tournament Series.

Two of the approved changes impact girls wrestling only. The first allows programs with seven or fewer total wrestlers to request a waiver to have the opportunity to practice with up to three other teams for no more than two times per week during the regular season. The second assigns four regionals per sectional during the Tournament Series beginning in 2025-26.

MOUNT HOREB'S BEST OF THE BEST







From left, Owen Preimesberger (3), Hayden Anderson (8) and Eli Maier (29) helped Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team have an unforgettable season. File photos

BEST

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Friday, it doesn't matter on both sides of the ball, I like it. I think we can beat anybody and I think that's just how it is."

For most of the year, that exactly how it was.

After rolling through a perfect regular season, MH-B routed Sauk Prairie, 36-6, in the first round of the playoffs.

Junior quarterback Brooks Hendrickson threw for 257 yards and three touchdowns to three different receivers (Hayden Anderson, Tyrus Hastings and Owen Preimesberger) on 21-of-32 passing. Preimesberger added 101 yards and a score on 15 carries and senior receiver Chris Kiel added 87 yards on six receptions.

"Everything was clicking on all cylinders," said junior linebacker Jack Wilson. "I'm super proud of our team. Great team win."

MH-B then cruised past Waterford, 35-14, in Level 2 — a game where the Vikings built a 35-0 lead and had a running clock.

Hendrickson completed 13-of-23 passes for 202 yards and two touchdowns and Preimesberger added 124 yards rushing on 15 attempts, including 104 yards rushing on 10 attempts in the second half. The Vikings amassed 364 yards of total offense and their defense didn't give up a score until midway through the fourth quarter.

"People have to respect our whole offense," Kiel said. "Our depth at receiver is insane. We have the best O-line in the state, best running back in the state, and Brooks Hendrickson can absolutely sling the ball. You have to respect all of us and there's not much they can do. Even if I'm not playing my best we have a whole bunch of other athletes that can absolutely kick everyone."

The Vikings' dream season ended, though, in Level 3 with a controversial loss to Catholic Memorial.

MH-B led host CMH, 14-10, with just 1 minute 46 seconds left in their Division 3 state quarterfinal game at Carroll University. The Vikings had the ball. And if they could convert a third-and-2 following a timeout, they'd earn a trip to the state semifinals for just the second time in school history.

"It was looking pretty bleak for us," CMH quarterback M.J. Mitchell said.

Then, the unimaginable happened.

Following what appeared to be pre-snap movement from both sides, officials allowed the third down play to continue. MH-B quarterback Brooks Hendrickson — anticipating the play would be blown dead — fumbled the exchange from center Ben Spitzbarth.

CMH freshman linebacker Will Schmitzer recovered at the MH-B 17-yard line with 1:43 remaining. And five plays later, Mitchell got loose for an 8-yard touchdown run that gave the Crusaders an improbable 17-14 win.

Instead of advancing to Level 4 of the playoffs, the Vikings' season ended in heartbreak.

"It should have been dead. Yeah, it should have been dead," a shocked St. Arnauld said afterwards. "It was supposed to be a hard count snap and I think our quarterback was shocked by the snap. The play should have definitely been over, but they called it a fumble. It's really unfortunate for a Level 3 game."

Senior linebacker/tight end Zach Maguire, who was lined up in the backfield on the play, agreed with St. Arnauld.

"Brooks (Hendrickson) just stood up. He didn't really know what to do because he wasn't expecting it," Maguire said. "And the guards and tackles didn't move because they didn't know the ball was snapped and they just got on Brooks right away.

"That was a good game and a tough way to end. We told ourselves if we were going to lose, we were going to beat ourselves and that's what happened."

The fact MH-B held a lead in the closing moments bordered on remarkable.

The Vikings had three first half interceptions, trailed the turnover battle, 3-0, and dug themselves a 10-0 hole midway through the third quarter. MH-B put together impressive touchdown drives on its first two possessions of the second half, though, and took a 14-10 lead after a 1-yard TD run from Jack Wilson with 5 ½ minutes left.

After defensive lineman Harrison Walker and Maguire both sacked Mitchell on CMH's next possession, the Crusaders faced a fourth-and-26 and had little choice but to punt. MH-B then began on its own 20 with 2:43 left, knowing one first down would likely end the game.

