

Local control

In Wisconsin, your community is the backbone of election integrity



Mount Horeb clerk and utility manager Alyssa Gaffney (left) leads a recent training session with the village's new electronic poll books at the municipal building. Photo by Matt Geiger.

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

In most states, counties are in charge of administering elections. That's not the case here in Wisconsin, where local municipalities run them, collecting and tallying results for every single race from the local school board all the way up to the President of the United States. With each town, village and city running elections, that means local clerks play one of the most critical roles in maintaining election integrity.

According to the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC), there are 1,851 municipal clerks who conduct elections in the state. By way of comparison, most other states have between 50 and 100 county clerks who conduct elections.

"This unique structure can be both a benefit and a challenge," stated the WEC in its 2021 Election Security Report. "It is a benefit because municipal clerks have a close, local relation-

ship to their voters and their needs. It can be a challenge to ensure that each municipality has the training and resources to conduct elections in a consistent and secure manner."

Alyssa Gaffney is the Village of Mount Horeb's clerk and utility manager. She has worked for the village for the past 13 years, so this isn't her first rodeo. She has overseen numerous local, county, state and national elections, including referenda, hotly contested races, and the unprecedented chaos of the pandemic years. While she does face various logistical and technological challenges, Gaffney says Mount Horeb's elections run quite smoothly, thanks in large part to the volunteer poll workers who help oversee them.

Local election workers – referred to in Wisconsin as "Election Inspectors" – handle myriad responsibilities leading up to and on election day. Their jobs include pro-

continued on page 10



In Blue Mounds, three candidates vie for two village board seats

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

Jim Frame, Rick Kelly and Matthew Heindl are running in the general election for Blue Mounds Village Trustee on Tuesday, April 2. Two of the three will earn seats on the board.

Frame and Kelly both recently shared their platforms and the reasons they feel they are the best choices to serve the community of Blue Mounds. Heindl did not reply to numerous requests, both via email and phone, for an interview over the course of two months leading up to the election this year.

Frame is a life-long Blue Mounds resident who says he understands the needs of local citizens, many of whom are his close friends, and he will continue working to keep village government efficient and focused on the needs of those who call Blue Mounds home. When asked about his proudest accomplishment on the board, Frame cited the new municipal headquarters downtown.

"I would probably say the new village hall, which we built without really raising taxes," he said.

Frame said when he and other supervisors first

joined the board more than a decade ago, much of the community's equipment and infrastructure were "kind of in bad shape." They worked to upgrade those things without drastically raising costs for local citizens, he added.

He said most people like Blue Mounds and want it to remain a close-knit, small town.

"If you don't get growth, you can't really raise taxes, but I'm not in favor of growth for growth's sake," he said. "The more growth you have, the more problems and costs you have."

"I've known most of these

people my whole life, and we mostly want the same things," he added. "For the village to run smoothly and stay on top of roads and water and sewer lines."

Kelly, who has run his own construction company for the past 22 years, has been a village resident for 36 years.

"My wife Sue and I raised our daughter here in this village," he said. "I have been on the board for the last four years, and over [those] years we have managed to keep the village taxes at bay."

"Over [those] years we have been able to upgrade a

continued on page 11

**The Mail
earns
honors
in Better
Newspaper
Contest**

Mount Horeb Mail sports editor Rob Reischel earned honorable mention in the Wisconsin Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest. "[L]ots of great, well-played action photos," wrote the judges. "The writing simply invites you in."

PERSPECTIVE

White: Vote ‘No’ on ballot measures

Letter to Editor on Constitutional Ballot Measure

The April Election has only one contested race, for School Board. But it is important! Democracy is not a spectator sport. It is incredibly important and exists because we, the people show up. Research candidates and support the one who best shares your priorities. Not just every four years, or when the weather is agreeable. But in every election. (Mount Horeb Mail had a great candidate forum in last week’s issue.)

In addition to the race for School Board, the election has two legislative initiated ballot measures, which have implications for how our elections are administered. Both questions posed on the ballot are confusing, deliberately so. The referendums were placed on the ballot by the Republican legislative majority. Rather than pass legislation and work with the Governor to create new laws, the majority party has chosen to push their agenda through by way of an end-run, via state constitutional amendments on the ballot. The first ballot question has to do with private help in funding elections. It reads:

QUESTION 1: “Use of private funds in election administration. Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?”

During Covid19, organizations and private donors helped fund larger spaces for social distancing, provided money to upgrade election

equipment, masks, sanitizers, etc. These were helpful and improved the process of holding an election. The financial help was needed because of the underfunding of elections by the same legislators who now want to hamper outside funding. The question posed would limit options for municipalities to fund elections, with no provision to raise state funding.

The second question would narrow options election officials have to recruit volunteers and efficiently run elections.

QUESTION 2: “Election officials. Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?”

Ask your Village Clerk. She’ll let you know that elections are A LOT of work. Mount Horeb, as well as municipalities throughout Wisconsin, depend on volunteers who expend their time and energy to ensure that elections run smoothly, efficiently and securely. The ballot measure could hamper important organizations such as the League of Women Voters from providing nonpartisan election information.

These questions, if approved, could tie the hands of election officials, and could cut off options when it comes to running elections. The questions are ambiguous and open to many interpretations.

If passed, these two legislative initiated constitutional amendments would diminish options that municipalities have for administering elections. They could deny citizens efficiently run elections. They would be enshrined in the State Constitution and could not be vetoed by the Governor.

I will be voting NO on both measures and urge others to as well. I am in good company. The Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, American Civil Liberties Union, Common Cause Wisconsin, Wisconsin Conservation Voters and the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin all implore no votes on these sneaky ballot questions.

Tim White
Mount Horeb

Pincus opposes constitution amendments

Looks Can Be Deceiving. At first glance the two proposed constitutional amendments on the April 2 ballot appear to be reasonable measures to insure the integrity of elections. The first amendment would ban the use of private funds or donations in election administration. The second one would restrict the performance of tasks in the conduct of elections only to election officials designated by law. However, a deeper scrutiny of these amendments reveals that they actually are likely to make voting and the work of elections officials more difficult without doing anything to improve election security. In fact they could potentially aid in subverting elections.

What Lies Beneath The Surface. Yes, in the past, election officials have applied for private funds to make up for shortfalls due to inadequate governmental funding. In 2020 a grant from the non-profit, non-partisan Center for Tech and Civil Life (CTLC) helped cover the costs of administering elections during the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds were used to support such expenses as poll work-

er hazard pay, polling place rental, personal protective equipment (PPE) for poll workers, and equipment to process ballots and applications. There is no evidence that the use of such funds has compromised the integrity of elections in any way. However, if the legislature still imagines the use of such funds to be a problem, they have a simple solution available to them: adequately fund the administration of elections, thereby eliminating the need for outside funds. Inadequate funding results in longer lines at the polls and fewer poll locations.

As for the second proposed amendment, Wisconsin statutes already provide extensive and rigorous requirements for “election officials,” a category that includes election inspectors, greeters, tabulators, election registration officials, and special voting deputies. Wisconsin Statutes currently provide that only election officials appointed under the two statutory provisions governing the appointment of election officials may conduct an election. It is not clear how the second proposed amendment would enhance Wisconsin’s election laws. The Legislature has identified no specific need for this amendment, nor has it pointed to any shortcoming of the present statutory restrictions on who may serve as an election official.

So What is Going on Here. One explanation is that the Republican majority in the legislature, tired of the governor’s vetoing legislation that primarily increases their power and advances their agenda, is trying to legislate by constitutional amendments. Such a tactic undermines the checks and balances between the three branches of government, which includes a 2/3 super majority vote of the leg-

islature to override a governor’s veto of a proposed bill. However, the governor has no veto power over a constitutional amendment. To appear on the ballot a constitutional amendment needs only a majority vote in two consecutive legislative sessions. Since the governor would veto any bills containing the provisions in the proposed amendments, it seems like the legislature is using the route of constitutional amendments to circumvent the governor’s veto power. Additional constitutional amendments being considered by the legislature in future elections include:

- Transferring power from the governor to the legislature regarding the receipt of and distribution of federal funds to the public.
- Requiring a two thirds super majority in both chambers to raise the state income tax.
- Prohibiting rank choice voting.
- Requiring a Voter ID for all elections.
- Banning the closure of places of worship during any emergency, including public health emergencies.

Another possible explanation for what is going on here is that intentionally or unintentionally (depending on your degree of cynicism) the design of the constitutional amendments on the ballot can serve to subvert the outcome of elections rather than safeguard them. For one thing, the mere appearance of these unnecessary amendments on the ballot suggests that our current laws do not adequately protect the integrity of our elections, undermining people’s confidence in election results. Further, ambiguous wording in the amendments creates opportunities for extremely narrow interpretations. For example, if a community center doesn’t charge for its use as a polling place, would this constitute an illegal private donation? Would the use of an expert to help design a ballot or the use of a vendor to repair a voting machine violate the law because they are not election officials. A politician who doesn’t like the outcome of an election could use such extreme interpretations to cast doubt about the fairness of the election, fueling the paranoia of election deniers and conspiracy adherents.

But don’t just take my word on the importance of voting No on the constitutional amendments. For rea-

sons similar to what I have presented, the following non-partisan organizations also oppose both amendments: the Wis. League of Women Voters, the Wis. ACLU, Common Cause of Wis, and the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. Thanks for taking the time to consider this perspective on the constitutional amendments.

Allen Pincus
Barneveld

Put an end to ‘shameful animal cruelty’

The trial recently scheduled for three protestors who rescued three beagles from Ridglan Farms of Blue Mounds again reminds us of the cruel conditions that this business operates under. According to a Madison publication, the beagles are kept in tiny cages with no padding on the mesh floors and have red and swollen feet. They are kept in conditions of poor hygiene and covered with feces.

These dogs are sold to purchasers who use them in many cruel and irrelevant experiments.

When will the local government put an end to this shameful industry of animal cruelty?

Tom Pedretti
Mt. Horeb

Editor’s note: The beliefs of people on all sides of this issue have been covered in our pages in great detail and at great length. In 2018, opponents of Ridglan Farms (which is a Blue Mounds company that raises dogs for use in medical research) spearheaded a ballot measure asking voters if they opposed such practices. However, they placed the question on the ballot in the Village of Mount Horeb, where no such facility is located, rather than in the Town of Blue Mounds, where Ridglan Farms is based. The ballot initiative failed by a margin of 59 to 41 percent. (Even if it had passed, it would have had no impact on the legality of the business.) The preceding letter correctly mentions that multiple individuals were arrested for breaking into the Blue Mounds facility and taking animals. Those charges have been dismissed at the request of the owners of Ridglan Farms, according to media reports.

The Ultimate Wood Heat.

Set the thermostat where you want for a more comfortable home.

UP TO
\$2000
TAX CREDIT*

On qualifying models and installation



Classic Edge HDX models are U.S. EPA Certified

- **Highest Efficiency Certified by EPA**
- **Peace of Mind** - Keep the fire outside and eliminate the dangers associated with indoor wood heating.
- **Save Money** - Wood is a renewable, inexpensive and often free energy source.
- **Durability** - Long-lasting, stainless steel firebox.



**CLASSIC
EDGE**
TITANIUM HDX
Outdoor Wood Furnace



VIDEO: How It Works
CentralBoiler.com >
Explore > How It Works

County Line Burners, LLC
Dan O'Connell • 608-206-5220
countylineburners.com

*US Internal Revenue Code Sec. 25(C) effective Jan. 1, 2023, for heating a residence. For more details visit CentralBoiler.com. Consult a tax professional with any questions.

CentralBoiler.com
23-0102

MOUNT HOREB MAIL

Phone: 608-767-3655 • Fax: 608-767-2222

Email ~ **NEWS:** mgeiger@fingerpub.com
SPORTS: robreischel@gmail.com

DISPLAY ADVERTISING: adsales12@fingerpub.com
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING: classifieds@fingerpub.com
LEGAL NOTICES: legals@fingerpub.com

WEBSITE: **mounthorebmail.com**

DISPLAY AD DEADLINE: Thursday noon, week prior to publication
NEWS DEADLINE: Monday noon

PUBLISHERS: Tom Finger
EXECUTIVE EDITOR: Matt Geiger
SPORTS EDITOR: Rob Reischel
PROOFREADER: Christine Swiggum
ADVERTISING SALES: Lisa Kueter-Anderson

SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$49/yr.; \$98/2 yrs.; Out-of-state: \$64/yr.; \$124/2 yrs.

Gleanings

By **BARR JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- March 29, 1894

K.O. Gesme has broken ground for a dwelling on Main Street opposite the Lutheran Church, and by all probability another beautiful structure will grace this elegant locality.

Dorothea Gunderson, 5-1/2 year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. Gunderson, passed away Tuesday evening at her home from burns received while playing with matches and candles.

Mat Domini, Jr. is now behind the counter at Dahle Bros. store. Mat will make a bright and obliging clerk. This firm has been in need of a German-speaking clerk, and we believe their selection was a good one.

Mr. Groth was the lucky man in the raffle last Monday evening, holding the number 24, which drew the horse.

120 Years Ago- March 31, 1904

Milk is the best thing to use in quenching gasoline or kerosene fires. This may be well to remember.

Fargo Bros. have just finished their winter's run swing and have turned out no less than 75,000 feet, all hardwood.

Prof. Henry C. Gier of Mount Horeb, and Prof. T.S. Thompson principal of the Verona schools, acted as judges at the declamatory contest at Belleville, last Saturday evening. Mrs. Gier accompanied Mr. Gier.

Having opened a new store in Mount Horeb, on the corner next to the State Bank, I will endeavor to keep, at all times, a full and complete line of groceries, fruits, confectionery, bakery goods, cigars, etc. Also a large variety of useful 5 and 10 cents goods. Everything

new and up to date. Soliciting a share of your patronage, I am, yours respectfully. S. Sylvester.

Mr. O. B. Dahle is quite spry at his advanced age. Mrs. Dahle is however, quite feeble at times. However, both enjoyed the festivities with which they were surrounded on the day of their golden wedding.

Two carloads of the celebrated Janesville and Velie buggies have just been unloaded, and a lot of John Deere goods, which will be on display for the inspection of our customers, and on sale at very low prices. Come on and see us. Benson & Lee.

Gilbert Hageseth will assist the telephone company with its extension of work this coming summer and is now getting used to the climbers and come-a-longs.

Mrs. George Haage of Perry, died at her home in the town of Perry, Wednesday, of last week, from pleurisy, leaving husband and ten children, the youngest being but a few days old.

On last Saturday we called at the county farm and found Supt. Edwin on duty and in the best of health and spirits. We were shown through both institutions. At the poor house, as well as at the asylum, everything is kept in a fine state of neatness and cleanliness to the great credit of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin and the attendants. The county has just reason to feel proud of the institutions with which it is able to care for its many unfortunates.

110 Years Ago- March 26, 1914

Tom Syverud has invested in a new Studebaker automobile and intends to put up a garage on the rear end of his residence.

Host Blakesley of the National will soon be given

additional room at the hotel. The owner, Mr. Birrenkott, intends to have the building remodeled in the near future.

The village caucus was well attended last Monday night. The highest vote reached 170 besides a lot of the coming voters who were on hand to see how a political meeting was conducted and learn how.

Our population was horrified Monday forenoon to learn that an attempted murder had been committed in our usually quiet and peaceable village. Andrew Oden of the town of Blue Mounds being in town went to call on his old friend Paul Sletto at his room over Mrs. Peterson's millinery store and was horrified to find Paul lying on the floor in his night clothes and soon saw the condition of things, he hastened to call Dr. Evans who soon responded and who found his unfortunate neighbor very badly used up. He was taken on stretcher to the hospital. All he could speak was, "two men." The doctor is of the opinion that if conditions remain favorable another day there is chance for an operation with hope of good results.

C.A. Fink and Sons have a new set of scales set up and have an ingenious contrivance whereby the weighmaster can be called by pulling a rope.

The Mount Horeb High School defeated DeForest in a red-hot game of basketball at the Opera House last Thursday evening by a score of 25 to 1.

Halvor Bakken has been busy hauling rock for the foundation of their new house on Third Street.

A large plate glass in Hoff's store was broken last week, a couple of lads were rolling a buggy wheel along the sidewalk and smash went the big light.

Miss Clara Jordee re-

turned to take up her former position at the switchboard in telephone central last Friday, having been home several weeks on account of sickness. She is a very proficient operator and the subscribers will welcome her back.

