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Cleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- April 14, 1886

Amos Lowe has in contemplation a visit to the Pacific coast for the benefit of his health, which has become impaired.

J.P. Moe thinks the scarcity of wolves this spring is caused by the number of new brass bands organized throughout the country.

Now the town board will, according to the result of the election, grant licenses the coming year, it will be expected they will grant only to such characters as are fit for this business, and not to those who have already proved themselves lawless and who lie and again have violated the law, causing untold unpleasantness to citizens who do not believe it justifiable to see the law violated but caused the same to be enforced.

As we understand it, Evan Lewis is down from Dakota for another carload of horses. The way good horses (and some poor ones) have turned their faces westward this year is a caution. Dakotans are evidently thinking of being independent of the east in the near future as regards horseflesh, as they are stocking up with brood mares. Mares being more in demand this year for export than we have ever known before.

130 Years Ago- April 9, 1896

Olaf Stromme is the proud and happy possessor of a bicycle.

O.O. Lund has opened his new paint store and is also dis-

playing some very fine samples of wallpaper.

Frankie Colby says he is well pleased with the change from Aristocracy Hill to Paradise Alley, although he liked both places.

Ed Showers has taken up his abode right over our sanctimonious sanctum where he will rest his weary limbs after a full days tug and toil with the shaver and the clipper.

G. G. Mandt is contemplating taking out life insurance. We have heard many whispering, what does this mean? And what is coming next? Who knows, but one thing we do know, we shan't touch him, we have all we can do "any how."

Strayed: A black boar pig with all four legs white, also white spot on side and head.

The fire department was called out last Tuesday morning and did good service in checking what would have been a blaze of no small proportions only for timely assistance. The fire was in Nelson's hall, had started from a wooden spittoon which had been set on fire from a discarded cigar. The fire company was on hand in short notice and it was but work of short duration until every thing about the building was flooded with water and the boys felt proud of themselves as did the property owners in that block.

120 Years Ago- April 11, 1906

Every Saturday, continuing through the season, there will be especially low prices on all trimmed millinery. E. Halferdahl & Co.

The famous cigar known as the "Lead Mine" is now on sale at Hotel National. SMOKERS,

TRY THIS CIGAR.

Joe Gobel came up to town Monday to bring his daughter Lizzie, who will attend the Snow College of dressmaking at this place.

Mrs. J.N. Dahlen entertained a quilting party yesterday afternoon. Three finished quilts was the product of 250 busy fingers.

Work is progressing rapidly excavating for the basement under the Lutheran church, the building being elevated about 6 feet.

J.P. Moe has displayed his artistic skill not only as a painter, but as a designer and workman in wood, by building and completing a church altar of rare beauty and style and ornamented in a very tasty manner. This job is for a new church in Shawano County, this state.

Dahle Bros. contemplate putting up sheds in the rear of their store for use by their customers with hitching teams.

Speaking about tough roads, last Wednesday capped the climax. One farmer coming to town with a load of butter from Daleyville had the wheels of his wagon clogged with sticky mud. They would not turn until the mud was worked out with a stick. Seems that now is the proper time to talk road improvements.

110 Years Ago- April 14, 1916

The village board has purchased a street sweeper on a 30-day trial period, together with a light road grader.

John Steuer sports a fine new Oakland car and was seen enjoying an outing Sunday. It is a sensible thing for well-to-do retired farmers to have an auto with which to occupy their lei-

sure moments and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Carl Johnson has rented the old library building on Main St. where he will continue his shoe and harness repair business.

C.O. Ruste is now a member of the National Geographic Society, receiving his appointment recently.

Oscar Christianson has bought a large new concrete mixer and sold his old one to the silo company.

Mrs. Marie Borem, aunt of Mrs. Gust Genzler who was employed at the restaurant of T.C. Johnson recently, was called home to Chicago on account of the arrival of a grandson a week ago. Mrs. Borem is among the few who can be called grandma at the age of 33 years.

Men's spring hats in the new green and combination colors, only \$2.00 at The Farmers Store.

The misses Laura and Mathilda Shutvet of Madison spent Sunday here with their mother, Mrs. Anna Shutvet. Miss Laura has the distinction of having been employed by three successive governors, viz. Davidson, McGovern and Philipp. She has been at the executive mansion the past seven years.

100 Years Ago- April 13, 1926

Mt. Horeb Times

The vote in Mt. Horeb was very light as it seemed that even the water works bond did not create much interest. This measure was closely contested it carrying by one vote, 171 for and 170 against water works extension.

The Mt. Horeb Hardware Co., is now making plans for a new Ford Garage to be built this summer. Definite plans have not yet been made as to the exact location but we understand it will be in the immediate vicinity of their hardware store and present garage, probably covering the entire lot from the store to the corner and back to the alley.

100 Years Ago- April 16, 1926

While cranking a Ford car last Monday, a young son Nels Lee, Primrose, broke the bone in his right hand.

The "Steamboat" house on E. Main Street will be sold at auction April 19. As far as we know, this is the first time a house has been sold by auction in this village.

Alvah Garfoot went to Madison Wednesday to have the wound of his right eye dressed by the doctors. He recently had the eye, which was injured in an accident, removed.

Frank Haag, Perry, has been assisting his son-in-law, Anton Aggeler, blasting logs for making the season's firewood.

Theodore Landmark, who has been ill with the flu for a couple of weeks, is now back on his job on the dray wagon.

90 Years Ago- April 16, 1936

Hulda Schwartz, who has been attending the Madison Academy of Beauty Culture, is now employed at the Milady's Beauty Shop.

Hans Guthaug, pioneer and eldest member of the Perry Lutheran congregation, passed away in Daleyville at the age of

nearly 93.

Henry Ottum is quite ill with painful attack of neuralgia.

Justice of the Peace, L.M. Kittleson, Mount Horeb, will hold court in Verona today.

Preston J. Fargo, 36, Springdale, passed away April 10 after being ill with bronchial pneumonia.

40 Years Ago- April 10, 1986

The Mount Horeb Village Board adopted a strict winter time parking ordinance Monday which would effectively ban on-street parking from Dec. 1 to March 31 during the early morning hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haag, Mount Horeb, celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary on Wednesday, April 2, quietly at their home. They have six sons, five daughters, 51 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

The Mount Horeb Rotary Club was host to Julie Lorenze as the student of the month for March.

A son, Curtis Howard, was born to Ronald and Caryn Haag, Mount Horeb, on Saturday, April 5, at Madison General Hospital.

30 Years Ago- April 11, 1996

Melbourne (Mel) Knudson, passed away on April 5 at Ingleside. He was born Jan. 3, 1939 to Melvin A. and Beulah Johnson Knudson, in the town of Blue Mounds.

The Mount Horeb Rotary Club will donate \$1000 to the Community Challenge Fund, Club President Mark Mostrom announced.