Two run plays left MH-B with a third-and-2 after CMH called its second timeout. The Vikings then put eight players on the line of scrimmage, Hendrickson under center, plus Wilson and Maguire in the backfield.

MH-B used a hard count and appeared to draw Crusaders' defensive end Isaac Miller offsides. The Vikings then flinched, and after Spitzbarth snapped the ball, chaos ensued.

At one point, Hendrickson had the ball in his hands, then let it go anticipating a stoppage of play. That never happened, though, and CMH recovered the controversial fumble.

"It was just a miscommunication," MH-B senior wideout Chris Kiel said. "It's no one person's fault. I made mistakes. Everybody made mistakes. It was just a miscommunication and unfortunately it led to a fumble."

Despite the painful loss, it was a year the Vikings will never forget.

Kiel was named first-team all-Badger Small Conference, was the league's Offensive Player of the Year and was a first-team all-state selection by the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association. Kiel was also named first-team all-Badger Small Conference at cornerback.

Maguire was named first-team all-conference, the league's Defensive Player of the Year and was also a first-team all-state selection by the WFCA. Maguire was also a sensational punter, where he earned first-team all-conference and honorable-mention all-state honors. In addition, Maguire was also named honorable-mention all-conference at tight end.

Preimesberger was named first-team all-conference and honorable-mention all-state. Senior Talon Stoenner was named first-team all-league, the Badger Small Conference's Defensive Lineman of the Year and earned all-Region honors.

Brooks Hendrickson, senior offensive lineman Matthew Mahoney, junior offensive lineman Graben Valcheff, junior defensive end Harrison Walker, junior linebacker Jack Wilson and senior cornerback Tyrus Hastings were all named first-team all-conference, as well.

Senior Owen Aeschlimann was named second-team all-conference at both wide receiver and defensive back, while sophomore linebacker Eli Maier also earned second-team all-league honors.

And MH-B's honorable-mention selections included senior offensive linemen Ben Spitzbarth and Logan Schwoerer, junior tight end Hayden Anderson, junior defensive end Parker Nihles, senior defensive end Ryan Skogen and junior safety Andy Jones.

In addition, MH-B's Bret St. Arnauld was named the Badger Small Conference's Coach of the Year.

"It was a great season," Maguire said. "We're just a big family."

Anderson agreed.

"This is definitely the best team I ever played with," Anderson said. "It's the best coaching staff I've ever been coached by. It was terrific. I loved this season. It was my favorite season ever in any sport."

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Coach of the Year

Bret St. Arnauld, football

Former Mount Horeb athletic director Kolleen Nesheim hit one home run after another during her 10 years in that role.

But the move Nesheim always said she was most proud of was hiring St. Arnauld to run the Vikings' football program back in 2018.

St. Arnauld did some of his best work in 2024, when he led Mount Horeb-Barneveld to an 11-1 season and a trip to Level 3 of the WIAA Division 3 playoffs. The Vikings' season ended with a controversial 17-14 loss to Catholic Memorial.

"It's unfortunate, but we'll rebound," St. Arnauld said after his team lost to the Crusaders. "We'll be OK. As a program we'll be OK. We're thankful for the seniors and what they provided our program. We're going to be all right man."

MH-B has certainly been all right with St. Arnauld in charge.

The Vikings' program had been trending upward for a decade when St. Arnauld arrived.

Travis Rohrer built MH-B into a state power during his eight year run between 2008-15. In that time, the Vikings won at least one playoff game all eight years, reached Level 3 of the postseason each of Rohrer's final five seasons and reached Level 4 of the playoffs in 2012.

Ryan Kleppe kept things rolling during his two-year stint as the Vikings' boss, leading MH-B to a 17-4 record in the 2016-17 seasons.

Amazingly, St. Arnauld has taken things up a notch.

MH-B has now won four straight Badger Small Conference titles. The Vikings have won 25 consecutive conference games, are 22-2 in the last two seasons and 39-6 in the last four years.

"We are like the Packers," St. Arnauld said. "We build in the draft, or in our case, we focus a lot on our younger guys and making sure they have all the tools and fundamentals.

"We don't put a lot into our wins and losses at our JV or freshman levels because we know in two or three years it doesn't matter. Varsity is where you hang banners and put trophies in the case.