90 Years Ago- March 29, 1934

Gabriel Bangs, Alberta, Canada, a brother of H.H. Bakken, Mount Horeb, died March 23, at the age of 62 years.

A carload of good, young farm horses will be sold at auction at the stockyards, Mount Horeb, Saturday, March 31. I.M. Halvorson is the auctioneer.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Anderson have moved into the Erickson residence on S. Fifth St.

Our fire department responded to chimney fire calls to the Thomas Dolohanty home, Mount Horeb, Sunday afternoon, and to the Elmer Tollefson home, Town of Vermont, Tuesday night

80 Years Ago- March 30, 1944

Mrs. C.A. Sorenson is teaching in Black Earth High School due to the illness and death of the Home Economics teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Randall quietly observed their 24th wedding anniversary March 26.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Grundahl Friday, March 17 at Madison General Hospital.

Friedrich Tschanz, 65, former cheesemaker in Perry, died at his farm home near Riley March 12.

50 Years Ago- March 28, 1974

Mary Erickson, 25, was killed instantly and her husband, Richard, died of injuries early Sunday morning as a result of a three-car accident on Highway 18-151, Friday of last week.

Approximately 70 boys and girls completed the four session Babysitting Clinic sponsored by the Jaycettes.

Candidates for the Mount Horeb Area School Board are: Joseph Haack, Annemarie Bednarek, John Ranum, Robert Schiefelbein and Clifford Aavang.

40 Years Ago- March 29, 1984

Kelly Herbst, a senior at MHHS and Ron Leuzinger, a freshman at the University of Wisconsin and a MHHS graduate, designed the computer program used for scor-

ing at the WIAA State Gymnastics Tournament held recently.

Larry J. Dickenson, age 32, Barneveld, died on Thursday, March 22, 1984 in a Madison hospital from injuries received in a auto/pedestrian accident on Friday, March 16.

Mary A. Lehner, Mount Horeb, and James E. Meives, South Wayne, were married on Wednesday, March 1984 at a ceremony held at the Methodist Church in Lahaina Moui, Hawaii.

20 Years Ago- March 25, 2004

Ted Spaanem, 95, of Mount Horeb died on Friday, March 19, 2004 at Sienna Crest in Mount Horeb. Along with his wife, Verna, he owned and operated the Spaanem Standard Station for 42 years.

Ava Grace is the name chosen by James and Aimee Carr of Mount Horeb for their daughter born Saturday, March 20, 2004 at Meriter Hospital, Madison.

Jeremy Kessnich, a math teacher at Mount Horeb High School was one of two Wisconsinites to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in Washington, D.C.

NOW ENROLLING 3K CLASSES FOR 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

To enroll, children must be age 3 on or before September 1, 2024 and toileting independently. Enrollment packets are available on our website www.agapechristianpreschool.com or may be picked up during preschool hours Tuesday thru Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at 315 East Main Street, Mount Horeb (608) 437-7100 • agapekids@mhtc.net
Individual tours of preschool available by request.

OUR PRESCHOOL OFFERS:

- An environment with a curriculum focused on socialization and play-based learning
- Caring staff with over 45+ years of combined experience
- Weekly music time
- Well-equipped, fenced outdoor area with engaging play structure



Agape
Christian Preschool

**Providing Quality,
Faith-based Preschool
for 34 Years**

Subscribe • Advertise • Connect

The Mount Horeb Mail is easier to
read and reach than ever before!

Visit us at



www.mounthorebmail.com

To contact Mount Horeb Mail staff:

Matt Geiger, Editor mhmail@fingerpub.com

Lisa Kueter-Anderson, Advertising Sales
..... Call 608-225-3738 or email: adsales12@fingerpub.com

Rob Reischel, Sports..... robreischel@gmail.com

Classifieds and Subscriptions
..... Call 608-767-3655 or email: classifieds@fingerpub.com

Fax us at 608-767-2222



**Commercial ■ Residential ■ Agricultural
Retail ■ Suburban ■ Equestrian**



WickBUILDINGS.COM 855-438-9425

Snow Doubt About It

Little snow means drought continues

By Heather Stanek
Finger Publishing

We might be on the verge of spring, but Wisconsin is still reeling from last year's drought.

The state's southwestern and northeastern regions are still the most affected.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Sauk County is still in a Severe Drought state after it spent months of 2023 in the Extreme Drought category. Neighboring counties Richland, Iowa, Vernon and Juneau are also still in a Severe Drought. To the south, Dane County has fared better, but it too requires hydration; parts of the county range from Moderate Drought to Abnormally Dry.

Drought took a serious toll on farmers last year, and the effects continue to be felt at the start of 2024. Months with little to no rain stressed farm fields to the point that the state opened up emergency haying. Meanwhile, farmers in the region reported not being able to produce as much hay as usual.

Backyard gardens were also affected, with many people struggling to keep their plants, fruits and vegetables from becoming completely parched. What produce did grow attracted

wildlife that was desperate for sustenance.

Wisconsinites may not like it when Mother Nature drops several inches of snow at once, but more snow over the winter would have been helpful. For one, snow replenishes local water sources as it melts, according to the National Snow and Data Ice Center. Snow is just as important at the arrival of spring, as it helps direct light away from the earth, thus helping regulate weather patterns and temperatures. In essence, snow keeps temperature and cool places from becoming too hot.

Just as important: Snow insulates the soil, roots and dormant seeds underneath, protecting it from those bitterly cold winds and sub-zero temps. It even helps animals that hibernate in soil or foliage.

In addition, snow provides nutrients, such as nitrogen. It collects said components as it falls and distributes them to the soil as it melts.

The winter is almost over, and it has been abnormally warm for the past two months. But there was a brief period when it seemed like Wisconsin would get enough snow to help. However,

Snow has economic

impacts, as well, and not just on ski resorts. Wisconsin is lauded in the tourism industry for its variety of seasons. Spring and summer bring a myriad of activities but the fun continues into autumn, which promises orchard stops, picturesque views and corn mazes. Winter draws people to different parts of the state for numerous reasons: Ice fishing, festivals, skating, sledding, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and skiing. Poor snow and ice conditions can have a detrimental effect on certain counties and communities. For instance, when it's too warm, ice is too thin to navigate on foot or vehicle, which deters anglers. This is especially true of places like Fond du Lac, where sturgeon spearing season is one of the biggest economic drivers for the area in winter.

Bodies of water need snow and ice to protect them from strong winds. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that shoreline erosion is a major problem when there isn't enough white stuff on the ground. Weakened soil is vulnerable to heavy rains and winds, which further cut down the shorelines.

In December, numerous communities were forced to cancel ice fishing and snow/



While providing temporary relief, the snow fall holds promise for replenishing water sources for the upcoming spring.

ice sculpting events.

In early January, the Journal Sentinel reported that the Clean Lakes Alliance was concerned about being able to hold its Frozen Assets fundraiser on Lake Mendota. The lake normally freezes over in December but still hadn't turned solid at the turn of the calendar. Thankfully, the heavy snow and cold temps brought the much-awaited ice to the lake, and the fundraiser was still held. But other ice-related events had to be cancelled just a few weeks later when everything melted, and there hasn't been any real snow since then.

The big question is: Will it all be enough? Reedsburg's precipitation levels have been below normal since last April, accord-



Droughts will affect the water quality and level of ponds. Many species will be impacted by this, and experience habitat loss.

ing to the National Weather Service. December was one of the warmest on record for many places, especially in southern and southwestern Wisconsin. A bit of winter snowfall certainly helped with dry conditions, yet drought conditions persist and it was far less snow than usual.

Snow may not be the most fun to drive in or shovel, but it certainly has its benefits. For now, it looks like Wisconsin could benefit from having a more normal winter.

Heather Stanek is editor of the Reedsburg Independent. Contact her at reedindy@fingerpub.com.

BUZZ OFF EARLY SPRING

Say 'no' to early spring cleanup and help nature flourish

By Heather Stanek
Finger Publishing

An unusually mild winter has green thumbs all the more eager to get outside. Experts warn, however, that starting too soon can be detrimental for your garden...

and the world.

Bees and other pollinators hibernate in dead leaves, brush, tree limbs, stumps and other the winter. If you disrupt their homes too soon, you could literally leave them out in the cold.

It's just one more hit to declining bee and butterfly populations.

According to the Wisconsin DNR, brush and leaf piles are ideal hideaways for desired pollinators. Even plain soil is ben-

eficial. You can also hang houses for bees and birds; just make sure to clean them regularly.

It's also a good idea to provide a source of water, especially during warm months or times of drought.

So when should you start spring cleanup? The general consensus seems to be when you have at least one week of 50+ degree days, every day, and there is no further risk of a hard freeze or snow. For Wisconsin, it can be a guessing game, considering the state has had snow in May and mild temps in March. Most community or park cleanup days, however, tend to happen here in late April, which can be a good indicator.

In the meantime, there are tasks you can do that are less likely to disturb slumbering pollinators. According to retailer True Value, take stock of your décor and garden supplies. Throw away broken items and examine



A honeybee feeds from a flower. Choosing the right plants can make your garden or a yard a haven for beneficial bees.

the condition of tools. Look at what items are getting in the way, particularly those that will hinder your progress when raking, mowing and gardening. Consider how you might rearrange or move pots and planters around for better efficiency and appearance.

It's also not too early to consider what you will plant. According to the DNR, native options are the best to food bees, birds and butterflies. Here in Wisconsin, some suggestions include milkweed, blazing star, coneflowers,

continued on next page

REACH a LARGE AUDIENCE at a GREAT RATE!

ADVERTISE ON OUR

TOTAL MARKET PAGES

Your opportunity for maximum coverage for your business with syndicated feature articles, columns and more included in our publications each week.

CIRCULATION: OVER 54,000 HOUSEHOLDS

Including coverage in the communities of
Mount Horeb, Blue Mounds, Barneveld, New Glarus, Monticello, Belleville, Sauk City, Prairie du Sac, Black Earth, Mazomanie, Middleton, Cross Plains, Spring Green, Arena, Plain, Lone Rock, Reedsburg, and Montello,
PLUS our Buyer's Guide Shoppers reaching across Dane, Green, Sauk & Iowa Counties

ALL ADS ARE BLACK AND WHITE ONLY. ADDITIONAL AD SIZES ALSO AVAILABLE.

AD RATES START AS LOW AS \$169.00/wk
(Even lower with an ongoing commitment)

CONTACT YOUR ADVERTISING SALES REP TODAY!

Alec Finger: 608-575-9134 • mctsales@fingerpub.com
Lisa Kueter-Anderson: 608-225-3738 • adsales12@fingerpub.com
Dave Pronold: 608-588-4777 • homenewssales@fingerpub.com
Karen Schrank: 608-393-3913 • reedsales@fingerpub.com

from previous page
asters and Joe Pye weed.

Also, leave those dandelions alone — whenever they may appear. They are one of the first foods for pollinators, and they grow themselves.

Dandelions are so important that they can even be eaten by humans and pets. Dandelions, both the flower and leaves, are edible and can be made into different snacks, desserts and side dishes. For instance, you can mix the leaves with your usual salad. For recipes, go online. If you have herbivore pets, such as rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs or chinchillas, pick some dandelions (don't forget the leaves!) for a tasty meal. Just make certain the dandelions weren't treated with herbicides or pesticides; they can cause illness and

death if consumed. On that note, try not to spray. Poisons have contributed to declining pollinator populations. According to the Wisconsin DNR, pesticides should only be used sparingly, and never in what you would consider a "pollinator" garden.

If you're worried about destructive bugs in the garden, consider this: Healthy bird and insect populations will help by consuming the unwanted invaders. You can also try planting herbs that drive away pests. Strong-smelling options like mint and peppermint work well, as do plants with citronella, which is often used in natural bug repellents. Common kitchen herbs can also help. Many garden centers and experts suggest planting chives, dill, thyme, rosemary and lavender to

discourage bugs from stopping by and feasting on your flowers and veggies. Some herbs, such as chives, are hardy and can overwinter; they may even be among the first things that pop from the soil in spring. What's more, you can pick and eat the herbs yourself once they are grown out.

When it is truly time to clean up, consider what you'll do with the yard refuse. Do you put it on the curb for municipal pickup? Mulch it? Compost? Consulting a Master Gardener or garden center can help you make a decision.

If you go with pickup, make sure to follow your local ordinance. Check to see if your community takes materials in bags or if it wants everything loose leaf on the tree bank. Never



A bumblebee flies to another flower in a patch of bee balm. Planting for pollinators not only beautifies your garden but can also improve its health and longevity.

dump or push stuff into the street or on sidewalks.

If you miss the pickup period, check with your city or township about dropping off refuse yourself. Many

communities have such sites for brush, leaves, branches, Christmas trees and other bulky yard waste.

Making the right decisions now can be great not

only for you but all the creatures that frequent your yard or garden this spring, summer and fall.

The Life of Dotty Ivens

A story to tell

By DANIEL LINS
Finger Publishing

If you were to spend just an hour with Dotty Ivens, you could easily tell how spectacular of a person she is through the incredible stories she tells.

She has been living at her current house in Mount Horeb for over 50 years, and has been both an EMS volunteer for the Mount Horeb Fire Department, as well as a longtime RN at various hospitals in the area.

Sitting on her front porch with her coffee mug within arms reach, Dotty went back through the years, all the way back to her childhood.

"I grew up on a farm in northern Illinois," she recalled. "I have a twin brother who is very special to me. We did everything together, down to working together, doing the same chores."

Throughout the hour that I talked to her, Dotty made sure to get one key point across: if and when you have chores or work to do, make them fun.

She says that mindset has also gotten her through life. "If I do not like doing something, I may as well make it fun," she said.

Dotty, a 1959 high school graduate, then went into nursing school, where she would meet lifelong friends and make memories on a daily basis.

"Nursing school was when I left Rockford, Illinois, and came to Madison to make a life for myself," she said.

Ivens added how isolated her childhood really was: so isolated that she did not know what Madison was.

She mentioned how simple life was back then compared to the hustle and bustle of life nowadays.

"If you did not do anything all week, you made sure to do one thing: go out on Friday night for fish," she said. "My classmates I lived with always said, 'if you do not do anything else in life, you sure go out for fish.'"

Ivens said just after that, she met her first husband.

"I never wanted to get married," she said. "I just wanted to see the world."

And see the world she would do.

Dotty was a longtime healthcare worker, and has seen a lot of places and things in doing so.

Her one regret was not being able to go to Vietnam to serve in the Vietnam war.

"I wanted to go to Vietnam because I was a surgical nurse," she said.

She added how the Air Force sergeant she talked with in 1962 did not let women go to Vietnam because it was too dangerous.

"Listen, I have a twin brother, and that is pretty dangerous," she said with a laugh.

She then fast-forwarded to a trip she took in 2005 while she worked at the Sauk Prairie hospital, something she is grateful for to this day.

"In 2005, I was fortunate enough to take a trip to Haiti where I helped the people who lived there," she said. "The conditions were awful, but it is something that I look back on and do not regret a thing."

She added how humbling

of an experience going to Haiti was.

"What a humbling experience that trip was. The people are as poor as can be, but they have such faith. It is so amazing."

Dotty went on to mention how, upon returning to the United States, she would always reward people for doing the right thing.

"Whenever a coworker at the hospital did something good, I would slip a candy kiss in their pocket," she recalls. "If someone was not doing a good job, I would wait until they did something good, and would make sure to give them a candy kiss once they did something good."

She added how this mentality, one of rewarding someone when they do something good, helped fellow nurses "continually do something good to benefit others."

Since retiring, Dotty still helps people whenever she can. She says her fondest memory was when she struck up a conversation with, at the time, two strangers.

"The women I encountered after retiring seemed lost," she said. "I decided to take it upon myself to bring something into their lives."

"All it took was me saying 'Hi, I'm Dotty and I'd love to get together to know you more'", she said.

Ivens said at first, the two women were skeptical, but she invited them to supper one night.

"At first they thought 'Something is going to happen because people do not just invite people because they want to know them.'"

But by the end of the night, Dotty said the women did not want to go home.

"They ended up laughing as the scary part was broken. It was 9 o'clock at night, and they did not want to go home. I said, 'Oh, you guys, it is past my bedtime'", she said with a laugh.

Ivens said the women wanted to get together again as soon as they could.

She added how this "movement" eventually blossomed into a get-together of ten people.

"The first two ladies I got together with both wanted to bring new people, and that eventually became a big get together, bigger than I ever imagined."

Ivens said, to break the ice in the get together, she said something as simple as, "Tell me how you grew up - were you on a farm, or how did you grow up?"