Recreation Notes

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

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

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

Find your Zen this summer with Body Wise Yoga! This 6-week yoga-based functional fitness program is designed for ages 55 and

up. Each class blends gentle motion, balance practice, functional strength, and mindful breathing to help you feel stronger, more stable, and mobile! Chair support and modifications are always available. Classes are Mondays, 12:30 to 1:30 pm, May 4 - June 15 (no class 5/25), in the Mount Horeb Rec Dept Multipurpose room. The class fee is \$60 for residents and \$70 for non-residents. Sign up by April 27!

Turn your favorite furry face into a one-of-a-kind art piece with our Paint Your Pet class! No experience? No problem! Our instructor makes it easy by hand-sketching your pet's portrait onto your canvas before you arrive and will provide step-by-step instruction in class to ensure a fun and beginner-friendly experience! For examples and more information, please see our website. This class takes place on Thursday, May 7 from 5:30

- 7:30 PM in the Recreation Department Multipurpose Room. Paint your pet is intend for ages 18 and up. The class fee is \$90 for residents and \$100 for non-residents.

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

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

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street.

Place completed registration form (found on Rec Dept website) and payment in 24-hour drop box.

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

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

4/27: Body Wise Yoga (ages 55+)

4/30: Paint Your Pet (ages 18+)

5/1: Machine Pitch Baseball (ages 8-10)

5/7: T-Ball and Coach Pitch (ages 4-7)

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Obituary

Roger Duane Rexroat



MOUNT HOREB - Roger Duane Rexroat of Mount Horeb, Wis., passed peacefully in Agrace Hospice on March 29, 2026. He was born in Bloomington, Ill., on July 27, 1958. Roger graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1976 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he attained



the rank of Lance Corporal. His main duty station was in Washington D.C. at Marine Barracks. A member of the color guard, Roger participated in numerous historical events such as color guard for President Carter's inauguration parade, the Camp David Accords, and Hubert Humphrey's funeral. After the military, Roger worked as a U.S. postal worker for 30 years in Madison, Wis. Roger was preceded in

death by his beloved mother and father, Helen and Richard Rexroat. He is survived by his brothers, Richard (Cheryl) Rexroat and Ralph (Elizabeth) Rexroat. He was much beloved by his nieces and nephews; his stepdaughter, Peggy (Cyle) Haag; and his dearest friends, Roberta Rexroat and Ruth Rexroat. Roger was a charismatic and gregarious man who will be sorely missed by his many friends and ex-

tended family. Roger's family cannot express enough their deep gratitude to Ruth Rexroat and her unwavering support of Roger. Inurnment and a celebration of life will happen at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Richard and Helen Rexroat Memorial Scholarship. Checks made payable to the Mount Horeb School District may be mailed to Mount Horeb School Dis-

trict Attn: Scott DeYoung, 1304 E. Lincoln St., Mount Horeb, WI 53572. Please write "Rexroat Scholarship" in the check's memo line. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com. Gunderson Camacho Mount Horeb Funeral & Cremation Care 500 N. Eighth St. (608) 437-5077

Sugar River Euchre

Cowboys repeat as Euchre League champs

By Stan Hook

The Norsk Cowboys and the Kleeman's Hay Shakers met at the Norsk Golf Club on March 26th to decide who would be crowned the second-half Sugar River Euchre League winners, and possibly the 2025/2026 champions. If the Cowboys won the match, they would become both the second-half winners and the champions. If the Hay Shakers won, they would win the second-half and would have to play the winners of the first-half (the Cowboys) to determine who would be the season champions. The Cowboys took an early 19-point lead but by the end of the second round they were down by 3. Gaining 2 points in the second round and another 13 in the third round, the Cowboys regained the lead. The two teams tied in the fourth round to keep the Cowboys up by 12. The Hay Shak-

ers picked up 22 points in the sixth round to take a 10-point lead. In the seventh

round the two teams tied once again. With the Hay Shakers up

by 10, the Cowboys knew it was now or never. With their horses well hydrated,

you know – whiskey for my men and beer for the horses, the Cowboys won all four

games in the eighth round to finish with a 15-point win and repeat as champions.



Front Row (L-R): Dean Disch and Harold Schlimgen. Back Row (L-R): Roger Olstad, Ferdie Schmitz, Randy Schmid, Don Field, Steve Dower and Keith Legler. Photo courtesy of Stan Hook

This season's full scoring recap

Individual Averages: Seventy-three players qualified for the high average competition by playing 12 or more matches: The highest average was recorded by Barb Judd with an impressive 107.333 points. She played in all 18 matches. The next closest was Steve Ace, with 105.176. Jerome Krantz, 104.647; Jerry Judd, 104.294; Larry Losenegger, 104.111; Harold Schlimgen, 104.111; Ferdie Schmitz, 103.889; Roger Olstad, 103.714; Roger Truttmann, 103.588; Darrell Storkson, 103.059; Jack Gehin, 102.778; Dale Herfel, 102.769; Don Boley, 102.667; Chris Booth, 102.667; Jim Day, 102.200; Rodney Latham, 101.938; Al Zimmerman, 101.786; Ross Nesheim, 101.417; Steve Dower, 101.056;

Randy Skogen, 101.000; Don Williams, 100.824; Ernie Sarbacker, 100.667; John Scheidegger, 100.588; Tom Arneson, 100.412; Fred Ryser, 99.222; Randy Schmid, 99.200; Dave Steinhauer, 99.059; Opie Taylor, 99.000; Dean Disch, 98.824; Laurel Grindle, 99.824; Jeff Buesser, 98.824; John Forbes, 98.813; Scott Keys, 98.611; Tiny Zander, 98.500; Kevin Haack, 98.438; Chris Hook, 98.412; Stan Hook, 98.375; John Nechkash, 98.313; Corey O'Hearn, 98.286; John Baumgartner, 98.056; Jolene Klarer, 98.056; Shawn Farrell, 98.000; Tracy Funs-eth, 97.938; Keith Wenger, 97.938; Jeff Goebler, 97.882; Ryan Arneson, 97.765; Mary Humphrey, 97.722; Jeff Gassman, 97.429; Jim Boland, 97.357;

Kurt Wedig, 97.231; Derek Schmitz, 97.133; Erika Fors-eth, 97.000; Karen Miller, 96.929; Tom Schulenberg, 96.750; Tracy Haag, 96.500; Jimmy Gehin, 96.214; Pete Ott, 96.214; Jeff Judd, 96.167; Leo Humphrey, 96.000; Tom Magnuson, 95.667; Dave Hook, 95.444; Kohl Wenger, 95.412; Kendal Wenger, 95.294; Steve Vogt, 94.923; Kevin Ollendick, 94.882; Bruce Milestone, 94.750; Pate Baier,

94.714; Giff Hoesly, 94.615; Lavern Maier, 92.929; Larry Disch, 92.867; Dan Meinholz, 92.000; Shane Kahl, 91.800; Brett Hoesly, 88.917.