"We spend a lot of time on culture and how to be leaders. We have had good athletes come through, but we've also had a lot of 'We' guys, not 'Me' guys. You can win a lot of games with 'We' guys."

MH-B's average margin of victory in 2024 was 28.9 points per game. And that would have likely been higher if St. Arnauld hadn't rested many of his frontliners in several fourth quarters.

The Vikings had a number of extremely gifted players to replace from the 2023 team that went undefeated in the conference and 11-1 overall. But the standard is the standard at MH-B and St. Arnauld made sure that was met.

"The expectations are high," St. Arnauld said at the start of the 2024 campaign. "The expectations have been that way since the end of last year. We don't rebuild, we reload. That's the expectation."

And the expectation was met again — thanks in part to one of the state's finest head coaches.

Senior Athlete of the Year

Chris Kiel (football, basketball, track)

Kiel, who will play collegiately at North Dakota State, had one of the most dominant football seasons in school history.

Kiel was named first-team all-Badger Small Conference, was the league's Offensive Player of the Year and was a first-team all-state selection by the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association. Kiel was also named first-team all-Badger Small Conference at cornerback.

Kiel hauled in 79 passes for 1,043 yards and 11 touchdowns. Kiel also set MH-B career records for receptions (146), receiving yards (2,302) and receiving touchdowns (26).

Kiel had five games with at least 100 receiving yards, highlighted by a 178-yard, four touchdown performance against Watertown. Kiel also had 124 rushing yards, averaged 7.3 yards per carry and added two rushing touchdowns.

"Chris is the second best athlete in the state," said MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld, who put Verona's Tre Poteat — a University of Tennessee recruit — at No. 1. "He is so explosive and although he plays receiver, he runs like a running back. He can high-point balls, he can run all the routes, and he can blow away from you in an instant.

"I've been coaching for 16 years and I have not seen a player on the field so unguardable, nor have I seen teams so terrified of one kid. He was double teamed in eight of our 11 games — including Catholic Memorial who had a first-team all-state corner (Marvanous Butler-Brown) covering him, but even he needed help over the top. What does that tell you?"

In addition Kiel was a shutdown cornerback who only had three passes thrown in his direction all season. Kiel did finish with 27 total tackles, one forced fumble and six passes defensed.

"He is the epitome of a lockdown corner," St. Arnauld said of Kiel. "He has the ability to run with any receiver, and that was no more prevalent when he had to man up Butler-Brown from CMH. He was only thrown at once and Chris broke the play up."

Kiel was a defensive stopper and a key cog on Mount Horeb's basketball team that went 25-3 and reached the WIAA Division 2 sectional finals.

Kiel then was part of the Vikings' 400-meter relay team that finished second at state. The rest of the foursome included Kayden Baumgart, Tyrus Hastings and Owen Preimesberger.

"From the beginning of the season, these guys were so focused on not just making it to state, but winning," Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said. "The way they competed all season long showed that they were on track to do it, too.

"They broke their own school record essentially every time they ran over the last (few) weeks of the season. Even though they didn't end up with the win, going under the previous state record and smashing their own record in the finals is something that they can be really proud of."

Honorable mention: Zach Maguire, football, basketball; Owen Preimesberger (football, track); Talon Stoenner (football, baseball); Harrison Walker (football, track).

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Bret St. Arnauld (top) was chosen as the MHM's Coach of the Year, while Chris Kiel (above) was picked as the Senior Athlete of the Year. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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Game/Event of the Year

Boys basketball: Mount Horeb 49, Monona Grove 45 in a sectional semifinal

Hopes weren't exactly high. Optimism wasn't overflowing.

Mount Horeb's terrific basketball team reached the WIAA Division 2 sectional semifinals in March. But the Vikings faced the tall task of battling Monona Grove without all-state guard Josh Manchester, who suffered a shoulder injury in the regional finals.

The Vikings made a loud and clear statement, though, that this is far from a one-man show with a 49-45 win over the Silver Eagles.

Mount Horeb reached the sectional finals for the fifth time in the past 20 seasons, and first since the 2019 team that came within a victory of the state tournament.

"We're all very disciplined, we're all working our butts off," Mount Horeb senior guard Chris Kiel said. "With or without Josh, with or without anybody, we're all going to work as hard as we can."