From there, the conversation grew, and everyone in attendance loved their time together.

"I grilled brats, made potato salad and dessert, and by the end of it, everyone was saying, 'When can we do this again?', and we have been doing it ever since."

Dotty also mentioned the good that this get-together has on the ladies who come.

"Life as we get older is getting harder. We can not drive, do not get out much, so this is something that everyone absolutely loves."

Dotty ended the interview with three words of advice: "Kill with kindness."

"Nowadays, people are oftentimes too rude to one another, and that kindness goes a long way."



Dotty Ivens has helped many people in her life, and still continues today helping those that need a friend.

Preserve your milestone

2025 SENIOR PORTRAITS!

Book your session today!
info@mccoypphotos.com

MCCOY PHOTOGRAPHY
NEW GLARUS

608-636-2037 • WWW.MCCOYPHOTOS.COM
PORTRAITS • FAMILY PICS • LOGOS • GRAPHICS

"Your Complete Family Shoe Store"

608-767-3447 | 608-231-4445

608-767-2788

Black Earth, WI
M-Fr 9-7,
Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5

News & Notes

Community garden spots are available

The Mt. Horeb Area Community Garden has a limited number of plots available for the upcoming growing season. Interested parties are encouraged to contact horebgarden@gmail.com by Friday, April 5, 2024. Include name and phone number so a garden member can respond regarding available plots, fees and registration information.

The community garden is preparing for its seventh growing season providing gardening space for over 100 individuals and families, while serving our local food pantries and providing an avenue for volunteerism among the youth in our community.

Free Irish concert!

St. Patty’s Day might be over, but the Irish spirit is still alive and well at the library! Don’t miss a free Irish concert with Boston-based Matt and Shannon Heaton at the Mt. Horeb Public Library, Saturday, April 13 at 1pm. The Heatons play updated and traditional Irish music on flute, accordion, guitar, bouzouki, and voices. Having performed all over

the world, they’ll stop by the Mt. Horeb Public Library for an engaging hour of traditional tunes, songs, and stories. Following the concert, they will lead an Irish session. What’s a “session?” It’s a time for musicians to play Irish tunes together! The library session features a moderate pace with standard jigs and reels. Bring your flutes and fiddles, and play along with the tunes you know. Not a musician? You are welcome to stay and listen to the community session.

With engaging stage presence and masterfully-crafted music, Boston-based Matt and Shannon Heaton offer well-travelled Irish music from the heart: a satisfying mix of tunes and song, new and old, stirring and lively. The Heatons are an integral part of Boston’s vibrant trad music scene. Shannon cofounded Boston’s Celtic music fest and served on its board for 15 years, creating opportunities for hundreds of traditional musicians and dancers. She was named Massachusetts Traditional Artist Fellow in 2016, and she hosts the culture podcast Irish Music Stories. Matt has performed with countless ensembles, including the Karan Casey Band, Boys of the Lough, and Robbie O’Connell. In addition to his

work as an Irish accompanist on guitar and bouzouki. This concert is free and no registration is required. For more information about the library, its programs and services, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Extreme weather

Learn how to be a Weather Spotter at the Mt. Horeb Public Library Tuesday, April 2 at 1 p.m. Provided by the National Weather Service and Dane County Emergency Management, the Storm Spotter program teaches how to see severe weather clues and how to use this information to keep you and your neighbors safe. This afternoon event covers safety aspects for spotters and the general public, as well as the essentials of what you need to know to report severe weather to the National Weather Service. This class is open to all - you do not have to be or commit to being an official Spotter. No registration necessary. For more information about the library, its programs and services, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Questions about asexuality answered

PFLAG Mt. Horeb’s will host speaker Cody Daigle-Orians on Monday April 1, 2024. Cody is joining the PFLAG meeting via Zoom from 6-7 p.m. The remaining hour is reserved for sharing and support. You are welcome to attend either via zoom or in person in the meeting room at the Mt. Horeb Public Library.

Cody Daigle-Orians (they/them) is a queer, non-binary writer and asexuality educator living in Columbus, Ohio. They are the creator of Ace Dad Advice, a social media-based asexuality education project de-

signed to support people exploring asexuality (ACE) or questioning their sexual orientation. Their passion for education and supporting queer youth stems from 10 years in the classroom and many more years as a freelance teaching artist. For their online work, Cody was nominated for a 2023 British LGBTQ Award for Online Influencer. Cody also leads workshops focused on LG-BTQIA inclusion. Cody’s young adult book, “I AM ACE: ADVICE ON LIVING YOUR BEST ASEXUAL LIFE” is out now.

This event is made possible through funding from the Mt. Horeb Community Center.

If you would like to join via Zoom, please RSVP on the PFLAG website (pflag-moho.org) and a link will be sent. This is not a library sponsored event. PFLAG meets in the meeting room to the left as you enter the library.

Summer school info



The Mount Horeb Area School District is thrilled to announce the launch of its highly anticipated Summer School 2024 Catalog, offering a wide array of engaging and enriching courses for students entering first grade to those entering fifth grade next school year. Registration opens on April 2.

With a focus on providing “a dynamic and stimulating learning experience, the Summer School 2024 Catalog boasts an impressive lineup of courses designed to inspire creativity, foster intellectual growth, and promote physical activ-

ity.” From arts and crafts to sports and academics, “there is something for everyone in this year’s catalog,” says the district.

Students can choose from a selection of courses, a few of them include:

Book Club: Dive into the world of literature and discuss your favorite books with fellow book enthusiasts.

Bracelet Buddies: Get creative and make unique friendship bracelets.

Checkers & Chess: Sharpen your strategic thinking and tactical skills in this classic board game course.

Cooking’ N Booking’: Explore nutrition and food literature and cook delicious dishes.

Journeys in Journalism: Discover the power of storytelling and journalism in this hands-on course.

Leisure Sports: Stay active and have fun with a variety of recreational sports and games including Pickleball, bowling, and more.

Moovin’ N Groovin’: Get moving and dancing to the latest tunes.

Math Minds: Challenge your mathematical abilities and improve your problem-solving skills.

Puzzle Pros: Test your puzzle-solving skills and tackle a variety of mind-bending challenges.

Running Club: Coaches will guide you in goal-oriented, team-building runs and exercises.

Summer Cheer Clinic: Learn basic cheers and build individual and team skills.

Summer School Shimmer (Taylor’s Version): Participate in activities infused with Taylor Swift including music, poetry, writing, movement, SEL, math, crafts, critical thinking. Are you ready for it?

Team Sports: Develop teamwork and leadership skills while playing a variety of team sports including volleyball, flag rugby, bas-

ketball, and more.

The Art of Stories: Listen to stories and create 2D and 3D story-based artwork.

Ukulele: Discover the joy of playing the ukulele and learn how to strum your favorite tunes.

The Mount Horeb Area School District Summer School 2024 Catalog promises an unforgettable summer filled with learning, laughter, and lasting memories. Enroll on April 2 and embark on a summer of exploration and growth!

Session Dates include

Session One: June 17 - June 28

Session Two: July 8 - July 19

For hours, location, transportation, and more details, scan the QR code.

Questions? Email Jesse Meudt at meudtjesse@mhasd.k12.wi.us.

Garden club to meet

On Tuesday, April 2 the Mound Vue Garden Club meeting program will feature speaker Dr. Brian Hudelson, a professor with UW Plant Pathology and Director of the UW Plant Diseases Diagnostic Clinic His presentation, “Confessions of a Black Thumb” will provide lessons on what to do to make your plants thrive and what not to do unless you hope to harm or kill your plants. It should be a humorous and lively presentation. The club meets monthly, every first Tuesday, 6:45 p.m., at Wisconsin Surplus, Mt Horeb, 2600 Rte 78 South, in the Violet Room.

The building is located on the west side of the village of Mt Horeb (at the second exit heading west off 18/151). Refreshments at 6:45, presentation starts at 7:00, and the club business meeting begins at 8. Members of the general public are welcome to attend the program free of charge.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Mt. Horeb Seniors shopping trip to Dodgeville. Bus leaves at 9:30am

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet open 9:00 to 10:30am (Seniors Preferred) ; All shoppers - 3:00-4:30pm. 102 E. Lincoln Street

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food and Clothes Closet open 10:00-11:30am, 102 E. Lincoln Street

Celebrating Wisconsin's Centennial through stamps now showing in the Kalscheur Family Foundation Community Gallery at the Driftless Historium through Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

PFLAG Mt. Horeb meeting, 6:00-8:00pm, Mt. Horeb Public Library meeting room. Speaker: Author, Cody Daigle-Orians. Not a Library sponsored event. Zoom link: pflagmoho.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

SPRING ELECTION AND PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE VOTE, 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Tai Chi, 1:00pm. Mt. Horeb Senior Center

Ageless Grace, 2:00pm, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

Mound Vue Garden Club meeting, 6:45pm, at WI Surplus, 2600 Hwy. 78 South, Violet Room. Program at 7:00 (public invited); business meeting at 8:00pm. Info: Gloria Davies at jrdgrdquilt@mhtc.net

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Fink's Cafe, serving senior meals, 11:00am-1:00pm

Euchre - Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 12:30pm

Little Free Pantries are located at: New Hope Evangelical Free Church, 639 S. 8th St., Mt. Horeb; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 310 W. Main St. Mt. Horeb and Zwingli UCC, Hwy 92, Mt. Vernon. Nonperishable food and other necessities available 24 hours a day. "Take what you need, share what you can."

Information for the Community Calendar must be emailed by noon on the Monday of the week of publication.

Information should be emailed to mhclasses@fingerpub.com.

We reserve the right to edit for length.

Recreation Notes

Take a dive into the future and join us for our Robotics class! Robotics has seen enormous growth in the last decade and the pace is rapidly increasing. These classes keep all kids engaged with hands-on, experiential based activities. Participants in 1st-5th grade will design, build, program, test and modify different robot projects. For instance, students will build a monkey, program it to play drums and sing. Why? Well why not, it’s fun! This class is on Mondays from April 8 through May 13 at the Recreation Department Multipurpose Room from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Resident fee is \$82 and non-resident fee is \$92. Registration deadline is April 1.

Are you looking to burn some energy after school? Join us for our Track and Field Decathlon! Players will be introduced to a number of events in track and field including javelin, shot put, discus, long jump, relay races and more! Field equipment that is designed for youth will be used. The focus in this program is on doing better than you did at the last class, cheering everyone on and having fun! This program is for grades 1st-4th grade and meets on Tuesdays from April 9 through May 5 at Grundahl Park Soccer Field (near the Enclosed Shelter). Session 1 is from 3:45-4:45 PM and Session 2 is from 4:55-5:55 PM. Resident fee is \$65 and

non-resident fee is \$75. Registration deadline is April 2.

Now Hiring – If you are looking for a fun summer job, look no further than the Recreation Department! **We are currently seeking individuals for the following positions:**

Summer Office Assistant (min age 17)

Pool Staff Attendant (min age 14)

Kids Camp Coordinator (min age 17)

Kids Camp Assistant (min age 14)

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

Online (go to <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/mhrd>)

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street

Place completed form and payment in 24-hour drop box

Email completed form and payment to mhrec@mounthorebwi.info

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Spring Martial Arts (3/28)

Spring Taekwondo – Little Lions (3/30)

Little Folk Art Studio (4/1)

Track and Field Decathlon (4/2)

COMMUNITY

Optimist Club honors Albrecht and Alcorn



John Martin, Lauren Albrecht and Brenda Martin.

LAUREN ALBRECHT

Lauren Albrecht is “Someone You Should Know.” Lauren was chosen as the Optimist Club’s high school recipient of the “Someone You Should Know” award for outstanding community service for the month of March.

Lauren is a senior at Mount Horeb High School. She is currently a member of National Honor Society as well as a member of National Art Honor Society. She has participated in Band, Choir, and Orchestra. Lauren has played clarinet in Symphonic and Marching Band. She played in events for Solo and Ensemble. She is involved in the high-

school’s Chamber Singers group. Lauren has been in the cast of the Fall Musicals for the past two years. She also serves as a member in Link Crew.

Outside of school, Lauren has earned her silver cord hours by helping with mission work for Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt Horeb in their local service opportunities, such as Neighbors Helping Neighbors and Food Pantries in Madison. Throughout the year, she volunteers at the ELC to help Sunday School as well as ELC’s Vacation Bible School in the summer. She has helped with various fundraising events

to help our youth be able to attend service trips, such as the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2024 and Youthworks trips to Indianapolis and St. Louis. By going on these trips, Lauren has been able to volunteer in communities outside of Mt. Horeb. Lauren also plays the national anthems on the piano for the Sons of Norway’s monthly meetings.

Lauren was honored at the March meeting of the Optimist Club. She received a certificate and \$50.00.

The Optimist Club of Mt. Horeb is proud to name Lauren Albrecht as “Someone You Should Know.”



Sam, Sydney and Mandy Alcorn.

SYDNEY ALCORN

Sydney Alcorn is “Someone You Should Know.” Sydney was chosen as the Optimist Club’s high school recipient of the “Someone You Should Know” award for outstanding community service for the month of March.

Sydney is a senior at Mount Horeb High School. She is currently a member of the Madrigal, Vocal Jazz, and Chamber Choirs at the high school as well as Mount Horeb’s Community Choir. She is a member of the Women’s Empowerment Club and the National Art Honor’s Society. Sydney also participated in the high school musical this spring and the Drama Club’s production last fall.

Outside of school, Sydney has earned her silver cord hours by volunteering at the

elementary summer school, and the middle school’s musical. At the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, she organized and led a group of sixteen youth in an amazing acapella number that then got picked up for the high school’s winter concert. She also volunteers at her church’s youth group. Sydney was accepted into

the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire’s music education program.

Sydney was honored at the March meeting of the Optimist Club. She received a certificate and \$50. The Optimist Club of Mt. Horeb is proud to name Sydney Alcorn as “Someone You Should Know.”

CHURCH NOTES

- Perry Lutheran Church ELCA**
1057 Hwy 78 S, Mt. Horeb
608-437-5294
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
www.perrylutheranchurchelca.org
- Immanuel Lutheran Church**
www.immanuelmh.org
Sunday 10:00 service
310 W. Main St. Mount Horeb
- Springdale Lutheran Church**
2752 Town Hall Rd. 608-437-3493
Vicar: James Ranney
Worship: 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays of the month at 10am
twosteeple.org
- West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church**
2962 Church St., Blue Mounds
608-437-3493
Vicar: James Ranney
Worship: Every 2nd & 4th
Sunday of the month, 10:00 am
- Vermont Lutheran Church-ELCA**
9886 Vermont Church Road
Black Earth, WI 53515
www.vermontlutheran.org
608-767-3312 (office)
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
- St. Michael The Archangel Parish**
Rev. Robert Butz- Parish Administrator
St. Ignatius Catholic Church
109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb
608-437-5348
Mass: Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday thru Friday - 8:00 am
Sat. 5:00 pm
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
10070 Spring Valley Dr., Mount Horeb
Mass: Sunday 8:00 am
- Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church – ELC**
315 E. Main St. 608-437-5012
www.elcmthoreb.org
5 pm Saturday Worship
9 am Sunday Worship
- Mt. Horeb United Methodist**
Corner of Hwy. S & Hwy. 78
Sunday Worship: 9am online and in person
umcmh.org
Celebrating God's Inclusive Love
- New Hope Evangelical Free Church**
639 S. Eighth St., Mt. Horeb
Phone: 608-437-3273
www.newhopeefc.org
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Good News Lutheran Church - WELS**
NEW LOCATION:
9975 Pepper Dr
Pastor Jonathan Bauer
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am (in person and online)
Sunday School and Bible Study 10:15 am
608-437-4646 visit
GoodNewsLC.org/location for details & directions

Sugar River’s Spring Tournament Euchre champs announced

By STAN HOOK
Sugar River Euchre

Once again, the Red Mouse was gracious enough to host the Sugar River Euchre League’s Spring Tournament held on March 7th. There were 18 couples, all hoping to be crowned the tournament champion. But in the end, with just a 2 point advantage, Mary Humphrey and Dale Herfel secured first place with 112 points. Ralph Hoesly and Jerry Judd finished with 110 points, while Lavern (Blinky) Maier and

Al Zimmerman had 109 points. There was a tie for fourth place at 108 points between Dean Disch and Dan Meinholz, and Steve (Hoffy) Huffmaster and Larry Losenegger. Sixth place went to Leo Humphrey and Randy Schmid with 104 points.