Perfect Scores: Laurel Grindle (2), Steve Ace, Larry Losenegger, Jack Gehin, Rodney Latham, Randy Skogen, and Dewey Haag.

Skunks: There were no skunks. Low Score of Season:

Jimmy Gehin and Paul Gehin – 59. High Team Combined Score: Kleeman's Hay Shakers – 452. The second half playoff

match between Kleeman's Hay Shakers and Norsk Cowboys took place March 26th at Norsk Golf Club, at 7:00 p.m. (See above.)



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GOP bill aiming to protect free speech rights from frivolous lawsuits advances: As the Wisconsin State Legislature closed for campaign season, the Assembly passed a Republican bill targeting lawsuits that try to stifle free speech... but the Senate must now act for it to become law

By Annie Pulley,
THE BADGER
PROJECT

In the waning days of the state’s legislative session, GOP lawmakers advanced a bill that would discourage frivolous lawsuits that punish people for exercising their free speech rights. The Republican bill passed the state Assembly Feb. 17. The soon-to-retire Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) halted business in his chamber Feb. 20. The state Senate is still in Madison, but the clock is ticking: soon most lawmakers will go home to work on their reelection campaigns. The bill “strengthens protections for free speech and civic participation,” state Rep. Jim Piwowarczyk (R-Hubertus), the bill’s author and founder of the conservative news website WisconsinRight, wrote in a press release. “The bill en-

sures a timely court hearing, pauses expensive discovery while the motion is under consideration, and allows those who prevail to recover their attorney fees. Together, these provisions help protect people from being burdened by drawn-out, costly lawsuits that can discourage them from speaking out.” This is the Legislature’s latest attempt to have Wisconsin join more than a dozen other states that have targeted SLAPPs — strategic lawsuits against public participation — by adopting the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act. The Uniform Law Commission, responsible for the act, says a SLAPP can masquerade as a defamation, invasion of privacy or a nuisance lawsuit. But “its real purpose is to silence and intimidate the defendant from engaging in constitutionally protected activities, such as free speech,” the commis-

sion says. “It’s been disappointing to learn that the Republican majority in the Legislature would rather rewrite bills with their own names on them than simply advance strong bills written by Democrats. Still, passing legislation that expands protection for free press and free speech, no matter who takes credit, is a step in the right direction. And if Republicans need their own names on the bill to feel secure enough to support it, so be it.” State Rep. Christian Phelps (D-Eau Claire) The bill protects people sued for communicating in a government proceeding; communicating about an issue that is the topic of a government proceeding; or for exercising “the constitutional right of freedom of speech or of the press, the right to assemble or petition, or the right of associa-

tion, on a matter of public concern,” according to the official summary of the bill. If the individual or organization successfully shows it is the victim of a SLAPP, it won’t be responsible for paying the legal fees. The Wausau Pilot & Review, an online news organization, twice defeated a phony defamation accusation against it from state Sen. Cory Tomczyk. Even still, the online news organization had to rack up nearly \$200,000 in legal bills to defend against it. At a Marathon County Board meeting, Tomczyk was heard by several people using a homophobic slur, which the Pilot then noted in a story. Three people signed sworn affidavits saying they heard him say it. Still, Tomczyk pressed forward with his lawsuit, then appealed when he lost the first time. The Pilot was able to raise more than \$140,000 in an

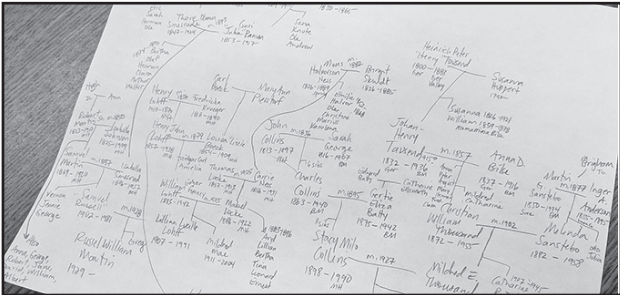
online fundraising campaign after a story on the lawsuit ran in the New York Times, but “the continuing fallout has been significant,” said Shereen Siewert, the news organization’s founder and editor. “Public perception of us has shifted from being non-partisan to being a ‘liberal’ publication because we were sued by a prominent member of the GOP,” she continued. That has caused some advertisers and many donors to back away. “I just still can’t believe all of this happened,” she said. Under the new bill, it might not be able to. The Republican proposal rhymes with a bill introduced by Democrats that has been stuck in an Assembly committee since it was introduced last September. Democrats also proposed an anti-SLAPP bill in 2023.

“It’s been disappointing to learn that the Republican majority in the Legislature would rather rewrite bills with their own names on them than simply advance strong bills written by Democrats,” state Rep. Christian Phelps, who introduced the September anti-SLAPP bill, said in a statement to The Badger Project. “Still, passing legislation that expands protection for free press and free speech, no matter who takes credit, is a step in the right direction. And if Republicans need their own names on the bill to feel secure enough to support it, so be it.” The bill, which is now sitting in a committee in the Senate, still has to get the approval of that body and secure the governor’s signature. The Senate is scheduled to wrap up its legislative session this month.

Family Tree the focus of next Hands-On History event

Mount Horeb’s downtown Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St) invites students in grades K to 4 to their “Hands-on History” after school workshops. Registration is now open for Session #3, “My Family Tree,” to be held Tuesday, April 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Students will craft a literal family tree, and explore how different cultures make sure these names will be remembered and celebrated —from the family crests of Europe, to the unique patterns

of Scottish tartans, to fancy monograms! The workshops are planned and led by museum staff and experienced educators. Participation is absolutely free, due to a generous grant from the Mount Horeb Community Foundation—but capacity is limited to just twenty students per month and registration is required. For more information related to Hands-on History or to register for the April session, visit mthorebhistory.org and search “Events,” or call 608-437-6486.



Just look at the full house of ancestors that eventually led to the union of Mount Horeb’s Russ Martin and Vergeane Collins, in this genealogy document compiled by Curator Johnna Buysse. Kids who attend April’s Hands-on History will explore the many ways we make sure these names live on: from family trees, to family crests, to monograms and tartan patterns and more!

Town of Blue Mounds schedules, then cancels, board meeting to address ‘Public Emergency’

On Saturday afternoon, April 4, the Town of Blue Mounds issued a Public Notice to hold a Board of Supervisors Special Meeting on Monday, April 6. Late that same evening, the meeting was cancelled. As noticed, the meeting agenda had one item, “Discussion/Action – Public Emergency within the Town of Blue Mounds.” To determine the nature of the public emergency and why the formerly scheduled meeting was then canceled, the *Mount Horeb Mail* has issued a public records request to the Town.