Sophomore guard Alex Chapman agreed.

"We're really close, we're a hard-working group, we keep each other accountable, and we work hard day in and day out," Chapman said.

How meaningful was this win? The Vikings have won 263 games over 17 seasons under coach Todd Nesheim, including the 2015 state championship, and for him this ranked near the top.

"It's right up there. What we lost, what they presented, what we knew was going to have to happen to have success," Nesheim said. "Super proud of the boys. That's a gritty, tough effort. I don't think you can watch that as a Monona Grove fan and not respect what our guys just did without Josh in a matter of days."

Manchester was in street clothes on the bench after dislocating his right shoulder late in the first half of Mount Horeb's regional final victory over McFarland, in which he'd racked up a stunning 20 points in just 12 minutes to power the Vikings to a huge lead.

In his absence, everyone on the roster ramped up their contributions to help fill the void.

That adjustment started with a new strategy on offense, which almost exclusively ran through Manchester. That's where Chapman shined. He racked up a team-best 15 points while taking over primary ballhandling accountability, and grabbed a team-best eight rebounds.

"He's ready," Nesheim said of Chapman. "We were hoping he'd have a breakout game for his sense of confidence. He works hard and he wants to be that guy. He knows his role when Josh is on the floor — he takes a bit of a back seat. But next year, those two should be a dynamic duo."



Alex Chapman (24) and Mount Horeb's boys basketball team defeated Monona Grove in a sectional semifinal, which was picked as the 'Game of the Year' by the MHM. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Kiel spearheaded a defensive effort that limited MG to 37% shooting and just one point above its lowest scoring output of the season. Senior forward Zach Maguire posted his fourth double-digit scoring night in the past five games, with 11 points and a team-best four assists.

Junior forward Hayden Anderson put a physical stamp on the game, grabbing seven rebounds and producing some thunderous collisions along with his nine points. Senior forward Griffin Hannah helped break up MG's plans to concentrate solely on the perimeter with a couple well-timed finishes inside and started a stretch of 8-of-10 made free throws down the stretch to finish off the Silver Eagles.

"Credit to those guys. You're not 24-2 just because of one guy. You're 24-2 because you have really good players," said MG coach Dan Zweifel, whose seventh-seeded team had won nine of 10 games, including a road upset of second-seeded Fort Atkinson in the regional semifinals. "Maguire, Chapman, Hannah — those are solid guys who've played a lot of basketball games, and they've played together.

"They're really good and they're well-coached. You can't put your head down. We're obviously disappointed, but we lost to a really good team. Kudos to them."

The Vikings stormed to a 19-10 lead with 4:25 left in the half, fracturing the Silver Eagles' 2-3 zone on a pair of inside baskets by

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
PUBLIC HEARING JULY 23, 2025

The Plan Commission of the Village of Mount Horeb will hold a public hearing on the above date at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application from JT Klein Company, INC for the creation of a General Development Plan for a zoning change from PB Planned Business to PD – Planned Development to construct two multi-family residential apartment buildings at 101 Perimeter Road further described as parcel 0606-124-0065-1.

The Village Board, by its Plan Commission will hear all persons concerning all matters and/or objections written or oral at that time.

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TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS
NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK

Pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. Stats., the Town of Cross Plains assessment roll for the year 2025 assessment will be open for examination by all taxpayers on Monday the 9th day of July, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in person at the Community Center, 3734 County Rd P, Cross Plains Wisconsin. To make an appointment, contact the assessor by phone at 920-749-1995, by email at Info@apraz.com or by mail at: Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. PO Box 440 Greenville, WI 54942.

Preliminary 2025 Assessment Roll and Department of Revenue instructional materials are available online at https://www.apraz.com/assessment-roll.

Instructions about how to file an objection and Board of Review procedures under Wisconsin law are available online at https://townofcrossplains.org/taxes-assessments.