Other scores: Loretta Herfel and Jim Day 102; Pete Ott and Barb Judd 100; Steve Vogt and Opie Taylor 99; Rose Ann Maier and Russ Maier 99; Dave Hook and Dave Herfel 97;

Keith Wegner and Rodney Latham 96; John Baumgartner and Kendel Wegner 95; Roger Ringgenberg and Jeff (Hugs) Goebler 91; Roger Truttmann and Carla Olsen 80; Tom Magnuson and Jeff Judd 80; and Reed Bollig and Tom Meyer 78. Laurel Grindle and Giff Hoesly had the lowest score of the night at 70 points. This wasn’t the highlight of the evening, that came in the fifth round when Reed Bollig and Tom Meyer were skunked by Pete Ott and Barb Judd.

After a very fun night of cards, everyone enjoyed some pizza prepared by the staff of the Red Mouse. President Jerome Krantz then announced the winners and distributed prize money to the top six places.

I hope to see everyone back October 3, 2024 for the 93rd year of the Sugar River Euchre League. If you are interested in forming a team or joining the league as an individual, contact Stan Hook at (608) 279-9044 for more information.

Spring Election Coverage

Doolan vs. Brosius for county board seat

Relevant experience for this office?

Bill Brosius: I have a master's in business administration from Cardinal



Stritch University. I've been a Trustee for the Village of Cross Plains for seven years, where I've worked to balance budgets and keep tax increases down for residents.

I've also been involved in the Parks Committee, Library Board, Cross Plains-Berry Fire District, and I'm still on the Planning Committee for the village. I've spent 11 years in leadership roles with the Cross Plains Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Michele Doolan: I have diverse work experience and a strong work ethic. Over my 35-year career in



cosmetology, I've held various roles from being a hairdresser to an educator and even owning my own salon. My journey also includes instructing at Paul Mitchell the School. Despite facing personal challenges such as a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis, I've remained resilient and transitioned into a role with the Wisconsin Depart-

ment of Agriculture.

Education has always been a priority for me. I graduated from Middleton High School and pursued further education at Cosmetology College. Currently, I'm pursuing a double major in Political Science and Economics at Excelsior College, emphasizing my commitment to continuous learning and personal development.

I have a history of community engagement. Actively participating in community organizations, including serving as a PTO officer, teaching Sunday school, and volunteering for charitable initiatives, underscores my dedication to serving others and contributing positively to our community.

And of course, I have experience. My tenure on the Dane County Board of Supervisors has allowed me to engage directly with critical issues facing our county. Through involvement in committees such as the City-County Homeless Issues committee, Specialized Transportation Committee, EMS Commission, and serving as Chair of Zoning and Land Regulation, I've demonstrated my commitment to effective governance and collaborative problem-solving.

Leading initiatives related to homelessness, transportation, emergency medical services, and land regulation has equipped me with strong leadership skills and a deep

understanding of the needs of our constituents. Advocating for the interests of Dane County residents is at the forefront of my responsibilities as a public servant.

In summary, my professional journey, commitment to education, active community engagement, government service, and leadership experience have prepared me to effectively serve as a member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors. I am dedicated to representing the interests of our community and working tirelessly to address the challenges we face.

Why are you running for county board?

Brosius: My opponent promotes a liberal, activist, and progressive agenda, which, although beneficial in promoting diversity of thought, has played a role in causing our current fiscal challenges.

Over the past four years, Dane County has seen a rise in property taxes of more than 32 percent, an increase in debt of 67 percent, and a growth in operating expenditures by over 32 percent.

Drawing from my background in education and business, as well as my seven years of experience as a village of Cross Plains Trustee, I possess a comprehensive understanding of fiscal responsibility. I am committed to making well-informed and deliberate decisions to ensure the

prosperity of our community without imposing excessive financial burdens on its residents.

Doolan: I am running for my third term with a strong focus on advocating for the rural district where I reside. I have observed that the county government and its services have not sufficiently addressed the needs of rural voters, especially when compared to those in Madison.

Through my efforts, I have redirected the board's attention to understand that priorities and concerns demand a tailored approach to serve all residents of Dane County, regardless of where they live. While progress has been made, there is still much work to be done, and I am enthusiastic about continuing these efforts.

What are residents telling you are the most important issues and how would you address them?

Brosius: I have talked with many of the residents in Cross Plains, Black Earth, Mazomanie, Blue Mounds, and the town of Berry. Overwhelmingly the single most important issue is taxes. Dane County raised our taxes nearly 14 percent last year. Accumulated inflation increased

nationally by 18.3 percent while the Dane County Supervisors raised our taxes 32.2 percent.

I met a lovely 82-year-old lady who lives alone in Black Earth and is on a fixed income. Her increases to her income in the last four years have not covered inflation. Then Dane County raises her taxes 14 percent in one year.

She is very concerned that she is going to lose her house she has lived in most of her life.

Over 39 percent of all expenses in Dane County go to Health and Social services, the next highest expense for the county is Public Safety at 21.2 percent and our debt service is 10.4 percent of our budget. For our largest expense to Dane County, maybe we can incorporate economy of scales to reduce duplication of services while still providing the same service to those in need.

Let's consider prioritizing where our taxpayer money goes. For example: Are you aware that Dane County gave \$2 million to the Ho-Chunk History Center, or is spending \$859,000 to update the façade, windows and lights at the county building?

People are worried about losing their homes and putting food on the table. Is the

current Dane County supervisor fiscally responsible, or looking out for the best interest of our residents? I would help bring fiscal responsibility and common sense back into Dane County.

Doolan: The topics that people most frequently raise are affordable housing, infrastructure development to accommodate population growth, all while preserving the natural beauty of our driftless region.

In my district, addressing affordable housing needs is complicated by the requirement for 11 municipalities to update their comprehensive plans to qualify for federal funding. The Regional Housing Strategy in Planning and Development aims to tackle this challenge with adequate funding. Additionally, there's a need to consider other vital aspects such as flooding prevention, soil conservation, water quality, farmland and wetland preservation, and prairie restoration to safeguard the rural essence of Dane County for future generations.

I have actively worked to secure funding for the implementation of this plan, recognizing that mere platitudes and plans are not enough. By leveraging my position and advocating for resources, I have strived to ensure that tangible actions can be taken to address these pressing issues. This proactive approach is essential to making meaningful progress and fulfilling our commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents in our community.



CLEAR CUT LAWN CARE

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL MOWING
PRUNING • SIDEWALK EDGING
AERATION & DETHATCHING

CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE 608-445-6104

Vote TUESDAY APRIL 2nd

JODY MOREY

MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Village of Mount Horeb, and Towns of Perry, Primrose, Springdale, and Vermont



Jody Morey is....
Fair • Compassionate • Committed

- Municipal Judge since 2006
- Dedicated to meeting with and helping At - Risk Youth
- Thorough Knowledge of the Mt. Horeb & Township Ordinances and DOT Regulations
- Attendance at Official Judicial Education Seminars
- Long-Term Mt. Horeb Resident

PROVEN JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Authorized and paid for by Jody Morey



Residential Commercial, & Agricultural Fencing

Free Estimates:
(608) 574-7545
info@driftlessfence.com

ESTATE SALE

Holy Cross "St. Barnabas Parish"
410 Cramer St. Mazomanie, WI

Thursday	April 4	8am – 6pm
Friday	April 5	8am – 5pm
Saturday	April 6	8am – 12noon

Large selection like new furniture, decorative items, linens, kitchenware, wicker, lamps, stereo, records. Precious moments, Cherished Teddies, Music boxes.

- Women, children, mens, boys and infant clothing. Shoes like new. Boots too.
- Books, toys, puzzles, board games, large selection of dolls.
- Like new material great for quilting, sewing and crafts, collectibles, antique furniture, canning jars.
- Tools with great deals wrenches, hammers and screwdrivers.
- Fishing, camping equipment and gardening items

Bring a friend they will thank you!

Single Premium Deferred Annuity

No Stock Market Risk

4.75% guaranteed for 1 years
4.90% guaranteed for 2 years
5.00% guaranteed for 3 years
5.25% guaranteed for 5 years

\$10,000 Minimum (\$5,000 minimum for IRAs)

Monthly interest income
or tax deferred option

The Investment Center

at Farmers Savings Bank

305 Doty St., Mineral Point, WI 53565
608-987-5020 or 608-987-5024

Underwritten by ELCO Mutual Life & Annuity.
Rates subject to change. Not FDIC insured.

NOW OPEN!



10849 Village Circle, Blue Mounds
608-437-4769 (GROW)
www.jadassgarden.com
Mon-Fri 9-6 • Sat & Sun 9-5

~ CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY ~

Saturday, March 30
9am to 3pm
Tulip Flower Bar

Create your own fresh flower Easter arrangement.
Drop in anytime during our event hours.

- Spring Annuals
- Blooming Spring Bulbs and Easter Lillies
- Herbs and Seeds
- Houseplants, Pottery and Gift Ideas
- Garden-themed Classes and Events

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE



Follow us on Facebook:
JadasGardenBlueMounds



www.instagram.com/jadas_garden/



Getting to know Rachel LaCasse-Ford



Rachel Lacasse-Ford, the Executive Director and CEO of the Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce.

By DANIEL LINS
Mount Horeb Mail

Mt. Horeb is a growing community that always has something going on. Quite often there are banners hanging up near the Mount Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church sharing what’s going on, things are shared in the Mt. Horeb Mail and posters can be seen around town in local businesses. Behind the scene there is someone heading the organization of many different projects and activities. I recently sat down with Rachel Lacasse-Ford, the Executive Director of the Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce to learn more about her.

Lacasse-Ford was born in Greenville, South Carolina, but grew up in Lindstrom, Minnesota, a small town of just under 5,000 people that is located about 45 minutes

northeast of Minneapolis. She says Lindstrom was very similar to Mount Horeb in that it is a small town with a very cultural background.

Lacasse-Ford says her decision to move to Mount Horeb was an easy one.

“After college, my husband and I moved around a bit. I started working at a hotel, and that eventually led to me Mount Horeb, where I opened and ran the GrandStay Hotel in 2015.”

She also says she has seen a lot of development and growth within Mount Horeb since moving here.

“People with a lot of vision trying to move the community forward definitely have helped Mount Horeb grow in the past few years,” she said. “Main Street has continued to thrive while the town has continued to develop in a very sustain-

able and controlled way.”

She says the small town charm of Mount Horeb has remained the same.

“There has been an effort in keeping the community fun, unique and quirky, and that all has happened while Mount Horeb has continued to become the next up-and-coming suburb of Madison.” Lacasse-Ford says the most rewarding part for her since moving to Mount Horeb was seeing her visions come true.

“When I opened GrandStay in 2015, I was invited to serve on the Chamber board,” she said. “For six years, I was involved on the board trying to move the Chamber forward while focusing on various things. It has been very rewarding being a part of the visioning and transition from a volunteer standpoint.”

She also mentioned how

her current position is rewarding day in and day out.

“When the Executive Director position became available, to step in as a staff member and implement all of my visions has been very rewarding to see all of my wildest dreams come true, she added. “It has been great to see things I have dreamed of for six years come true.”

Lacasse-Ford ended the interview with her reasoning as to why she still has not left Mount Horeb.

“While running GrandStay, I built so many great relationships and really came to understand why people love Mount Horeb,” she said. “Now I understand why there are so many transplants here, as well as people who never leave the community. There is just something about Mount Horeb that won’t let you leave.”



HOLY WEEK

Worship & Celebrations

Celebrate at the church of your choice this Easter.



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

315 East Main St., Mount Horeb



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS EASTER!

Maundy Thursday Worship 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Good Friday Community Worship at Mt. Horeb United Methodist 1:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Worship services are also available online on Facebook, YouTube, and at www.elcmthoreb.org

Celebrate Easter with Good News

6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Services
7:30–8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast
8:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Good News Lutheran Church
9975 Pepper Drive in Mt. Horeb
GoodNewsLC.org 608.437.4646



join us for *Holy Week*



Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Easter Sunday
March 24 9:30am	March 28 7:00pm	March 31 9:30am

WORSHIP + WITNESS + WOODLANDS

9886 Vermont Church Rd | Black Earth, WI | vermontlutheran.org

St. Michael The Archangel Parish

Holy Redeemer Church
10070 Spring Valley Road - Perry
8:00am - Easter Sunday

St. Ignatius Church
109 South Sixth Street - Mt. Horeb
7:45pm - Saturday Easter Vigil
10:30am - Easter Sunday

PRIMROSE LUTHERAN CHURCH

8770 Ridge Drive | Belleville, WI 53508
primroseoffice.janice@gmail.com | Primrosechurch.org
608-832-4435

Maundy Thursday Worship Service
March 28 ~ 7pm

Good Friday Worship Service
March 29 ~ 7pm

Easter Sunday Worship Service
March 31 ~ 9am



MAUNDAY THURSDAY

March 28 - 6:00 pm
Dinner Worship Fellowship Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29 - 1:00 pm
Ecumenical Service



MOUNT HOREB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebrating God's Inclusive Love
9542 Co Hwy S • Mt Horeb • 608-437-3088

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31
Sunrise Service – 6:30 am
(outside - weather permitting)

Easter Breakfast
7:30 - 8:30 am

Easter Worship – 9:00 am
In-person & Online Worship

Easter Egg Hunt
Immediately after Worship (outside - weather permitting)

ELECTION

continued from page 1

cessing and securing voter registrations, ensuring the process to receive a ballot is followed (photo ID, poll books, issuing voter numbers), ensuring each voter is at the correct polling place and receives the correct ballot, troubleshooting polling place issues, setting up and maintaining voting equipment, tallying ballots, and much more.

They also work to count absentee ballots. (In 2000, during COVID, Mount Horeb had to process more than 3,000 absentee ballots. That number has gone down but remains higher than pre-pandemic levels.)

Election inspectors may work as little as two shifts every other year, says the WEC, but regardless of how often they serve, inspectors need to maintain the same amount of training and knowledge.

State law requires that each polling place is required to have a chief election inspector who is ultimately in charge of administering elections at that polling place. If an incident occurs at the polls that requires law enforcement, the chief inspector is required to work with law enforcement to remedy the situation.

This year marks Mount

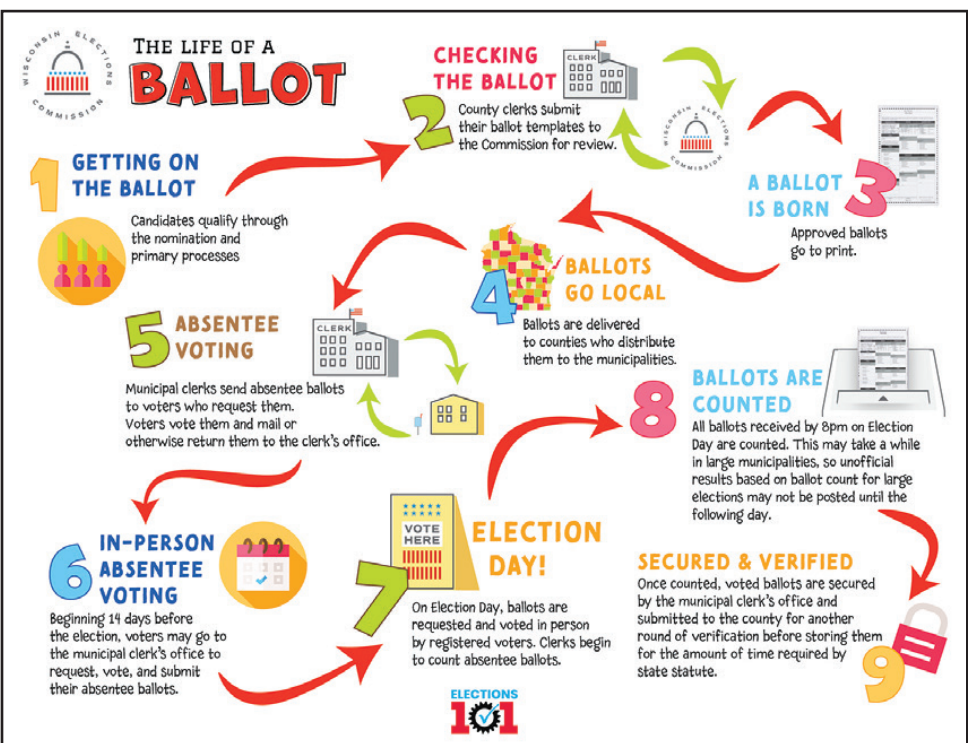
Horeb's transition to the WEC-created electronic poll books, called "Badger Books."