KITTLESON

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freelance reporting on Iraq, she has traveled to nearly every corner of the globe in recent years, writing for major news outlets including *Al-Monitor*, the *BBC*, *Politico* and beyond. She is officially a United States citizen but a resident of Italy, her mother said. Barb described her daughter as highly intelligent and “very determined.” When asked from where Shelly inherited her wanderlust, Barb threw up her hands in amazement. “I don’t know,” she replied. “We were all farming, small-town people ... we never went very far.” But Shelly, according to her mother, “liked to help people” anywhere she could and journalism was a good fit for her values. Like most homes, Barb’s tells the story of her family. Her many siblings. Her husband, Shelly’s father, who died of cancer in 2024. And

her daughter, Shelly, who a photo album shows meeting with a series of foreign dignitaries and everyday people. “She’s tough but it is scary,” Barb said. She admitted she worried “all the time” about her daughter’s dangerous profession. Shelly’s writing from overseas revealed a reporter unafraid of big stories and acutely aware of the importance of small ones. “Tonight will be a very long night here in #Baghdad,” she wrote on Twitter (now X) in 2022. “Fighting continues. Another explosion not long ago, gunfire.” Another post, which one at 1 a.m. observed that “#Ramadah in #Iraq is a beautiful thing.” A post from a year earlier recounted how she was eating dinner, late and alone, when a Syrian waiter discovered it was her birthday. “Brings me a mini-cake with two candles and insists on taking a photo of me with it and that I blow out the

candles.” “It’s important to document things, our lives,” the waiter told her. “Yes,” Shelly agreed, “that it is.” While Barb spoke with authorities and prayed for her daughter’s safe return, friends and neighbors immediately got to work giving her the support she needed. Some stopped by to offer hugs and words of encouragement, or just to lend an ear. Others kept an eye on the neighborhood, making sure news crews remained respectful of her privacy. “I have the best neighbors in the world,” Barb said. “They are like family.” Shortly after Shelly was abducted, Dylan Johnson, the U.S.’s current assistant secretary of state for Global Public Affairs and former deputy communications director for President Donald Trump’s 2024 campaign, issued the following statement on social media: “The U.S. Department of State is aware of the reported kidnapping

of an American journalist in Baghdad, Iraq. The State Department previously fulfilled our duty to warn this individual of threats against them and we will continue to coordinate with the FBI to ensure their release as quickly as possible. An individual with ties to the Iranian-aligned militia group Kataib Hizballah believed to be involved in the kidnapping has been taken into custody by Iraqi authorities. Iraq remains at a Level 4 Travel Advisory and Americans are advised not to travel to Iraq for any reason and to leave Iraq now. The State Department strongly advise all Americans, including members of the press, to adhere to all travel advisories.” *Al-Monitor*, which covers primarily Israel, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, the West Bank, Gaza, Egypt, the Gulf and North Africa, issued the following statement on its website: “We are deeply alarmed by the kidnapping of *Al-Monitor* contributor Shelly Kittleson in Iraq on Tuesday. We call for

her safe and immediate release. We stand by her vital reporting from the region and call for her swift return to continue her important work.” On Friday, the FBI said Shelly was with a militia group and still in Iraq. U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin’s office released the following statement: “Senator Baldwin is closely monitoring the case of Wisconsin native, Shelly Kittleson, who was kidnapped in Iraq by the Iran-allied Kataib Hezbollah militant group. Senator Baldwin’s office is in communication with the State Department and FBI about developments in this case and what steps they are taking to expedite her safe recovery. Senator Baldwin’s office is in touch with the Kittleson family and remain a resource and advocate for them.” “My heart goes out to the Kittleson family as they navigate this terrifying situation,” Baldwin added. “I’ll continue pushing the Trump

administration to do everything in their power to bring Shelly home as soon as possible.” News agencies across the globe, including the *New York Times*, the *BBC*, *CBS* and more, reported Tuesday afternoon this week that Kittleson had been freed in a prisoner swap. For Barb and countless other people around the world, a week of prayers had been answered.

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Apps-Bodilly Mends Gardening, Science and History at Free Historium Event



Above, author and educator Susan Apps-Bodilly. Photo by Steve Apps.

VILLAGE

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property and health insurances for counties, villages, and schools. In 2006 I ran for the City Council in Verona and served for twenty-one years, twelve years as the mayor.”

After retiring from service in Verona, he joined Public Administration Associates (PAA) which provides recruiting and temporary leadership services for counties and local municipalities.

Continuing, Hochkammer said, “I have a passion for local government, I know we have more impact on the daily lives of residents in our communities than any other level of government. Unfortunately, people do not know what local government does....I really think we need to get into the schools to explain it to the students. I can tell from being here, that the board really cares....there may be differing opinions and that is okay...discussion can be very healthy even if you do not always agree. The staff.... I cannot say enough good things about them. I want to thank Ryan (Czyzewski) for being available and Denise (Schwenn, Village Treasurer) for giving me so much help.”

Hochkammer will serve as the Village Administrator until PPA completes the recruitment process. To date, sixteen applications have been received, with the filing deadline April 9, 2026. The plan is to negotiate an offer at the May 6, 2026, Village Board meeting, with a start date between 30 – 90 days, depending on the existing contract elsewhere of the new hire.

Library, by the numbers

Jessica Gretzinger, Library Director, presented the annual unaudited Department of Public Instruction report for 2025, noting variances in numbers between 2024 and 2025. There was not a significant difference between the two years, with program attendance and checkout materials slightly higher or lower between the

two time periods. During 2025, over 13,650 people attended 329 programs, geared for all ages. There are 6275 registered users, with 3868 residents and the balance non-residents. The Library has 65,287 items in its collection, with 162,497 in physical circulation. Its database automatically removes registered users who have not checked out any materials for two years. To promote more registered users, the Library staff is working with the School District to distribute library cards to first and fourth grade students to promote reading and library usage as a common life activity.

The Library has twelve computers and were used 5082 times. An even higher number, 127,297, took advantage of the public wireless connection. Speaking of the internet, almost 43,000 checked out e-materials, such as books, videos, etc.

Physical checked out materials totaled 162,497, with 68,400 loaned to other South Central Library System (SCLS) while 55,000 were received on loan by the Mount Horeb Library from other SCLS members.

The Library is funded by the Village, Dane County, donations from Friends of the Library and other interested parties, grants, and endowments. Part of the County’s contribution is dependent on material circulation both in-house and on materials that Mount Horeb loans to other SCLS communities. On the same token, Mount Horeb is ‘charged’ for materials we borrow from other libraries. The 2025 operating revenue was \$840,525, with \$530,087 appropriated from the Village, \$245,800 from Dane County and the remaining revenue from other SCLS members for borrowing, and a fund balance transfer. A Capital Improvement expense for a new roof and repair to outer wall holes from golf balls, creating a haven for birds, totaling \$109,344.