Jennifer Broberg, Clerk
Posted: June 25, 2025

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TOWN OF PERRY
TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, July 8, 2025
Perry Town Hall, 10084 County Highway A
Teleconference - 425-585-6272 access - 394-722-206 #
7:30 PM

1. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Announcements.
3. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items.
4. Community meeting with elected representatives update.
5. Land Use:
   a. Scott and Meghann Slaugh, 1033 Perry Center Rd., accessory bldg.
   b. James Gibson, 123 Drammen Valley Rd., accessory bldg. addition.
6. Roads, Equipment, Facilities –
   a. Sale of Western Star truck update.
   b. Petition for Discontinuance of Part of Moen Road resolution.
   c. Town timeclock, security cameras.
   d. Dane Co. Bridge Aid program update.
7. Recycling Center.
8. Treasurer's Report. Lake Ridge Bank account update.
9. Friends of the Parks of Perry report.
10. Parks and Open Space Committee –
    a. review WI DNR grant application.
    b. Groundswell Conservancy 2025 Monitoring report.
    c. Mt. Horeb Chamber of Commerce Visitor Guide report.
    d. Dane Co. Historical/Cultural Sites map.
    e. Hauge Historic District Park joint easement agreement update.
11. Dane Co. Towns Association and Wisconsin Towns Association discussions.
12. Minutes of Previous Meetings – June 10, 2025.
13. Pay Bills due.
14. Closed Session. Dane Co. Circuit Court case 15CV0065 DSG; Hauge Historic District Park easement negotiations: convene a closed session under WI § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy and WI §19.85(1)(b) and (c) personnel.
15. Adjournment.

Action might be taken on any agenda item shown above. Public comment might be invited on any agenda item presented.

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TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS
NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Town of Cross Plains of Dane County shall hold a meeting on the 17th day of July 2025 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Community Center, 3734 County Road P, Cross Plains, Wisconsin.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:

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 view such property.

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 the person's objection except at a session of the Board.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or contest the amount of the 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 because the person has been granted a wavier of the 48-hour notice of an intent to file a written objection by appearing before the Board during the first two hours of the meeting and showing good cause for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and files a written objection, that the person provides to the clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal of any Board members and, if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

When appearing before the Board of Review, 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.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board or by telephone or object to a valuation; if that valuation was made by the Assessor or the Objector using the income method of valuation; unless the person supplies the Assessor all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the Assessor's manual under Sec. 73.03 (2a) of Wis. Statutes, that the Assessor requests. The Town of Cross Plains has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the Assessor under this paragraph which provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Sec. 19.35 (1) of Wis. Statutes.

The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.

Respectfully Submitted for the Town of Cross Plains,

Jennifer Broberg, Clerk
Posted: June 25, 2025

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Hannah — off assists from Kiel and Chapman — and a 3-pointer from Maguire to cap a lengthy possession that included an out-of-bounds save by Chapman and a pair of offensive rebounds after missed treys.

MG answered with an 8-0 run that featured a 3-pointer from fluid 6-foot-6 sophomore post Austin Luchetti, a traditional three-point play from A.J. Nelson and reserve Henry Thome's drive to the hoop.

Things again looked bleak for the Silver Eagles after Chapman made both ends of a 1-and-1 with 4:35 left in the game to stake Mount Horeb to a 39-29 lead — a cushion beefed up by the official scorer errantly adding two points to the Vikings' total minutes earlier.

But Mount Horeb came up empty on four of its next five possessions, missing the front end of two bonus situations along the way, allowing MG to draw within 41-37 with 2:22 left.

The Vikings were able to close the door thanks to their strong work at the free-throw line, with Hannah, Anderson and Maguire draining six straight to key that 8-for-10 burst.

"Everyone had to contribute more," Kiel said. "The preparation was a lot more important … in the playoffs, it's always a lot more important, but we definitely honed in on it today."

Honorable mention: Baseball — Mount Horeb 7, Madison Edgewood 1 in a regional semifinal.

Performance of the Year

Josh Manchester (basketball)

On the night on Dec. 10, Mount Horeb junior guard Josh Manchester was honored in a pregame ceremony for recently setting the school's career scoring record.

Manchester then went out and had a scoring night for the ages.

Manchester poured in 43 points and powered Mount Horeb to a thrilling 67-66 win over visiting Stoughton.

Stoughton had gone 3-0 against Mount Horeb the previous season, including a win in the sectional semifinals. So this was a special night for Manchester and his team.

"This was a huge statement," Manchester said. "They were such a great team last year, and they're still a great team this year. Just to get that win, not only for bragging purposes but we grew so much as a team. This will be beneficial later in the season."