"The associated software program and training have been developed with the expectation that the main users of the Badger Book system will be election inspectors," stated the Election Security Report. "They are responsible for using Badger Books in a way that maintains security standards on Election Day. While the WEC has developed the software and worked with the municipal clerk to configure the hardware, election inspectors will be operating the Badger Book. Login credentials will need to be maintained and safeguarded by those users. The WEC has incorporated credential security into the Badger Book login process. Inspectors currently need to enter a unique username and password. In the future, the WEC aims to have a second authentication factor to ensure that only the authorized user has access to the Badger Book."

Gaffney said the village has four Badger Books for each of its two election sites. She believes it will make voting day easier for workers and voters.

"This should mean no more splitting lines," she pointed out.

Badger Book hardware



The vast majority of the election process is run by local clerks. WEC photo.

is stored securely, similar to other voting equipment. Should the hardware fail on Election Day, each polling location using e-poll books must be ready to switch to a predetermined contingency plan, and these polling places have been instructed to have a paper copy on hand that can quickly be deployed to continue to process voters if something goes wrong.

Leading up to election day, all clerks are required to conduct a public test of their voting equipment. The event is considered a public meeting and must be noticed at least 48 hours prior. The

public test must take place no earlier than 10 days prior to Election Day and the public is invited to attend and observe the testing process.

Programming and functionality are verified by feeding a set of pre-marked ballots, or test deck, into the machine and reviewing the results tape that is generated at the end of this process. The test deck should include ballots with votes for all candidates and contests on the ballot, according to WEC guidance. It is recommended that the test deck used for the public test differ from the test deck used by

the programmer so that any errors in programming do not remain undetected. Vote totals for each candidate in a contest should differ so that votes transposed between candidates in a contest can be detected. The public test "ensures that paper ballots can be read by the optical scan voting equipment, all ballot contests are tabulating properly, voters are not allowed to exceed the maximum number of choices per contest, write-in votes are properly identified, and touchscreen voting equipment is programmed to capture voter intent."

An errorless count is required after the process and any anomalies identified in this testing must be remedied before the equipment can be approved for use in the election, according to Wis. Stats. Officials say the process also adds transparency to the election process by allowing any member of the public to observe the operation and accuracy of the voting equipment prior to each election.

Municipal clerks are also responsible for entering and maintaining records for their voters into the statewide voter registration database, WisVote.

But while the technology involved with running elections keeps changing, there is one thing that doesn't: people. Gaffney said that while many municipalities suffer from a shortage of election workers, she is fortunate to have plenty. She said their training is extensive, and individuals are good about only taking on tasks they can handle. But there is also the fact that they are the friends and neighbors of the people casting their ballots on election day, rather than merely officials from somewhere else.

"I think that's the good thing about elections being conducted at the local, municipal level," Gaffney said. "It's people we know."

COMPLETE BODY & FRAME REPAIR

- Free Loaner Car • I-Car And ASE Certified Technicians
- Written Warranty • Foreign & Domestic Vehicle Repair

(608) 437-5555
2011 Springdale St.
Mount Horeb, WI

Some Foreign Models Excluded.
Not Able to Handle some Rust Repairs.

UNITED ROOFING LLC

FREE ESTIMATES!

Tired of re-roofing your house?
Try a steel roof!

- Can be Installed Over An Existing Roof
- 40 Year Factory Warranty • 4- Star Hail And Fire Resistant
- Ventilated At Peak • Energy Star Efficient
- Hidden Fastener • Many Colors Available

RUDY DETWEILER
S4194 BARREAU RD
LAVALLE, WI 53941

Do it Once,
Do it Right!

608-986-2468
Leave a Message!

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!

DON'T WAIT TO SCHEDULE YOUR SPRING CLEANUPS AND LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS

Call now for a free
evaluation by our
Certified Arborists.

Tim Andrews
Horticulturist LLC
(608) 795-9948

TAHort.com

Oakmont

SENIOR COMMUNITY

GREAT LIVING for 55+
Professionally managed by Attic Angel

841 N. Main Street • Verona, WI
Studios • 1BR • 2 BR

Includes ALL utilities, daily breakfast buffet,
housekeeping, common spaces and more!

Your hometown lifestyle awaits!
Call for a tour: 608.653.1801

OakmontSeniorCommunity.com

DANE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT
PRESENTS

FLIGHT OF LIGHTS

5TH ANNUAL

FLY LOCAL. CHOOSE MSN!
CELEBRATING 85 YEARS OF
COMMERCIAL FLIGHT!

LIGHT UP YOUR NIGHT AT MSN!

ENJOY A FREE & FUN DRIVE
THROUGH LIGHT DISPLAY ON
INTERNATIONAL LANE

Friday, March 15th — Sunday, April 7th
Nightly from 7:30PM to 11:30PM

Learn More & Enter to
Win a Trivia Contest

DANE COUNTY
REGIONAL AIRPORT
MADISON

Find Us On Facebook

**"Lost Dogs
of Wisconsin"**

www.facebook.com/findfido

Jollie Tree Service

Tree Removal
Tree Trimming
Storm Damage

**SENIOR
DISCOUNTS**

Free Estimates
608-206-2834
jollietree@aol.com



The Mount Horeb Area School District will unveil its Stadium Scoreboard ‘sponsorship opportunities’ on April 3 from 6 - 7 p.m. in the Mount Horeb High School Commons

The district last week issued a statement saying the event “presents a unique chance for individuals and organizations to invest in our schools, staff, and students while gaining access to a captive audience, stimulate sales, increase brand loyalty, drive traffic to your business, create brand awareness and visibility, and reach customers more effectively.”

“We are proud to introduce the anticipated Stadium Scoreboard sponsorship opportunities that not only benefit our schools but also provide a platform for businesses and individuals to support education in our community. I look forward to further developing our partnerships with our community,” said MHASD superintendent Dr. Steve Salerno. If you have any questions, reach out to Aubree Hanks, Resource Development & Public Relations Coordinator, at hanksaubree@mhasd.k12.wi.

Incumbents White and Schellpfeffer unopposed on the April 2 ballot

No challengers filed papers to run against incumbents Marc Schellpfeffer and Tim White on the Mount Horeb Village Board this spring. Schellpfeffer was appointed to his current seat by village president Ryan Czyzewski in 2023. Czyzewski, the longest-serving member of the board, ran unopposed in April of last year for the village president position vacated by Randy Littel, leaving Czyzewski’s trustee seat open once he made the switch. When he assumed the president’s seat, Czyzewski appointed Schellpfeffer to fill his former position on the village board. Schellpfeffer was subsequently approved by the full board. Now, Schellpfeffer is running unopposed for another term.

White, who won his seat in the last regular election, said that while he didn’t necessarily look forward to hitting the campaign trail, he does feel that contested races present an opportunity for an open and healthy exchange of ideas, and he was disappointed that more people were not interested in getting involved with their village government.

BLUE MOUNDS RACE
continued from page 1

lot of our public works equipment [while] not raising the taxes,” he continued. “Going forward we are in the process of getting the new booster station up and running. By applying for grant money and the Build Back Better Program - which [ensures that] all equipment is American-made - will help pay for much of this project.”

“Moving on this year, we are going to be doing construction on Division Street by upgrading the water and sewer laterals and added new curbs and gutters with storm sewer drains to help control water run-off...”

“Looking forward I would like to do what is good for the village and the residents to keep this village as it should be,” concluded Kelly.

Heindl previously ran for a seat on the Blue Mounds Village Board in 2015. He finished last, losing to Gary Friske and Phil Solchenberger. He demanded a recount, which was held and once again yielded a last-place result.

Growing with you... for all the care you need.

We’re expanding our UHH Mount Horeb Clinic to provide even better care! This fall, we’ll reopen our clinic doors to bring you more providers and enhanced services – including the area’s first and only urgent care, rehabilitation therapy, imaging, and specialty care.

Beginning in early April, while the Mount Horeb Clinic is closed, therapy services will move to the second floor of the Mount Horeb Clinic. Family medicine and OB/GYN care will be available at our nearby Barneveld location, just a 10-minute drive away:

UHH Barneveld Clinic
103 Quail Ridge Dr.
Barneveld, WI
(608) 924-1088

Your providers are still available for appointments!
We are committed to seamless care and exceptional service. You’ll receive the same high level of care and attention you’ve always enjoyed – just a few minutes down the road.

Upland Hills[®] Health
50 Years

For appointments and information, call our main line at (608) 930-8000 or visit uplandhillshealth.org.

Sports Editor
Rob Reischel
robreischel@gmail.com

SPORTS

Follow Rob Reischel
on Twitter at
@robreischel

Vikings have great expectations

Mount Horeb's
baseball team
poised for a
terrific season

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Timing is everything.
And Mount Horeb's baseball team picked the perfect time to schedule an out-of-state trip.
Just 24 hours after a snow storm hit Dane County, the Vikings headed to St. Petersburg, Fla., for a week of baseball, bonding and fun.
"Just in time to get out of this weather," Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said.
When the Vikings do hit the diamond, Finley is expecting big things.
Mount Horeb went 13-13 last season and finished in fourth place (7-8) in the now defunct Badger West Conference. The Vikings also won a pair of postseason games, before falling to Reedsburg, 2-1, in the regional finals.
The Vikings bring back three all-conference play-

continued on page 16



Josh Kuntz and Mount Horeb's baseball team have high hopes this season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

HIGH HOPES

Mount Horeb's girls softball
team believe big things await

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

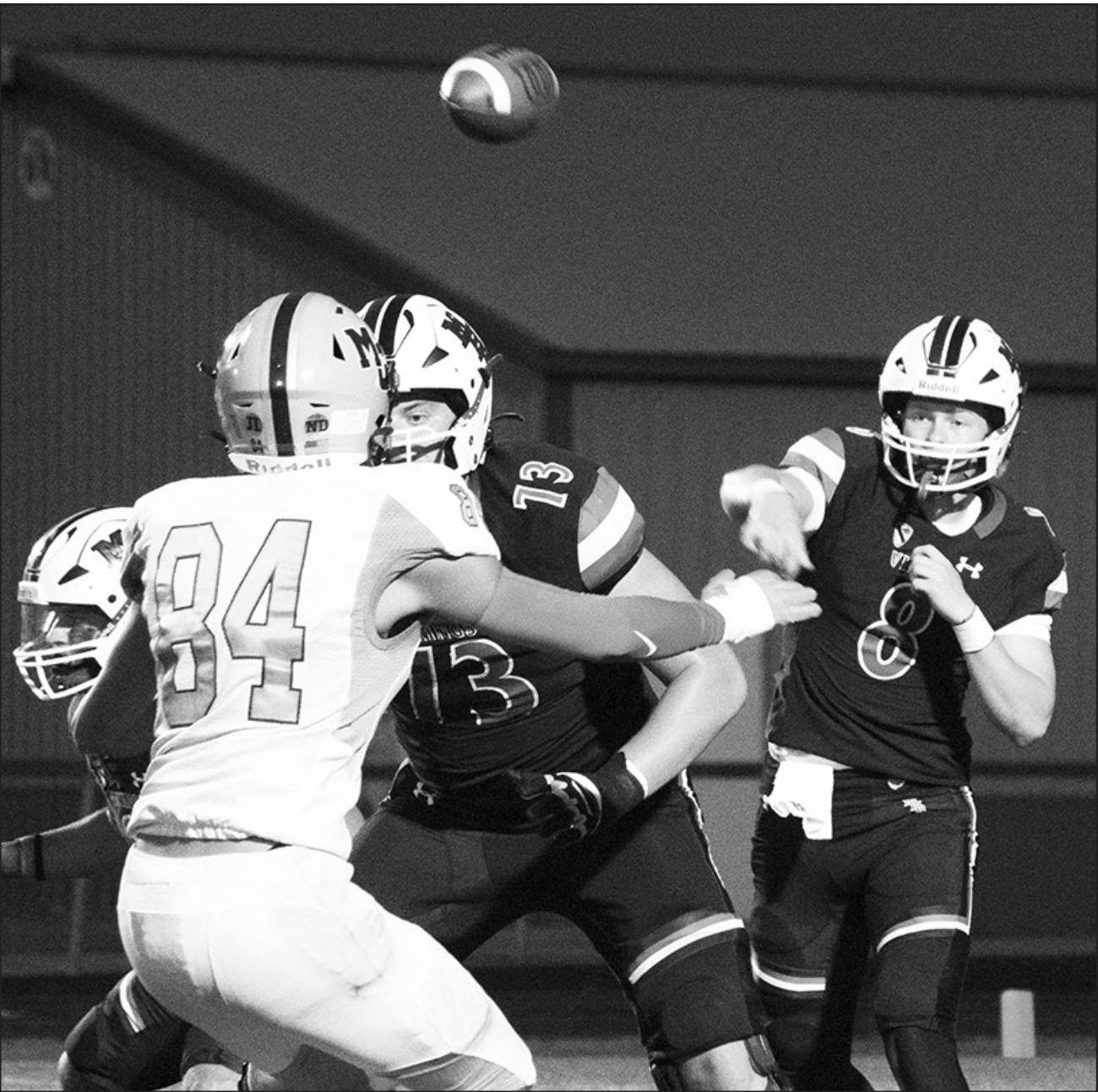
One of the top pitchers in the area returns.
Six other all-conference players are back.
And several critical returnees along with some exciting newcomers will all play vital roles.
Add it all up and you can see why Mount Horeb's girls softball team believes it could be poised for a tremendous season. The Vikings — who went 17-9 before losing in the sectional semifinals last year — believe even bigger and

better things await.
"This should be a very fun and exciting season," Mount Horeb coach Jeramie Holman said. "All the girls know what's in front of them and they are hungry to go get it. All of the girls can hit the ball and play great defense."
Amazingly, Mount Horeb returns seven all-conference players from a team that finished in second place in the Badger West Conference. The Vikings will now compete in the Badger Small Conference after the league re-

continued on page 17



Ruby Dahlk and Mount Horeb's girls softball team have great expectations this spring. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



Mount Horeb-Barneveld quarterback Kasey Helgeson was named to the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Game. File photo

MH-B’s Helgeson named to WFCA All-Star Game

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb-Barneveld senior quarterback Kasey Helgeson was named to the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Game on July 20 at Titan Stadium at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Helgeson will compete for the South Large team

All-Stars.

Helgeson was named the Offensive Player of the Year in the Badger Small Conference, and also earned all-region and first-team all-state honors.

Helgeson threw for 2,719 yards — just 60 yards short of Max Meylor’s single-season school record — and 29 touchdowns. He had just three interceptions, com-

pleted 70% of his passes, ran for 707 yards and added eight rushing touchdowns while leading MH-B to an 11-1 record and a trip to Level 3 of the WIAA Division 3 playoffs.

“I believe Kasey is the one of the two best quarterbacks in the state,” MH-B coach Bret St. Arnaud said of Helgeson at the end of last season. “He is an ex-

tremely bright kid who has a great understanding of defenses and throws one of the best deep balls I have ever seen.

“This paired with his speed and strength makes him an exceptional talent. He was our leader and drives our offense that averaged 42 points per game this year.”

2024 WFCA ALL-STAR GAME SOUTH LARGE ROSTER		
Name	School	Pos.
Ean Ackley	Sun Prairie West	ILB
Jackson Braden	Badger	OL
Termarion Bromby	Racine Case	DB
Damarcus Chappell	Nicolet	DL
Garrison Codde	Verona	DB
Danny Cotter	Waunakee	DB
Teagan Fox	Franklin	ILB
Logan Frey	Brookfield East	OL
Dom Frost	Middleton	DL
Tucker Grundahl	DeForest	TE
Tyler Hatcher	Sussex Hamilton	QB
Adam Heberer	Sussex Hamilton	TE
Kasey Helgeson	Mount Horeb/Barneveld	QB
Brock Hodge	Oak Creek	OL
Manny Joseph	Franklin	OLB
Nick Kihn	Sussex Hamilton	WR
Paul Kim	Janesville Parker	DB
Michael King Jr	Racine Case	LB
Joseph Koch	Menomonee Falls	RB
Aiden Krause	Muskego	TE/WR
Ashton Krause	Muskego	OLB
Owen Leitel	West Allis Hale	RB
Ben Lindley	Waunakee	RB
Ethan McClain	Kenosha Bradford	DL
Murphy Monreal	Marquette	DB
Cooper Mueller	Franklin	K/P
PJ O’Brien	Marquette	DB
Nate Olsen	Waunakee	OL
Benjamin Ott	Nicolet	ILB
K.J. Peterson	Middleton	OL
Carl Pevey Jr	Catholic Memorial	DL
Anthony Poole	Greenfield	OL
Walker Powers	Mukwonago	DL
Malik Robinson	Milwaukee King	OLB
Cole Savola	Waunakee	ILB
James Seagreaves	Monroe	DL
Nolan Shiplett	Kenosha Bradford	WR
Connor Stauff	Sun Prairie East	WR
Max Stuhlmacher	Nicolet	OL
Jae’Shaun Thomas	Catholic Memorial	OL
Michael Valitchka	Verona	WR
Kaden Westphal	McFarland	OL

COACHES

Ken Krause (Head coach)	Muskego
Ryan Lucchesi	Muskego
Justin Gumm	Sussex Hamilton
Tom Noennig	Sussex Hamilton
Dan Prah	Milton
Anthony Dowery	Milwaukee Marshall
Evan Rosa	Nicolet
Nick Vitale	Wauwatosa West

Scott’s Custom Services

Scrap Metal Pickup
Junk Vehicles • Batteries • Appliances
Scott Shelstad • Owner • Mt. Horeb
Please leave a Message
608-279-4227
Will Pick up all types of metal.