After Gretzinger’s report, Czyzewski read a Proclamation to recognize National

Library Week, April 19 – April 25.

Street Improvement Project

At the March Public Services Department committee meeting, a Public Hearing was held for the 2026 improvements to S. First Street from Front to Carver Streets, and Henry Street from Parkway to S. First Street. Work entails storm sewers, water mains, sanitary sewers, roads, driveway aprons, and sidewalks. All affected homeowners received a notice as well as an approximate assessment of improved existing sidewalk repairs, sidewalk replacement, or new driveways. Including a twelve percent contingency, the estimated total cost is \$2,760,490. The Village Board unanimously approved putting the street projects out for bid.

Two New Short-Term Parking Stalls approved

The Public Services Department recommended approval to the Village Board for both short-term parking requests. The first was from Mount Horeb Pharmacy, which requested an additional 15-minute parking stall on S. Grove Street in addition to the current 15-minute stall as well as its ADA stall. Trustee Ben Jones asked if the neighboring business Forte Studio, was informed of the request and it was not. He suggested future requests like this include notifying business neighbors. Without further discussion, the request was unanimously approved.

Maker’s Market, 100 S. First Street requested two 10-minute take-out parking stalls on the west side on First Street, located at the first two stalls. After a brief discussion with concerns about a bottleneck for cars turning south heading west on Main, as well as limited parking in the area with the apartment construction at 120 S. First, the board unanimously agreed to approve one 10-minute parking stall.

Arbor Day

National Arbor Day is Friday, April 24. The national date is the last Friday

Historium (100 S 2nd St).

Susan Apps-Bodilly is a retired elementary and middle-school educator with a Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from UW-Madison. She is also the author of *One Room Schools – Stories from the Days of 1 Room, 1 Teacher, 8 Grades* as well as a co-author, (alongside beloved Wisconsin author and father Jerry Apps), of *Old Farm Country Cookbooks* and *Timber! A Northwoods Story of Lumberjacks, Logging, and the Land*. When Susan is not reading or writing,

she enjoys spending time with her family, hiking at the family cabin, kayaking, and trying new recipes with produce from her garden.

Half-Hour History is a once-a-month midday speaker series featuring engaging presentations on local and regional history. Generously supported through a grant from the Mount Horeb Community Foundation, these FREE programs are open to all and take place at the Driftless Historium at 1:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

The Mount Horeb Area Historical Society operates the Driftless Historium and was founded in 1975 to collect, preserve, and share the stories of southwestern Dane County.

For more information call 608-437-6486 or email moverland@mthorebhistory.org. Up next: “Metal Marvel: Mount Horeb’s Lustron House” presented by MHAHS Assistant Curator Megan Minter. Visit www.mthorebhistory.org/events to see the full schedule.

in April, yet some states observe a date that is best for planting trees, so dates range from February to May. Wisconsin opts to join in with national recognition, as do other states. Czyzewski read a Proclamation to recognize Arbor Day and thanked Trustee Tim White, the chair of Sustainability and Natural Resources, for all the work his committee does to promote not only Arbor Day but also other sustainable and natural resources within the Village.

Reports from the CDA, Parks and Rec Committee, the President, and Village Administrator

Chair Marc Schellpfeffer of the Community Development Authority said the CDA is meeting April 8 to review two developer proposals for the Lukken Park property on County S and Hwy 78. Four developers submitted Request for Proposal and from that, it was whittled down to two by an ad hoc committee. The CDA expects to select one for recommendation to the Village Board at its April meeting.

Parks and Recreation Chair, Trustee Jason Fendrick, has served on this Committee for many years. He is leaving the Village Board at the end of his term, April 21, so this was his last official regular Village Board meeting. Although he included a two-page recitation in the Village meeting packet regarding his time serving on the Committee, Fendrick asked the board members to carefully read it as it was part of his blog during his election efforts.

Fendrick said, “Prior to the events of the last few months, the Village Board and Parks and Rec Committee meetings, is where people were showing up to voice their opinions. It is pretty clear that people want parks...even the public meetings to plan the Lukken Park property (also referred to as Mount Horeb Recreation Center) were some of the most attended meetings. If we want to draw families to the Village and help

the School District bend its curve back up (declining enrollment), we need to have park space in this Village.”

Continuing, Fendrick said, “I think the Village is going to have to make some financial decisions when it comes to the sale of the Lukken property for residential as to what the proceeds are going to be used for. Should the Village Board listen to the current rebel-rousers and just immediately apply that to the balance of the loan, or should some of that be set aside for the long-term development of that park? I would offer that using some of those proceeds for the park development will pay greater dividends down the road than reducing property taxes a minor amount over a period of three or four years.”

Fendrick continued, “I also think should the Village have available funds to contribute to the park, the community will also step up and match,,I think it is important that the community invest in the park as well which will involve outreach from the Board and the Parks and Rec Committee to bridge that gap in the funding. This is not going to be cheap, but this is an investment to the long-term viability of the Village.”

Finishing Fendrick said, “If you do not want Mount Horeb to grow, if you want it to shrink, if you only want people to come here if they are interested in coming here, maybe you are going to be opposed to it (some Village funding). I think it would be short-sighted to stop the development of this park now.”

Czyzewski reported he has “received thirty-one applications for potential committee assignments, compared with twenty-five typically received. The annual request (for 2026) was more heavily published this year, in meetings, the *Mount Horeb Mail*, social media, and over eighty email communication I have had with residents this year, so I was hoping to get more.”

Continuing, Czyzewski

said, “I did get one good applicant along with some others...I always try to get people in and a few others who are busy with service, civic obligations, and volunteerism. I need Board of Review candidates and probably Tourism as well.”

The reorganization meeting will be held Monday, April 20, 5:30pm, Village Hall. Committee assignments are made by the President and subject to the approval of the remaining six board members. Trustees, whether new or an incumbent, also will be sworn in at the meeting.

Czyzewski said, “Hochkammer and I are working on expanding education while onboarding new trustees and committee members on the ethics code, meeting norms, etiquette, and Robert’s Rules, basically to get new members comfortable with government in general as well as in Mount Horeb.”

Hochkammer said, “As most of you know, I started my official duties on March 23. On day two, I held our first department head meeting, and from what I understand, in the past they were held every other month. In the interim, I will hold them at least once a month to make sure we are all on the same page.”

Continuing, “At this point, I have completed five one-on-one meetings with staff and when I meet with department heads, I meet at their facilities. I want to see their operations, where their employees work, etc. I am also working as hard as I can to familiarize myself with the Village’s processes, procedures, and software.”

Hochkammer is contracted to work three days a week, so he asked the board to remember to keep that in mind. Hochkammer said he “has a hard time saying no” but he, too, needs to remember he is contracted for just three days. He is not asking for more days. He will give that amount of time, plus more, but he cannot do everything in that amount of time that Nic Owen did working full-time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trail Friends to meet

The Friends of Military Ridge Trail will hold their monthly meeting at 5:30pm on Monday April 13th, 2026 at the Ridgeway Train Depot in Ridgeway. Find more details at <https://friendsofmilitaryridgetrail.org>.