Manchester was right, as that win helped Mount Horeb begin its charge towards an eventual conference championship and a perfect record in the league (14-0). And Manchester's performance that December night against Stoughton was huge in Mount Horeb eventually reaching many of its goals.

Manchester made 15 of 25 shots against Stoughton (60.0%), including a sizzling 66.7% (8-of-12) from beyond the arc. He also grabbed a game-high eight rebounds and handed out two assists.

"He was on fire," teammate Zach Maguire said of Manchester. "When he throws up a shot, it will go in. He sees the court really, well and was throwing a lot of good passes."

Manchester finished the year averaging 31.1 points per game and exceeded 30 points in 13 different contests. But Manchester's 43 points were a season and career high, and helped catapult the Vikings to a big year.

"I've had a few (games) like that in AAU, but I could feel my adrenaline pumping a little bit," said Manchester, who scored Mount Horeb's first 15 points and had 28 by halftime. "As much as you want to treat it like a regular game, you really want this one."

Honorable mention: Wrestlers Eli Leonard and Eli Maier shine at state



Josh Manchester's 43-point scoring night against Stoughton was selected as the MHM's Performance of the Year. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Co-breakout Performers of the Year

Brooks Hendrickson (football, baseball) and Jack Wilson (football)

Hendrickson was a first-team all-Badger Small Conference selection at quarterback last fall, and a second-team all-league performer as a pitcher this spring.

Wilson was a first-team all-conference linebacker during football season.

Both Wilson and Hendrickson return among the top football players at their respective positions this fall.

Hendrickson had a terrific first year as the Vikings' starter on the gridiron, throwing 26 touchdown passes and just seven interceptions — a ratio of 3.7-to-1. Hendrickson threw for 2,249 yards, completed 60.6% of his passes and had a passer rating of 107.8.

Hendrickson threw five touchdown passes against Watertown, and had three TD passes in three other games. He also finished with a passer rating above 100.0 in eight of 12 games.

Making those stats even more impressive is Hendrickson sat out more than six quarters in games where MH-B had established a running clock.

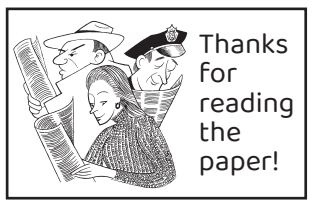
"Brooks stepped into the starting spot having to replace a stud in all-state QB Kasey Helgeson and more than held his own," St. Arnauld said. "His ability to stand in the pocket and deliver the ball consistently is above average and he has one of the Midwest's strongest arms.

"Eight of his TDs were for 40 yards or longer, including six beyond 50 yards. He has all the tools to be a Division 1 caliber quarterback."

Hendrickson was also terrific on the mound during baseball season and earned second-team all-conference honors. Hendrickson led the Vikings with 36.2 innings pitched during conference play, had 48 strikeouts in that time and a 2.48 ERA.

"Brooks had a dominant season on the mound for us," Ryan Finley said. "His

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won/loss record wasn't what it should have been during conference play as we just didn't give him much run support. Had we helped him out a bit more his pitching was worthy of being on the first team."

Wilson became a force for a football team that went 11-1 and was an eyelash away from a trip to the state semifinals.

Wilson finished second on the Vikings in total tackles (102) and second in tackles for loss (18). Wilson tied for third on the team with 4.5 sacks, had one forced fumble, one fumble recovery for a touchdown and dropped two opposing ball carriers for safeties.

Offensively, the 6-foot-2, 215-pound Wilson developed into the Vikings' short yardage back and was a load. Wilson, who will play collegiately at North Dakota State, had seven rushing touchdowns and 11 two-point conversion runs and finished second on the team in rushing yards (146).

"Jack played to the field side or run strength every game," St. Arnauld said. "Jack consistently caused problems in run game, as he can scrape from sideline to sideline and gets in run fits quickly. Teams consistently tried to run outside, but had little to success because of his ability to run.

"He was around the ball every play and doesn't stay blocked causing problems for the offensive line. He was very big part of our blitz packages. He was a part of two safeties and caused the opposing team's quarterbacks to throw errant passes each week because of his relentless motor on the edge."





Brooks Hendrickson (12) and Jack Wilson were named Co-Breakout Performers of the Year by the MHM. File photos

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