POLARIS
The Way Out.

PARTS • SALES
SERVICE

RITCHIE IMPLEMENT, INC.
BARNEVELD
Barneveld 608-924-9711 • Cobb 608-623-2331

TOM FJELSTAD’S PAINTING

Interior Residential / Drywall & Plaster Repair

Call or Text 608-577-1146

Serving Mt. Horeb & Surrounding Areas



SPRING VALLEY
TREE CARE

SPRING VALLEY
TREE CARE, LLC

- ISA Certified Arborist
- Fully Insured
- Gate Access Aerial Lift
- Climbing
- Tree Removal & Pruning
- Stump Grinding

Contact Mike at
608-400-7094

LOCATED IN MT. HOREB



It’s a great time to
clean up field edges
& waterways.



Give us
a call or
check
us out
online!

608.225.1169
www.timpostservices.com

LEGAL NOTICE DEADLINES

EFFECTIVE ON ALL LEGAL NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THESE PUBLICATIONS

Adams Friendship Times-Reporter.....	Noon Wednesday, the week prior to publication
Post Messenger Recorder.....	11 am Thursday, the week prior to publication
Star News.....	Noon Thursday, the week prior to publication
Mount Horeb Mail.....	1 pm Thursday, the week prior to publication
Times-Tribune.....	2 pm Thursday, the week prior to publication
Home News.....	10 am Friday, the week prior to publication
Marquette County Tribune.....	10 am Friday, the week prior to publication
Reedsburg Independent.....	10 am Friday, the week prior to publication

Thank you in advance for getting your notices to us in a timely manner. Please email your notices to:

➔ **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: legals@fingerpub.com**

NOTE: Legal notices submitted after deadline will be scheduled for the next available publication date.
EARLY DEADLINES will apply for postal holiday weeks.

MOUNT HOREB SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

VARSITY BASEBALL

April 1	at Wisconsin Dells	Wisconsin Dells HS	5 p.m.
April 2	at Madison Edgewood	Ziggy Park	5 p.m.
April 4	vs. Madison Edgewood	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 6	at Lake Mills	Dockhounds Stadium	Noon
April 9	at Sauk Prairie	Jaycee Baseball Park	5 p.m.
April 11	vs. Sauk Prairie	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 12	at Brodhead	Brodhead HS	5 p.m.
April 13	at Dodgeville	Dodgeville HS	11 a.m.
April 15	at Fort Atkinson	Jones Park	5 p.m.
April 16	at Stoughton	Stoughton HS	5 p.m.
April 18	vs. Stoughton	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 20	vs. DeForest	Mount Horeb HS	11 a.m.
April 23	vs. Baraboo	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 25	at Baraboo	Mary Rountree Field	5 p.m.
April 26	vs. Platteville	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 30	vs. Reedsburg	at Mount Horeb	5 p.m.
May 3	at Reedsburg	Nishan Park	5 p.m.
May 6	vs. Oregon	American Family Field	5 p.m.
May 7	at McFarland	McFarland Field	5 p.m.
May 10	vs. McFarland	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 11	vs. River Valley	Mount Horeb HS	11 a.m.
May 14	at Portage	Portage HS	5 p.m.
May 16	vs. Portage	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 17	at Lodi	Lodi HS	5 p.m.
May 20	vs. Pecatonica	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.

JV BASEBALL

April 1	at Wisconsin Dells	Wisconsin Dells HS	5 p.m.
April 2	at Madison Edgewood	Holy Name Heights	5 p.m.
April 4	vs. Madison Edgewood	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 6	at Lake Mills	Dockhounds Stadium	2 p.m.
April 9	at Sauk Prairie	Jaycee Baseball Park	5 p.m.
April 11	vs. Sauk Prairie	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 12	at Brodhead	Brodhead HS	5 p.m.
April 13	at Dodgeville	Dodgeville HS	11 a.m.
April 15	at Fort Atkinson	Fort Atkinson HS	5 p.m.
April 16	at Stoughton	Norse Park	5 p.m.
April 18	vs. Stoughton	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 20	vs. DeForest	Mount Horeb HS	11 a.m.
April 23	vs. Baraboo	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 25	at Baraboo	Baraboo HS	5 p.m.
April 26	vs. Platteville	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 30	vs. Reedsburg	at Mount Horeb	5 p.m.
May 3	at Reedsburg	Webb Park	5 p.m.
May 7	at McFarland	McFarland Field	5 p.m.
May 10	vs. McFarland	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 11	vs. River Valley	Mount Horeb HS	11 a.m.
May 14	at Portage	Portage HS	5 p.m.
May 16	vs. Portage	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 17	at Lodi	Lodi HS	5 p.m.

JV 2 BASEBALL

April 1	at McFarland	McFarland Fields	5 p.m.
April 5	vs. Baraboo	MoHo Intermediate Ctr.	5 p.m.
April 8	vs. Sauk Prairie	MoHo Intermediate Ctr.	5 p.m.
April 12	at Portage	Portage HS	5 p.m.
April 19	at Reedsburg	Webb Park	5 p.m.
April 22	vs. Stoughton	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 26	vs. McFarland	MoHo Intermediate Ctr.	5 p.m.
April 29	at Baraboo	Baraboo HS	5 p.m.
May 3	vs. Sauk Prairie	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 6	vs. Portage	MoHo Intermediate Ctr.	5 p.m.
May 10	vs. Reedsburg	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 17	at Stoughton	Stoughton HS	5 p.m.
May 20	at Waunakee	Waunakee HS	5 p.m.

VARSITY SOFTBALL

March 23	vs. Dodgeville	Mount Horeb HS	11 a.m.
March 26	at Fennimore	Fennimore Diamonds	5 p.m.
March 28	at River Valley	River Valley HS	5 p.m.
April 2	vs. Baraboo	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 4	at Edgewood	Goodman Complex	5 p.m.
April 5	at Platteville	Legion Park Field	5 p.m.
April 9	vs. Sauk Prairie	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 11	vs. McFarland	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 16	at Reedsburg	Nishan Park	5 p.m.
April 18	at Stoughton	Stoughton HS	5 p.m.

April 20	at Evansville	Evansville HS	10 a.m.
April 23	vs. Portage	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 25	at Baraboo	Pierce Park Field	5 p.m.
April 26	vs. Edgewood	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 30	at Sauk Prairie	Sauk Prairie HS	5 p.m.
May 3	at McFarland	Waubesa Intermediate	5 p.m.
May 6	vs. Reedsburg	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 7	vs. Stoughton	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 10	at Portage	Portage HS	5 p.m.
May 13	vs. Barneveld	at Mount Horeb HS	4:30 p.m.

JV SOTBALL

March 23	vs. Dodgeville	Mount Horeb HS	11 a.m.
March 26	at Fennimore	Fennimore Diamonds	4:30 p.m.
March 28	at River Valley	River Valley HS	5 p.m.
April 2	vs. Baraboo	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 4	at Edgewood	Goodman Complex	5 p.m.
April 5	at Platteville	Legion Park Field	5 p.m.
April 9	vs. Sauk Prairie	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 11	vs. McFarland	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 16	at Reedsburg	Nishan Park	5 p.m.
April 18	at Stoughton	Stoughton HS	5 p.m.
April 20	at Evansville	Evansville HS	10 a.m.
April 23	vs. Portage	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 25	at Baraboo	Pierce Park Field	5 p.m.
April 26	vs. Edgewood	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 30	at Sauk Prairie	Sauk Prairie HS	5 p.m.
May 3	at McFarland	Waubesa Intermediate	5 p.m.
May 6	vs. Reedsburg	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 7	vs. Stoughton	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 10	at Portage	Portage HS	5 p.m.
May 11	Mineral Point Tourney	Soldiers Memorial Park	9 a.m.
May 13	vs. Barneveld	at Mount Horeb HS	4:30 p.m.

VARSITY SOCCER

April 2	at Madison East	Breese Stevens Field	7 p.m.
April 4	vs. Sugar River	Mount Horeb HS	7 p.m.
April 8	at Verona	Verona HS	7 p.m.
April 9	at Reedsburg	Reedsburg HS	5 p.m.
April 13	vs. Platteville/Lancaster	Mount Horeb HS	Noon
April 16	vs. Portage/Poynette	Mount Horeb HS	7 p.m.
April 18	at Beaver Dam	Prairie View Elementary	5 p.m.
April 19	vs. Milton	Mount Horeb HS	7 p.m.
April 23	at Stoughton	Stoughton HS	7 p.m.
April 26	at Evansville	Evansville HS	7 p.m.
April 30	vs. McFarland	Mount Horeb HS	7 p.m.
May 3	vs. Fort Atkinson	Mount Horeb HS	7 p.m.
May 7	at Edgewood	Edgewood HS	6 p.m.
May 10	at Monona Grove	Monona Grove HS	7 p.m.
May 11	vs. Janesville Parker	at Mount Horeb HS	11 a.m.
May 14	vs. Baraboo	at Mount Horeb HS	7 p.m.
May 16	at Monroe	Monroe HS	6 p.m.
May 18	vs. Delavan-Darien	Mount Horeb HS	Noon
May 21	vs. Sauk Prairie	Mount Horeb HS	7 p.m.
May 23	vs. Dodgeville/Min. Pt.	Mount Horeb HS	7 p.m.

JV SOCCER

April 2	at Madison East	Breese Stevens Field	5 p.m.
April 4	vs. Sugar River	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 8	at Verona	Verona HS	5 p.m.
April 9	at Reedsburg	Reedsburg HS	5 p.m.
April 13	vs. Platteville/Lancaster	Mount Horeb HS	10 a.m.
April 16	vs. Portage/Poynette	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 18	at Beaver Dam	Prairie View Elementary	5 p.m.
April 19	vs. Milton	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
April 23	at Stoughton	Stoughton HS	5 p.m.
April 26	at Evansville	Evansville HS	5 p.m.
April 30	vs. McFarland	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 3	vs. Fort Atkinson	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 7	at Edgewood	Edgewood HS	4 p.m.
May 10	at Monona Grove	Monona Grove HS	5 p.m.
May 11	vs. Janesville Parker	at Mount Horeb HS	9 a.m.
May 14	vs. Baraboo	at Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.
May 18	vs. Delavan-Darien	Mount Horeb HS	10 a.m.
May 21	vs. Sauk Prairie	Mount Horeb HS	5 p.m.

MOUNT HOREB SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

BOYS VARSITY TRACK

March 15	at UW-Platteville Invite	UW-Platteville	4:30p.m.
April 16	at Watertown Quad	Watertown HS	4 p.m.
April 19	at Monona Grove Invite	Monona Grve HS	4 p.m.
April 23	at Mount Horeb Quad	Mount Horeb HS	4 p.m.
April 29	at Milton Quad	Milton HS	4 p.m.
May 10	at Oregon Invite	Oregon HS	4:30p.m.
May 14	Badger Conference meet	Stoughton HS	4 p.m.
May 20	WIAA Regional	Monona Grove HS	3:15p.m.
May 23	WIAA Sectional	Sauk Prairie HS	4 p.m.

BOYS JV TRACK

April 16	at Watertown Quad	Watertown HS	4 p.m.
April 23	at Mount Horeb Quad	Mount Horeb HS	4 p.m.
April 29	at Milton Quad	Milton HS	4 p.m.
May 6	at DeForest Invite	DeForest HS	4 p.m.
May 16	Badger Conference meet	Reedsburg HS	4 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

March 15	at UW-Platteville Invite	UW-Platteville	4:30p.m.
April 16	at Watertown Quad	Watertown HS	4 p.m.
April 19	at Monona Grove Invite	Monona Grve HS	4 p.m.
April 23	at Mount Horeb Quad	Mount Horeb HS	4 p.m.
April 29	at Milton Quad	Milton HS	4 p.m.
May 10	at Oregon Invite	Oregon HS	4:30p.m.
May 14	Badger Conference meet	Stoughton HS	4 p.m.
May 20	WIAA Regional	Monona Grove HS	3:15p.m.
May 23	WIAA Sectional	Sauk Prairie HS	4 p.m.

GIRLS JV TRACK

April 16	at Watertown Quad	Watertown HS	4 p.m.
April 23	at Mount Horeb Quad	Mount Horeb HS	4 p.m.
April 29	at Milton Quad	Milton HS	4 p.m.

May 6	at DeForest Invite	DeForest HS	4 p.m.
May 16	Badger Conference meet	Reedsburg HS	4 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY GOLF

April 2	at Sauk Prairie Invite	Lake Wisconsin	9 a.m.
April 6	at Mineral Point Invite	Dodge Point	9:30 a.m.
April 9	Badger mini-meet	Norsk Golf Club	2 p.m.
April 11	Monona Grove Invite	The Oaks	8:30 a.m.
April 16	Badger mini-meet	Lake Wisconsin	2 p.m.
April 19	at Reedsburg Invite	Reedsburg CC	8:30 a.m.
April 25	at Edgewood Invite	Yahara Golf Course	1 p.m.
April 27	at Platteville Invite	Platteville Golf Club	9 a.m.
April 30	at Edgewood Invite	University Ridge	12:30 p.m.
May 1	at Holmen Invite	Cedar Creek	11 a.m.
May 3	at Portage Invite	Portage CC	9 a.m.
May 4	at River Valley Invite	House on the Rock	9 a.m.
May 7	Badger mini-meet	Reedsburg CC	3:30p.m.
May 11	at Columbus Invite	Coulmbus CC	8 a.m.
May 14	at Wisconsin Dells Invite	Wild Rock	9 a.m.
May 15	Badger Small Conference meet	Wild Rock	10 a.m.
May 17	Monroe Invite	Monroe CC	10 a.m.
May 21	WIAA Sauk Prairie Regional	Lake Wisconsin	9 a.m.

BOYS JV GOLF

April 4	at Stoughton Invite	Coachman’s (Edgerton)	3:30p.m.
April 8	at Sauk Prairie Invite	Lake Wisconsin	9 a.m.
April 11	at Reedsburg Invite	Reedsburg CC	9 a.m.
April 13	at Milton Invite	Oak Ridge GC	9 a.m.
April 15	vs. Sauk Prairie dual meet	Norsk GC	3:30p.m.
April 17	vs. New Glarus dual meet	Norsk GC	3:30p.m.
April 18	at McFarland Invite	Yahara Hills	3:30p.m.
April 23	at Baraboo Invite	Baraboo CC	3:30p.m.
April 26	at Portage Invite	Platteville CC	3:30p.m.
May 16	Conference JV Tournament	Norsk GC	9 a.m.

VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB RESIDENTS
LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

The following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated, at the Presidential Preference and Spring Election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 in the Village of Mount Horeb:

Mount Horeb Public Library	105 Perimeter Road
Wards 1 - 5	
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.

Publish: 3/28/24 **WNAXLP**

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 2024. Contractors interested in bidding should contact Town Patrolman Mark Eastman at 608-444-6242 for more information. *TRIP funding is available.

Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay
(2" overlay, 18' wide, 2' gravel shoulder on each side, ¾" lime-stone with fines)
Perry Center Rd., at Kittleson Rd. toward Lee Valley Rd. 1500 ft

Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to the Town Deputy Clerk, Stephanie Zwettler, 9730 County Rd. A, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572, to be received by 5:00 PM, Monday, April 8, 2024.