Nominate alumni now

The Mount Horeb High School Distinguished Alumni Committee is now accepting applications for the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award.

The Mount Horeb High School Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes the achievements of Mount Horeb High School alumni. These alumni serve as motivation for current students to excel, remind faculty of the potential each student has to make the community better, reconnect alumni to the school, and bring pride to the community as the achievements of these individuals are recognized.

Past recipients have included Judy Steinhauer in 2014, Dr. Jeffrey Post and Col. Timothy Cullen in 2015, Fred Alley and Jeff Herbst in 2016, Nancy Caldwell, John Schwenn, and Randy Swiggum in 2017, and Jerry Hook in 2024 to name just a few.

Nominees must be graduates of Mount Horeb High School who must have graduated prior to 2006. Individuals who have had a significant impact on their individual professionals and personal communities are sought for this remarkable honor.

To nominate an individual for the Distinguished Alumni Award, an application can be found on the Mount Horeb School District website (www.mhasd.k12.wi.us). Forms should be printed out, completed and mailed to the address indi-

cated on the forms prior to May 1, 2026. Winners will be notified by June 2, 2026 and announced to the general public soon after.

Slow Mow May to hold kick-off event

The EcoGardening Committee of Mound Vue Garden Club sponsors the popular voluntary program, Slow Mow May, with about 180 Mt Horeb homes and some businesses participating. To kick off the 4th year, the organizers are inviting current and future participants to a spring gathering.

When: Sunday, April 12, 6-7PM

Where: Brix Cider, 119. S. 2nd St, Mt Horeb

What: Come join us for celebration – discussion – education in support of our pollinator population! Come share your story.

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Deciding what’s true in a polarized society



Wagner

In a time when news is everywhere, all the time, it’s important to think about the news we see and how we interpret it. UW-Professor Michael Wagner shares insight and tips at the Mount

Horeb Public Library Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30pm. This free program reviews research on fake news, fact-checking, selective exposure to like-minded media outlets and describes the implications for democracy.

Wagner is William T. Evjue Distinguished Chair of the Wisconsin Idea and Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he directs the Center for Communication and Civic Renewal. His work explores how individual interactions in the information ecology affect what people believe, what they want, and what they do.

This program is part of the library’s Disagree Better: Building Connection Across Difference initiative. Designed to support constructive engagement, foster understanding, and build trust across diverse viewpoints, this multi-part program features guest speakers, discussion moderator training, and deliberation dinners which combine shared meals with guided conversations around meaningful topics. In partnership with the Village of Mount Horeb and the Mount Horeb Area School District, Disagree Better strives to reach across generations, organizations and perspectives, with a goal of creating spaces where community members can engage with different ideas—and with each other—in a thoughtful way. Rather than avoiding disagreement, the program encourages participants to approach differences with curiosity, respect, and care.

For more information about the library, its events and services, visit mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Sheriff’s Office issues scam alert

The Dane County Sher-

iff’s Office is investigating two similar instances of fraud in which citizens were scammed out of substantial sums of money.

The contact originated on a home computer, where the victims were told their bank accounts had been hacked. They are then told they can rectify a financial loss by taking specific steps. They are then directed to complete some forms and download social media apps for a “more secure communication experience”. In one case from the fall of 2025, a resident of Pleasant Springs had just bought a new computer (possibly refurbished) when they were alerted that their bank accounts had been hacked. They were advised to download WhatsApp for communication. Ultimately, the scammers convinced them to send \$12,000 via UPS to an address in California.

A second case from March of this year was even more devastating. A Windsor resident received a notification on his computer that his bank accounts had been hacked. In addition, he was accused of money laundering and drug trafficking with other countries. The scammers claimed to be with the U.S. Marshals, convincing the man to send multiple payments through the mail. On several occasions, they even sent a person to his home to collect the cash. The estimated financial loss in this case ranges from \$296,000 to \$346,000. Sheriff’s Office investigators urge people to be vigilant when responding to any computer alerts, emails, or phone calls claiming to be from a financial institution. If you receive such a message, contact your financial institution directly. DO NOT disclose personal information, such as your date of birth, Social Security number, or middle initial, with anyone claiming to repre-

sent the government or a financial institution. Official correspondence will never take place on social media. A government agency or financial institution will never ask you to send money via the mail.

The effort and attention to detail scammers put into their schemes make these scams very convincing. So before you say, “I would never fall for that,” remember that you might have already lowered your guard, and you could be their next victim.

DNR wants help with frog and toad surveys

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking volunteers for the annual Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey to help document frog and toad breeding calls throughout the state this spring and summer.

This survey helps the DNR follow trends in Wisconsin frog and toad populations. For more than 40 years, volunteers have helped DNR conservation biologists better define the distribution, status and population trends of all 12 frog and toad species found in Wisconsin.

“Our volunteers, lovingly known as ‘froggers,’ are important advocates for frogs and toads in Wisconsin,” said Andrew Badje, DNR conservation biologist and Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey coordinator. “They are the beating heart of frog monitoring and conservation in Wisconsin, and they’re part of the longest-running community-based frog calling survey in North America.”

Volunteers can participate in three ways:

Traditional Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey: Volunteers will drive a preset route for three total nights, once each in early spring, late spring and early summer. Volunteers make 10 stops per night, listening for five minutes at each site, documenting the species heard calling and the relative abundance

of each species. Check out the available 2026 survey routes and learn how to volunteer on the Frog and Toad Survey webpage.

Mink Frog Survey: Mink frogs are only found in northern Wisconsin and often call in the daytime. In June and early July, volunteers will listen once during the day and once at night along routes targeting ideal mink frog breeding habitat. Learn more about the survey and how to volunteer on the Mink Frog Survey webpage.

Phenology Survey: Volunteers for this survey help monitor when frogs and toads first start calling each spring. Phenology volunteers will choose one wetland to monitor throughout the frog calling season and record data as often as possible for five minutes per night. Learn more about the survey and how to volunteer on the Phenology Survey webpage.

Dates for each survey vary, and some depend on the changing seasons. Volunteers will receive more details on timing after contacting the survey teams.

Making A Difference

Since the survey began, volunteers have collectively spent more than 12,300 nights surveying 120,900 sites across the state.

Volunteers are continuing to document increasing trends for American bullfrogs and Blanchard’s cricket frogs, an encouraging sign for each of these species. Volunteers are also contributing substantial knowledge into the unique calling patterns and distribution of mink frogs throughout the Northwoods.

Other Ways To Help

The Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey and reptile and amphibian conservation in Wisconsin are supported, in part, by the Endangered Resources Fund. Learn more about the Endangered Resources Fund or make a donation on your Wisconsin income tax forms.