Bids will be opened at the regular Town Board meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, beginning at 7:30 PM. Accepted bids will be awarded at a special Town Board meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, convening at 7:00 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

Publish: 3/21/23, 3/28/24 **WNAXLP**

NOTICE TO ALL MOUNT HOREB
WATER UTILITY CUSTOMERS

The Mount Horeb Water Utility will begin its Spring Hydrant Flushing beginning April 1st through April 26th. Should your water become discolored, let your tap run for approximately 5 to 10 minutes and it should clear up. Try to do your laundry in the evening hours if possible. Please be sure to keep your garbage/recycling carts off the street. Carts should be placed on the terrace or at the end of your driveway. If a nearby hydrant is being flushed, your carts could be washed away from the large amount of water flow. The water utility thanks you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Josh Hyndman, Water Superintendent

Publish: 3/14/24, 3/21/24, 3/28/24 **WNAXLP**

TOWN OF VERMONT
LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the general election to be held on April 2, 2024, in the Town of Vermont, the following polling place locations will be used:

Location	Wards
Vermont Town Hall	1
4017 County Road JJ	
Black Earth, WI 53515	

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

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

Katie Zelle
4017 County Road JJ
608-767-2457
clerk@townofvermontwi.gov

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Notice of Meeting of the Local and Municipal 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 Canvassers and the Municipal Board of Canvassers for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§7.51 and 7.53(1). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Publish: 3/28/24 **WNAXLP**

TOWN OF PERRY
INVITATION TO BID FOR ROAD REPAIRS

The Town of Perry will accept bids for sealcoating on certain Town roads in 2024. Contractors interested in bidding should contact Town Patrolman Mark Eastman at 608-444-6242 for more information.

Single Sealcoat:

Sutter Rd. from Spring Valley Dr. to town line	1.79 mi.
Sutter Ln.	0.30 mi.
Dead End Rd.	0.61 mi.
Dead End Ln.	0.22 mi.
Lee Valley Rd. from Perry Center Rd. to CTH JG	1.96 mi.
Spring Valley Dr. from STH 78 to Sutter Rd.	1.27 mi.

Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to the Town Deputy Clerk, Stephanie Zwettler, 9730 County Rd A, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572, to be received by 5:00 PM, Monday, April 8, 2024.

Bids will be opened at the regular Town Board meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, beginning at 7:30 PM. Accepted bids will be awarded at a special Town Board meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, convening at 7:00 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

Publish: 3/21/24, 3/28/24 **WNAXLP**

TOWN OF PRIMROSE
NOTICE OF LOCATION AND HOURS OF
POLLING PLACE

At the election to be held on April 2, 2024, in the Town of Primrose, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

Location	Wards
8468 County Road A	1
Verona, WI 53593	

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.

Ruth Hansen
8468 County Road A, Verona, WI
608-576-6821
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.

Publish: 3/28/24 **WNAXLP**

BASEBALL

continued from page 12

ers from that team, a solid group of seniors and some gifted newcomers. Finley believes that bunch has a chance to produce a terrific season.

“I absolutely love this team,” Finley said. “They are hungry and give me everything they have on a daily basis.

“I feel we have a lot of guys that can play this game well, but that also means there aren’t a lot of set positions yet. It will be interesting to see how quickly players separate themselves and we can slot people into the best positions for the team to be successful.”

Leading the way will be sophomore Josh Manchester, who was named second-team all-conference last year. Junior infielder Colin Larson and sophomore center fielder Josh Kuntz were both named honorable-mention all-conference last year, as well.

Manchester took the conference by storm last year, batting .357 with a .931 OPS during his freshman season. Manchester led the Vikings with 30 hits, seven doubles and 10 stolen bases. He also had 15 RBIs and 22 runs scored.

On the mound, Manchester pitched 41 innings, led the team with five wins, had an ERA of 3.41 and a WHIP of 1.46.

“He’s also a fantastic defensive shortstop, which really helps out the pitching staff,” Finley said of Manchester. “As you can tell, Josh does a lot for us and we are glad he’s with us!”

Larson led the Vikings with a .360 batting average last season. His OPS was a stellar .858, he had 27 hits, five doubles, 18 RBI and 14 runs scored.

“Colin worked hard in the offseason getting stronger, so I expect his power numbers to go up from a year ago,” Finley said. “Defensively he’s looking even better than last season.”

Kuntz batted .287 with an OPS of .739. He had 23 hits, four doubles and two triples while driving in 18 runs and scoring 20 runs. He also added eight stolen bases.

“Josh Kuntz led the team in quality at-bats, which means even when he’s not getting base hits, he’s moving runners, working the pitching counts, and rarely striking out,” Finley said. “In high school baseball, we need to put the ball in

play and make the other team make plays and Josh does that better than anyone.

“He’s also a tremendous center fielder for us and was voted best defensive player by his teammates last year as a freshmen. He’ll help us on the mound this season as well.”

Finley will also be counting on a four-person senior class that seems poised for big things.

First baseman Drew Preimesberger was slowed by a shoulder injury last year, but seems ready for a big season.

“He is healthy now, had a full off-season to prepare and is looking really strong at the plate and defensively at first base,” Finley said of Preimesberger. “I expect a breakout season for Drew this year.”

Outfielders Jake Sroda and Zack Sroda are twins that lead in different ways, but are both productive.

“Jake Sroda is our other team captain (along with Preimesberger) and our most vocal leader, which every team needs,” Finley said. “He has a new intensity about him this season in the way he goes about his business and I’m looking forward to great things from him in the outfield and to provide pitching depth for us as well.

“Zack Sroda has a different way of leading the team and does a great job of keeping everyone loose. Although Jake and Zack are twin brothers, their different styles of leadership really complement each other and both serve a great purpose for the team. Zach is a really good defensive outfielder as well that has impressed me with his improvements from a season ago.”

Second baseman Nico Baden was plagued by arm issues during his younger years, but is healthy now and looks ready for a big season.

“Nico looks the healthiest I have seen him in years,” Finley said. “He’s a smooth fielding second baseman with a sweet lefty swing! I think Nico has a chance to have a really nice senior season for us.”

Junior Talon Stoenner seems ready for a big year, as well.

“When Talon speaks, everyone listens, including the coaching staff,” Finley said. “He plays first base defensively and had some huge hits for us as a sophomore during the conference championship game and our postseason run. I expect big things from Talon this season.”

Junior Ryan Skogen had

a solid year on the mound last season, while junior Cy Lowry has shined early on.

“Ryan Skogen was a really nice role player for us a year ago and I suspect he will have an expanded role this season,” Finley said. “He pitched some big innings on the mound last year for the varsity and is one of the guys we are counting on to pitch in big game situations for us this season. I also expect him to help us out in the middle of the infield and at the plate this year.

“Cy Lawry has probably impressed me as much as anyone with where he’s at right now compared to a season ago. He’s matured a ton and his offensive and defensive production during practice has shown that maturation. I’m looking forward to him continuing that growth and doing good things for us once the season starts.”

Sophomore Hayden Anderson was third on the team in innings pitched last year and posted a 3.21 ERA. He should be ready for bigger and better this spring.

“I’m actually looking for Hayden to be the ace of the staff this season,” Finley said. “He’s got some great tools and is a bulldog on the mound.

“Hayden is also a versatile infielder that can play all four spots on the dirt well and that provides me a lot of flexibility as different kids take the mound. Hayden is capable of supplying some much needed power for the line-up as well.”

Junior Willy Cox is battling for the starting catching job, along with sophomores Jackson Myers, Spencer Stadele and freshmen Alex Chapman.

“Those guys will all get opportunities to show what they can do and lead our defensive squad,” Finley said. “It’s great to have some depth there this season and I’m looking forward to seeing who steps up for us there. My gut says it will be a combination of kids, but we’ll see how things turn out.”

Junior Braeden Ammann was a key pitcher for the JV squad last year and will factor into the Vikings’ rotation, while sophomore Jaxen Finley can play all three outfield positions and will provide a nice left handed arm on the mound.

Sophomore Logan Ford can play shortstop, second base and both corner outfield positions. Ford might also be the Vikings’ fastest player and should see time



Mount Horeb sophomore Josh Manchester was named second-team all-conference last year. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

on the mound.

Finley calls sophomore Brooks Hendrickson “the real sleeper of the pitching staff. He’s going to have a breakout season on the mound and become a dominant high school pitcher, it’s just a matter of when that happens. Once he becomes more consistent with his control he will be lights out. He has great stuff and I’m expecting that to happen this spring.”

Sophomore Terek Isely is a rising pitcher and versatile infielder, while Ethan Morrisard has a big bat and is battling for the starting spot at second or third base.

Finley has one of the deepest and hardest throwing staffs in his time at Mount Horeb. In addition to returnees Manchester, Anderson, Skogen and Larson, the group of Isely, Hendrickson, Sroda, Jaxen Finley, Ammann, Ford,

Kuntz and Alex Chapman will all vie for time on the hill.

“This is probably the hardest throwing staff that we’ve had since I’ve been the head coach in Mount Horeb,” Finley said. “I would usually have one, maybe two kids in the 79-84 (miles per hour) range with velocity in the past. I know we have five kids in the 79-86 range this season and I wouldn’t be surprised if two more get there as well as we progress through the season.

“On top of that, we have a handful of other kids sitting in the mid-70’s that can spin some nice curve balls and change-ups to give the opposing squad a lot to digest over the course of a game.”

Madison Edgewood and Reedsburg are the favorites in the newly constructed Badger Small Conference. But the Vikings believe

they can hang with anyone — and everyone.

“I’m an optimistic person by nature and I love what I’ve seen from my squad so far this season, but it’s difficult for me to predict how things will play out,” Finley said. “I’m confident we are capable of playing with anyone, but from past experiences, if you don’t show up and play good baseball, you will get beat. So how quickly we can develop the consistency it takes to win in this conference will determine our success.

“With this much depth, that might take some time. I do expect by the end of April and beginning of May that we will be a difficult team to beat, I just don’t know how quickly we will be able to fast forward the process to getting to that point.”

NOTICE OF ELECTION
TOWN OF PERRY
APRIL 2, 2024

Notice is hereby given of a General Election to be held in the Town of Perry on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Polls will be open at the Perry Town Hall, 10084 CTH A, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Mary L. Price, Clerk
Publish: 3/28/24 **WNAXLP**

TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose Board of Supervisors meeting for April will be held on Monday, April 1st, 2024, at 8468 County Road A, Verona, WI, beginning at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website. A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.

Publish: 3/28/24 **WNAXLP**

TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose will hold the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 16th, 2024, beginning at 7:30pm at the Town Hall, 8468 County Road A, Verona, Wisconsin. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the town website, www.townofprimrose.com, on the notice boards, and a summary of the agenda will be on the voice recording at 608-832-6660.

Publish: 3/28/24, 4/11/24 **WNAXLP**

SOFTBALL

continued from page 12
structured.

Junior pitcher/infielder Jayse Holman was named first-team all-league last season, when she hit .320 with one home run and 10 RBIs. She also went 12-5 on the mound, including a 6-1 mark in conference games that tied her for the most wins in the league. Holman also had the second lowest ERA in the conference at 2.28.

“When Lucy Dahlk graduated in 2022 and set all kinds of pitching records, we knew it was going to be hard to replace her,” Jeramie Holman said. “Jayse did a great job for us.

“All we need from her is to keep us in games and let our defense and hitting do the rest. Jayse will also bring us power in the middle of the lineup and hit for a high average.”

Senior left fielder Gina Rhiner was named first-team all-conference in 2023 when she hit .429 and had three home runs, five doubles and 17 RBI in conference games. Overall, Rhiner batted .450 last season and had eight home runs.

“Gina brings amazing power to the lineup,” Jeramie Holman said. “If coaches decide to pitch to her every time she will end up with 10 plus home runs and will break the all-time home run record of 17, which was set by Jadyn Holman (2019). Gina can also hit for a very high batting average and be one of the top hitters in the conference.”

Senior center fielder Maddie Swiggum was named second-team all-conference after batting .380 with four home runs last year. In conference games only, Swiggum hit .352 with three home runs, 11 runs scored and four doubles.

“Maddie has amazing power,” Jeramie Holman said. “Maddie could also have a high batting average this season and she has one of the strongest arms in the conference for center fielders.”

Senior catcher JoJo Murray was also named second-team all-conference last season after batting .385 overall. In conference games alone, Murray hit .407 with 17 RBI and three doubles.

“JoJo will be one of the toughest outs this year,” Jeramie Holman said. “She hits for a high average and she is a great contact hitter. She rarely strikes out.

“She will be catching

full time this season where last season she caught and played second base. JoJo will be one of the best catchers in the conference this year and teams know they won’t be able to steal on her.”

Junior shortstop Ruby Dahlk is coming off a year in which she batted .449 as the Vikings’ leadoff hitter and earned second-team all-conference honors. In conference games only, Dahlk batted .362 with 12 runs scored, one triple and one double.

“She brings speed and has the knack to take extra bases, which puts a lot of pressure on opposing teams’ defense,” Jeramie Holman said. “Ruby and (Kylee) Molitor from Reedsburg will be the top two shortstops in the conference by far. Both have amazing range and strong arms.”

Junior second baseman Hallie Klein was also a second-team all-conference player last year after batting .437 from the No. 9 hole. In conference games alone, Klein batted .390 with nine runs scored and five RBIs.

“Hallie is by far the best (No.) 9 hitter in the conference and probably the area,” Jeramie Holman said. “She played second base and center field last year and was solid at both positions. Hallie can drop a bunt for a hit very consistently and play error free ball.”

Junior third baseman Morgan Monroe was an honorable-mention all-conference selection last year when she hit .286 with two doubles and eight runs scored in conference games alone.

“She is very strong and I’m expecting her batting numbers will go way up this year,” Jeramie Holman said of Monroe. “She will be one of the top third basemen in the conference.”

Sophomore first baseman Delaina Nicewander is another key returner. Nicewander primarily pinch hit last year, but will take on an expanded role.

“She has a lot of power in her bat,” Jeramie Holman said.

Freshmen Jozie Clifton and Courtney Monroe both figure to make an immediate impact, as well. Clifton will pitch and play the outfield, while Courtney Monroe will play the middle infield.

“Jozie can also do some damage at the plate,” Jeramie Holman said. “She’s a good contact hitter.

“Courtney Monroe will be doing a lot of base running and playing some

middle infield for us. She brings a lot of speed and quickness to the team.”

The Vikings had a terrific season in 2023, despite losing standouts Lucy Dahlk and Sydnee Swiggum from the previous campaign.

Now, with a gifted and experienced bunch back this spring, Mount Horeb hopes to make a run at the first state tournament berth in school history.

“In the last three years, we have won conference or finished near the top of the conference,” Jeramie Holman said. “We will learn from those games and we will be right there for a chance to compete for conference champs this

season.

“As for regionals, we will be going for a four-peat this year and hopefully reach the sectional finals for the third time in four years.”

MOUNT HOREB
SOFTBALL ROSTER

No.	Name
1	JoJo Murray
2	Gina Rhiner
3	Ruby Dahlk
8	Hallie Klein
12	Maddie Swiggum
13	Jayse Holman
15	Courtney Monroe
18	Jozie Clifton
19	Ellie Larson
22	Morgan Monroe
54	Delaina Nicewander



JoJo Murray is one of seven returning all-conference players on Mount Horeb’s girls softball team this spring. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

MOUNT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF SPRING VOTING INSTRUCTIONS
AND SAMPLE BALLOT
APRIL 2, 2024

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 2, 2024, 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 2, 2024

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initiated by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initiated 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
School Board Member
Vote for not more than 2
☐ JIM MYERS
☐ SARAH SARBACKER
☐ TOM SCHLINGEN
write-in:
write-in:

Leah Lipska, as District Clerk
Mount Horeb Area School District

SPRING INTO SAVINGS EVENT!

GET A HOUSEFUL OF NEW WINDOWS for ONLY \$4,995!

ZERO DOWN, ZERO INTEREST, & ZERO PAYMENTS for 18 MONTHS!

FREE \$100 WALMART GIFT CARD WITH IN-HOME ESTIMATE!

BONUS! Purchase 10 or more of our Premium Windows & receive FREE INSTALLATION on a Patio Door!

Senior & Military Discounts!