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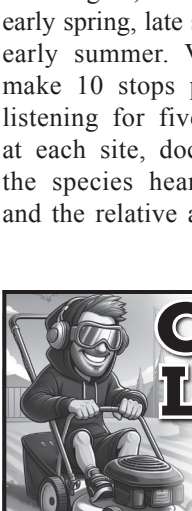


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COMMUNITY

Ribbon Cutting Celebrating The Heirloom Craftsman

The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated the ribbon cutting of The Heirloom Craftsman, welcoming this one-of-a-kind workshop to the community with a fantastic turnout of supporters, local business owners, and community members.

Dennis Hiorns brings exceptional craftsmanship to his work as an antique furniture restorer, with training rooted in traditional techniques and formal training in England. His services range from structural furniture repair and tightening and regluing of chairs to veneer repair, finish touch-ups, reproduction carving and trim work, and new furniture builds and commissions. Each piece that comes through the shop is met with a deep respect for craftsmanship and detail. Dennis also shares his expertise by offering wood-working classes, providing opportunities for others to learn traditional techniques



Dennis Hiorns and Rob Griffen recently celebrated with the Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce.

and hands-on skills. Also part of the workshop is Rob Griffen, who brings a specialized skillset in lutherie—the building and repair of stringed instruments. Rob trained at the shop of Becker and Cumpiano in Massachusetts and has continued to build his craft through extensive hands-on experience. At The Heirloom Craftsman, Rob works on both new and vintage instruments, offering everything from simple setups to full restorations. Attendees at the ribbon cutting had the opportunity to explore the shop, connect with Dennis and Rob, and see firsthand the level of skill and artistry that defines their work. The strong turnout reflected the community's excitement for this unique addition to downtown Mount Horeb. The Chamber is excited to welcome The Heirloom Craftsman and looks forward to the continued impact this talented team will bring to the community.

McDonald Blinds and Shades Celebrates Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting



McDonald Blinds and Shades on Main Street recently celebrated its ribbon cutting with the Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce.

The Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce joined community members, representatives from Springs Window Fashions, and fellow businesses to celebrate

the grand opening and ribbon cutting of McDonald Blinds and Shades on Main Street.

McDonald Blinds and Shades brings a full-service,

from free in-home consultations and professional measuring to product selection and installation. Customers can choose from a wide range of Graber blinds, shades, shutters, and specialty window solutions, along with modern control options like cordless and motorized systems. Founded

in 2020 by Steve McDonald, the business is backed by more than 24 years of industry experience and serves customers throughout Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois. Each project is customized to fit the space, with products manufactured to order and installed with care. Ongoing service and warranty

support are also available to ensure long-term satisfaction. The Chamber was excited to welcome McDonald Blinds and Shades to Main Street and celebrate this new addition alongside a strong turnout of community members and fellow Chamber businesses.

CHURCH NOTES

Good News Lutheran Church
- WELS
9975 Pepper Dr, Mt Horeb
Pastor Jonathan Bauer
Thursday Worship: 6:30 pm
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
Sunday School and Bible
Study: 10:15 am
608-437-4646
GoodNewsLC.org

Immanuel Lutheran- ELCA
310 W. Main St. Mount Horeb
608-437-8733
10am Sunday Worship
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Springdale Lutheran Church
2752 Town Hall Rd.
608-437-3493
Pastor Jim Ranney
Worship: 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays of the month at 10am
twosteeple.org

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Parish**
~St. Ignatius Catholic Church
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608-437-5348
Mass: Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday, 5:30 pm,
Thurs-Friday, 8:00 am;
Sat. 5:00 pm
~Holy Redeemer Catholic
Church
10070 Spring Valley Dr.,
Mount Horeb
Mass: Sunday 8:00 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.

West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church
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608-437-3493
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Activists hold ‘No Kings’ event at Liberty Park in Mount Horeb



On March 28, in large cities and small villages, approximately 8-9 million people attended over 3,300 No Kings Rallies. Pictured here is the event at Liberty Park.

On March 28, Mount Horeb staged a No Kings event at Liberty Park. The event was planned by the local Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives (SWWAP). It was a busy day, and the organizers

chose to take advantage of the shelter as a wind break. There were between 250 and 300 attendees. The now familiar “Signs of Fascism” are lined Cox Drive as well as Springdale Street. Organizers said those who saw the display could “ponder how many signs pertained to the

destructive forces that are at work in America Today.” The program featured speakers and music selections for the times we are living through. Matt Rothschild, a former Director of Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, and Ben Gruber, Conservation Warden,

spoke on the changing landscape of politics in America. The event also featured local musicians Denny Egstad, Rebecca Dorril Thomas, Katy McGrath Morki, and Anna Morki. David Couper, former Madison Police Chief and priest, delivered a passionate poem

entitled “Watershed.” The program ended with attendees joining musicians to sing on the spiritual, “We Shall Overcome.” After the program concluded, attendees marched down Springdale Street with homemade signs of resistance.

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TREES

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He even joined the military and worked as a solar project manager. But through it all, he liked to build and fix things, and he liked to find ways to build things in ways that meaningfully aligned with the natural world. Eventually, carpentry became his primary focus.

“It just kind of started to get in the way of my day job,” he explained. “I just love working with people and their homes, and creativity is really enjoyable.”

He currently lives and works in a place where the things people built told immense and meaningful stories about themselves and the places they came from.

A hundred years ago, an insurance salesman named Isak Dahle visited Norway and was captivated by the strange and ancient things he saw there. He returned and acquired a remote homestead in the Town of Blue Mounds where Norwegian settlers had built a shire-like cluster of buildings out of wood and sod. Dahle eventually filled them with Scandinavian antiques, amassing the largest collection outside of Norway.

He called it “Nissedahle,” the Valley of the Elves.

In 1935, a mammoth, medieval-style building modeled after a Norwegian stave church, which had been one of the most striking features at the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair, was brought to the property. The following year, in 1936, Little Norway, a museum of Norwegian heritage, officially opened to the public. It was a hit.

It ran for 76 years as one of the Midwest’s most charming attractions. In 2012, Scott Winner, Dahle’s grandnephew, facing rising maintenance costs, decided to close Little Norway’s doors. A special delegation from Norway traveled to Mount Horeb in 2015, deciding to purchase the stave church-style building, dismantle it and send it back to the Old World, where it was first created. Members of the Mount Horeb Sons of Norway Lodge visited it there a few years later.

There are no chain restaurants there. No paved roads. Only a deep, green valley



Philip Ankney owns With The Trees, which is headquartered at the former Little Norway. Photo by Matt Geiger.

through which meanders a pristine creek; several grass-roofed, low-slung wooden buildings that harken back to the preindustrial age; and a forest that, like a phalanx of Ents, seems to protect this perfect place from the myriad horrors of the modern world. The land, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was overseen by four generations of Winner’s family. That chapter is now closed.