CALL TODAY!

mad city WINDOWS & BATHS a division of renuity

608-338-1170 MadCityToday.com

Houseful means up to seven (7) windows and the price based on purchase of seven (7) MCM Series Double Hung white-on-white windows, or seven (7) MCM Series 2 Lite Sliders, up to 10'1" united inches. Includes basic installation. Does not include exterior cladding, structural modifications, or lead sash installation on homes built before 1978. Excludes tax. Not valid with any other offer or previous job. Financing available with minimum purchase and approved credit. Mad City Windows & Baths, LLC is neither a broker nor a lender. Financing is provided by third party lenders affiliated with Mad City Windows & Baths, Inc., under terms and conditions arranged directly between the customer and such lender, all subject to credit requirements and satisfactory completion of finance documents. Any finance terms advertised are estimates only. Ask for details. New orders only. Not valid with any other offer, or previous job. With in-home estimate and product demonstration to homeowners. Limit one per household. Electronic gift card (e-gift card) voucher given upon completion of demonstration to be mailed in by homeowners. Salespersons do not carry e-gift cards for security reasons. E-gift card valid on in-home visits only, not applicable to Virtual Sales Appointments. Offer not sponsored or promoted by Walmart and is subject to change without notice prior to expiration. Allow 2-3 weeks after demonstration to receive e-gift card. E-gift card valued at \$100. Minimum purchase required, with purchase of 10 or more of Premium Eco-Sky Windows. Labor only, does not include material cost. Cannot be combined with any other offer, or previous job. See representative for details. New orders only for appointments completed by 3/31/2024. Offer expires 3/31/2024.



Wisconsin Wayfinder

Children's Resource Network

Find health care resources for kids with special needs



Connect today!

dhs.wi.gov/wiscway

(877) WiscWay



QUALITY SERVICE BY SKILLED PROFESSIONALS

608-437-5112

OIL CHANGE DUE?

We Service Domestic and Import Vehicles

3137 Hwy 78 • Mt. Horeb

HELWIGAUTO.COM

Dodgeville

OVERHEAD DOORS & Openers Sales & Service

Home, Farm or Commercial

Call Doug at 608-935-0076

GARAGE DOORS AND OPENERS



Mary Langenfeld

photo

608.233.9938

www.langenfeld-photo.com

TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS

LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

Notice is hereby given of a Spring Election for residents of the Town of Cross Plains. Said Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at the Community Center, 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. If you have questions concerning the polling place contact the Town Clerk, Nancy Meinholz at 798-0189 or tcpcclerk@townofcrossplains.wi.gov.

Nancy Meinholz, Clerk

Official Ballot

Presidential Preference Vote

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 2, 2024

44

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initiated by 2 election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initiated by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials.)

General Instructions

Presidential Preference Vote

Judicial (cont.)

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: ●

Presidential Preference Vote

In the Presidential Preference Vote:

You may vote for only ONE candidate.

You may vote in only ONE party.

If you choose a party, votes cast in that party will be counted.

Votes cast in any other party will not be counted.

If you do not choose a party and you vote in more than one party, no votes will be counted.

Special Instructions for Presidential Preference Vote

Choose the party in which you will vote. Within the party you have chosen, you have ONE of three choices:

1. Vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot in the party you have chosen.

2. Vote for an uninstructed delegation from Wisconsin to the national convention of the party you have chosen.

3. Write the name of another person to become the presidential candidate of the party you have chosen.

Fill in ONE oval in ONE party.

Choose a party in which to vote

Fill in the oval next to your party choice, like this: ●. Choose only 1.

Democratic

Republican

Democratic Party Primary

If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary.

President of the United States

Vote for 1

Joe Biden

Dean Phillips

Uninstructed Delegation

write-in:

End Democratic Party Primary

Republican Party Primary

If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary.

President of the United States

Vote for 1

Chris Christie

Vivek Ramaswamy

Ron DeSantis

Nikki Haley

Donald Trump

Uninstructed Delegation

write-in:

End Republican Party Primary

End Presidential Preference Vote

Judicial

Circuit Court Judge

District 4

Vote for 1

JoAnne Kloppenburg

write-in:

Circuit Court Judge

Branch 1

Vote for 1

Susan M. Crawford

write-in:

Circuit Court Judge

Branch 8

Vote for 1

Frank D. Remington

write-in:

Presidential Preference Vote begins at top of next column.

Continue voting at top of next column.

Continue voting on back of ballot.

Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side.

Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●.

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●.

State

QUESTION 1: Use of private funds in election administration. Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?

Yes

No

QUESTION 2: Election officials. Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?

Yes

No

School District

Shall the Wisconsin Heights School District, Dane and Iowa Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$3,200,000 per year beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and ending with the 2027-2028 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of sustaining educational programming and operational expenses?

Yes

No

School District

Mount Horeb Area School District

School Board Member

Vote for not more than 2

Jim Myers

Sarah Sarbacker

Tom Schlimgen

write-in:

write-in:

School District (cont.)

Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District

School Board Member Area V

Vote for 1

Daniel Osborne

Bartlett Durand

write-in:

School District

Middleton Cross Plains Area School District

School Board Member Area II

Vote for 1

Bob Green

write-in:

Middleton Cross Plains Area School District

School Board Member Area IV

Vote for 1

Lauren Rogers

Katie Frank

write-in:

Official Ballot

Presidential Preference Vote

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 2, 2024

for

T Cross Plains Wds 1-2

Ballot Issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk

(If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.)

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

For Official Use Only

Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade.

Overvoted

Damaged

Other

If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here:

If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here:

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side.

WANT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS?

Advertise in the Mount Horeb Mail! Great coverage plus the best rates around! Contact today for more information: 608-767-3655.

TISHA'S

DELICIOUS BAKERY

100%

✓GLUTEN-FREE

✓DAIRY-FREE

✓DELICIOUS!

Cottage Bakery in Mt. Horeb

• BREADS • DONUTS • COOKIES and more!

Ordering Available by
Phone / Email / Online

608-516-9170

tishasdeliciousbakery.com

tishasdeliciousbakery@gmail.com

FREE
Stock Book

PAL STEEL

New • Used • Surplus

T&E
TOOLS
The Professional
Advantage...

MULTI-METAL DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Pipe - Plate - Channel - Angle - Tube - Rebar - Bar Grating, Expanded Metal - Sheet - Lintels - B-Decking - Pipe Bollards - Decorative Iron Parts
I & H Beams \$3 & up per foot

STAINLESS STEEL & ALUMINUM

ROUGH SAWN LUMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES

STEEL ROOFING & SIDING

FABRICATION • CRANE SERVICE • STEEL PROCESSING

414 3rd Street, Palmyra • 262-495-4453 • www.PalSteel.com



MADISON
GUN SHOW

Madison Marriott-Middleton
Conference Center

1313 John Q Hammons Dr, Middleton WI

March 29 & 30, 2024

Fri 3-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm \$8 (14 & Under FREE)

608-752-6677 www.hobandrocco.com

Proceeds
go to Take a
Kid Hunting
Foundation's
CAMP NEAL

CLASSIFIED
NETWORK
OF WISCONSIN



MISCELLANEOUS

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. Plus 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-948-3442

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 7-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-888-355-6955 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Find out what's hot! Read your local newspaper!

VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB

NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND SPRING ELECTION

AND SAMPLE BALLOT

APRIL 2, 2024

OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK
TO THE VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB:

Notice is hereby given of a Presidential Preference and Spring Election to be held in the Village of Mount Horeb on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at which the officers named below shall be chosen. 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, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that 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 in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to 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 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 next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval 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 at 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 at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth or machine. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in casting his or her vote 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.

If the voter spoils an 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.

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. 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. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her 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.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Ballot

Presidential Preference Vote

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 2, 2024

123

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by 2 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

Presidential Preference Vote

Judicial (cont.)

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: ●.

Presidential Preference Vote

In the Presidential Preference Vote:

You may vote for only ONE candidate.

You may vote in only ONE party.

If you choose a party, votes cast in that party will be counted.

Votes cast in any other party will not be counted.

If you do not choose a party and you vote in more than one party, no votes will be counted.

Special Instructions for Presidential Preference Vote

Choose the party in which you will vote. Within the party you have chosen, you have ONE of three choices:

1. Vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot in the party you have chosen.

2. Vote for an uninstructed delegation from Wisconsin to the national convention of the party you have chosen.

3. Write the name of another person to become the presidential candidate of the party you have chosen.

Fill in ONE oval in ONE party.

Presidential Preference Vote

Choose a party in which to vote

Fill in the oval next to your party choice, like this: ●. Choose only 1.

Democratic

Republican

Democratic Party Primary

If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary.

President of the United States

Vote for 1

Joe Biden

Dean Phillips

Uninstructed Delegation

write-in:

End Democratic Party Primary

Republican Party Primary

If you vote in this party's primary, you may not vote in any other party's primary.

President of the United States

Vote for 1

Chris Christie

Vivek Ramaswamy

Ron DeSantis

Nikki Haley

Donald Trump

Uninstructed Delegation

write-in:

End Republican Party Primary

End Presidential Preference Vote

Judicial

Court of Appeals Judge

District 4

Vote for 1

JoAnne Kloppenburg

write-in:

Circuit Court Judge

Branch 1

Vote for 1

Susan M. Crawford

write-in:

Circuit Court Judge

Branch 8

Vote for 1

Frank D. Remington

write-in:

Circuit Court Judge

Branch 10

Vote for 1

Ryan D. Nilsestuen

write-in:

Circuit Court Judge

Branch 11

Vote for 1

Ellen K. Berz

write-in:

Circuit Court Judge

Branch 12

Vote for 1

Ann Peacock

write-in:

County

County Supervisor

District 30

Vote for 1

Patrick Downing

write-in:

Multi-Jurisdictional Judge

Municipal Judge for the

Village of Mount Horeb and

Towns of Perry, Primrose,

Springdale, and Vermont

Vote for 1

Jody Morey

write-in:

Municipal

Village Trustee

Vote for not more than 2

Marc Schellpfeffer

Tim White

write-in:

School District

Mount Horeb Area School

District

School Board Member

Vote for not more than 2

Jim Myers

Sarah Sarbacker

Tom Schlinggen

write-in:

write-in:

Presidential Preference Vote

begins at top of next column.

Continue voting at top of next

column.

Continue voting on back of

ballot.

Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡

Referendum

123

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●.

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●.

State

QUESTION 1: Use of private funds in election administration.

Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?

Yes

No

QUESTION 2: Election officials.

Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?

Yes

No

Official Ballot

Presidential Preference Vote

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 2, 2024

for

V Mount Horeb Wds 1-5

V Mount Horeb Wds 6-11

Ballot Issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk

(If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.)

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

For Official Use Only

Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade.

Overvoted

Damaged

Other

If this is the Original Ballot,

write the serial number here:

If this is the Duplicate Ballot,

write the serial number here:

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side. ➡

Publish: 3/28/24 WNAXLP

DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIED ADS:
NOON THURSDAY
the week prior to publication.
For rates and deadline information for multiple paper insertion, please call (608) 767-3655 or email: classifieds@fingerpub.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

Rate: \$13.00 for up to 10 words, additional words are 30¢ each. Ads must be paid in advance by credit card by calling 608-767-3655; or at our central office in Black Earth – Finger Publishing, Inc., 1126 Mills St., Black Earth

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED LANDSCAPING looking for people to help with spring clean-ups, mowing, trimming & other things. Mike, 608-212-4126

HOME HEALTHCARE PROVIDER WANTED- weekend and weekday mornings available. Housekeeping/personal care. Good Pay. Cross Plains area. Call for details. 608-798-4946

SERVICES

CW LANDSCAPING: Offering Lawn mowing, Aerating, Mulch/Rock installation, Edging, retaining walls, Patios, Bobcat work, tree service and more. Great prices. Insured/Free estimate. Call 608 212-3534

NEED TO SELL OR BUY? Do it all in the classifieds!



UPLANDS CHEESE

Like working with your hands? Want to learn about cheese in a friendly, team-oriented environment?

Uplands Cheese is hiring full and part-time positions at its cheese factory on Hwy 23, halfway between Dodgeville and Spring Green. Good wages and flexible scheduling in return for the ability to do detail-oriented, repetitive work in a sanitary environment. Food production experience is preferred but not necessary. Please contact Andy at 608-935-5558 or andy@uplandscheese.com.

NEW GLARUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

LOOKING TO HIRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FULL-TIME POSITION

See Job Description at swisstown.com/local-jobs
Submit Cover Letter & Resume to jobs@swisstown.com



new glarus
america's little switzerland
chamber & visitor info

HIRING FULL-TIME MEAT CUTTER / PROCESSOR

Artemis Provisions & Cheese - Mount Horeb

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- ✓ Proven Experience as a Meat Cutter / Certification in Meat Cutting
- ✓ Experience in Curing & Smoking Meats & Sausages
- ✓ Customer Service Skills

**ARTEMIS**
PROVISIONS & CHEESE

Resume & Detailed Cover Letter outlining experience to Melissa@artemisprovisions.org.
(Please include "Meat Cutter and Processor Application" in the subject line)
Application Deadline: April 12, 2024
EOE

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

BLACK EARTH OFFICE

SEEKING FULL-TIME CUSTOMER / AGENT ASSISTANT



TOWN & COUNTRY INSURANCE SERVICES

Small enough to know you, large enough to insure you!

- Do you like helping others?
- Are you seeking a rewarding career?
- Would you like a positive atmosphere?
- Do you enjoy learning new things?
- Is building relationships important to you?

JOIN OUR TEAM TODAY!

Please submit resumes to: kfey@tcins1.com

1116 Mills St. • Black Earth, WI 53515



Sloan Implement **JOHN DEERE**

Sloan Implement in Mount Horeb is currently looking for:

Lawn and Garden Service Technician:

Responsibilities:

- Set up New Equipment
- Perform Basic Repairs & Maintenance
- Desire to Learn and Help Others

Job Requirements:

- Valid Divers License w/ Good Record
- Basic Set Tools
- We are willing to train!

For a complete job description and to apply online visit sloans.com or call 608-437-5501

Sloan Implement is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

USIC LOCATE TECHNICIAN

WISCONSIN • INTERVIEWING NOW!

Daytime, full time Locate Technician positions available
100% PAID TRAINING
Company vehicle & equipment provided
PLUS medical, dental, vision, & life insurance
Newly Increased Hourly Wages!

REQUIREMENTS
Must be able to work outdoors • Ability to work OT & weekends
Must have valid driver's license with safe driving record

Apply today: www.workatusic.com
We are an Equal Opportunity Employer

Become a Direct Care Professional

FREE TRAINING. \$500 BONUS.



**WisCaregiver Careers**
Certified Direct Care Professional

 **GET STARTED TODAY!**
WisCaregiverCDCP.com

Upland Hills® Health

Healthcare Employment Opportunities

- **Occupational & Physical Therapist** – full or part-time positions. **Up to a \$5,000 Employment Bonus, prorated based on FTE!**
- **Athletic Trainer** – full-time position.
- **Physical Therapist** – full-time position.
- **Director of Marketing** – full-time management position
- **Director of Quality Improvement** – .8 FTE management position
- **Clinic CMA/LPN** – .8 to 1.0 FTE positions working in our Specialty and Family Practice clinics
- **Clinic Triage Nurse (RN/LPN)** – full-time day shift position
- **Patient Benefit Specialist** – 1.0 FTE day shift position
- **RN Informatics Specialist** – .6FTE day shift position
- **RN Skilled Nursing Care** – .6 FTE p.m. shift position. **\$3,000 Employment Bonus eligible!**
- **RN Float** – .75 FTE p.m./night shift position. **\$3,750 Employment Bonus eligible!**
- **RN Med/Surg Unit** – .75 FTE evening/night shift position. **\$3,750 Employment Bonus! eligible!**
- **MRI Technologist** – .5 to a 1.0 FTE day shift position. **Up to a \$5,000 Employment Bonus, prorated based on FTE!**
- **Imaging Technologist** – day or night shift position in the hospital & day shift in the clinics available. **Up to a \$5,000 Employment Bonus, prorated based on FTE!**
- **Respiratory Therapist** – part-time day or night position & a .6 FTE weekender position
- **Certified Nursing Assistants** – part-time positions available in our Nursing & Rehab Center day, evening and night shifts available, **\$3,000 Employment Bonus included!**
- **Environmental Services** – part-time evening and night shift positions. **\$1,000 Employment Bonus!**
- **Grant Writing Coordinator** – half time position

To find out more detailed information about all open positions and to apply, go to our website at: www.uplandhillshealth.org.

800 Compassion Way, Dodgeville, WI 53533 • 608.930.8000



5 Top Reasons to SHOP LOCAL

1. Service, during & after the sale.
2. Great deals!
3. Support your local economy.
4. They support local schools, parishes & fund-raising groups.
5. They smile & mean it when they say "Thanks!"

Searching for something *big*?

IT'S IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