In 2023, the Winner family walked away from the Valley of the Elves, selling the property. They talked to dozens of prospective buyers, and they eventually settled on Emily and Austen Levihn-Coon

“Out of the many, many people we met and interviewed - families, businesses - I really feel strongly they have the work ethic, the sweat equity to make it go, whatever they do,” Winner said at the time. “I believe they will make it work. I felt in my heart when I first

met them.”

Ankney said when he joined his friends at Little Norway, living and building a workshop there, he knew it was a special place, but he didn’t initially realize just how inexorably its history was woven into the fabric of the greater Mount Horeb community.

“I was very much not aware of just how much this place means to the community,” he said. “It’s something I’m very aware of now, though.”

They sold one of the old buildings, a sod-roofed house. The rest they plan to restore.

“As far as the rest of the buildings, we’re going to maintain them and keep them in good shape,” Ankney said. “It’s going to be a years-long process.”

While taking part in the Mount Horeb Art Fair, Ankney sat in Little Norway’s former gift shop and looked at the many hand-painted scenes that adorned

the walls. Along with them were poems and verses of song written in Norwegian. He began translating them, providing a glimpse into the thoughts and feelings of the people who came before.

“Now I see again such mountains and valleys as

I saw in my earliest youth; and the snow lies on the lake as it used to lie. And it makes me dizzy, but even with the memory of youth the words are mixed; it flows over me, so that I can hardly breathe,” laments one passage.

He said such passages show just how connected people are to places, and history, and the things they make, wherever they are. He said these things are particularly true in Blue Mounds and Mount Horeb.

“I’ve just been amazed how welcoming the people here are,” he said. “At how involved they are and how much they care.”

He said With the Trees’ philosophy is to build new things that fit with the place they are made. Rather than a throw-away culture or planned obsolescence, he wants to create things that last, just like those who came before at Little Norway.

“It really will last a long time,” he said. “I want to sell you one table.”

He said he urges his clients to get what they want, to give weight to their own values and aesthetics sensibilities rather than whatever is currently trendy.

“There is a trend where it’s all about cost, value and resale, which can lead to things without personality,” he explained. “I urge people to build the way they want. If you want to sell something, you can always sell it, but you might as well get what you actually want.”

He said that applies to furniture, built-in cabinetry, and plenty more.

Whatever he’s making, he said those sentiments remain true.

“Honestly, I’m happiest when I’m building things in the shop,” he said. “You’ve got to enjoy the process to do good work, and obviously there are also the moments when you get to see that you made someone happy.”

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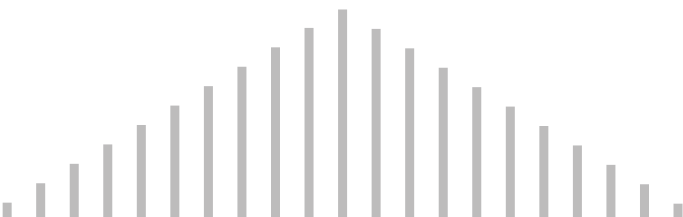
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New sheriff, same expectations

Mount Horeb's girls soccer program looks to remain elite under Lemire

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

The Mark Newman-era is officially over.

And as Megan Lemire's time is set to begin, Mount Horeb's new girls soccer coach is excited, enthusiastic, and even a tad frightened.

"As a former Viking myself, I'm excited to lead a program that I've been proud of for years," said Lemire, the Vikings' new boss. "But taking over for someone who has led a successful program for so long is a little intimidating."

It's easy to see why there would be some trepidation.

Newman coached Mount Horeb's girls from 2000-2025, compiling a 317-156-46 record in that time. He led the Vikings to the WIAA state tournament four straight years between 2012-2015 and to state runner-up finishes three of those seasons.

Newman also led the Vikings to four conference championships — a Capitol Conference title in 2001 and



Jaina Czyzewski and Mount Horeb's girls soccer team have high hopes this season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Badger North Conference crowns from 2016-'18.

The Vikings — who began their new season Tuesday against McFarland — should be in good hands with Lemire, though.

Lemire, who played for Newman, has been an assistant coach at Mount Horeb

since 2018. She had a terrific mentor in Newman, is more than ready to run the show and should keep Mount Horeb's program among the strongest in the area.

"Coach Newman was my coach and mentor," Lemire said. "And having been an assistant coach for the girls

for the previous seven years, I feel confident that we will continue the tradition of having a strong program."

Mount Horeb went through a rebuilding season last year, going 6-8-4 overall. The Vikings were extremely young in 2025, and hope that group is ready

to take a step forward this spring.

Leading the way will be junior midfielders Jaina Czyzewski and Kolbie Severson, who were both named honorable-mention all-conference last season.

Severson did plenty of damage in the middle a year

ago, finishing the season with three goals and two assists

"Kolbie is a very talented player who can deliver a perfectly placed free kick — either to her teammate or directly into the goal — from distance," Lemire said of Severson. "She has extraordinary ball control, can take on three defenders and not lose the ball. She anticipates where her teammates will be and is vital to our offensive flow."

Czyzewski improved by leaps and bounds last season and was a key cog in the middle of Mount Horeb's attack.

"Jaina is a versatile player with a strong knowledge of the game," Lemire said of Czyzewski. "Her ability to shut down the opposition's offense and immediately switch the play in our favor has helped make her one of the players we constantly keep on the field. Her substantial athletic growth from 2024 to 2025 may even be surpassed this spring."

The Vikings are also thrilled to welcome back junior Jaydn Schellpfeffer, a second-team all-conference selection as a freshman who missed last season with a torn ACL. Mount Horeb averaged just 1.33 goals

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Hoping to reload

Mount Horeb's boys golfers are talented, but have holes to fill

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

There are huge holes to fill throughout the lineup.

There's mystery as to who will emerge.

That's part of the fun, though, of the fluid nature that is high school sports.

Mount Horeb's boys golf team, which finished in sixth place at the Badger Small Conference tournament last season and seventh at regionals, graduated four seniors from that team.

The Vikings, who began their new season Saturday at the Mineral Point Invitational, hope to plug those

holes and field a competitive group once again.

"Our goal is the same as it is every season: to get better each time we are on the course and be playing our best golf when it matters the most at the end of the season," Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. "Hopefully our conference and invite schedule prepares us for WIAA tournament play as our regional and sectional as difficult as ever this season."

Mount Horeb will be led by senior Nick Ibinger, who advanced to sectionals as an individual last season.

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Nick Ibinger and Mount Horeb's boys golf team began their new season last Saturday at the Mineral Point Invitational. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



Photo submitted

Rogers will be an Eagle

The Mount Horeb baseball program recently had four seniors sign to play college baseball, a new program record. From left are pitcher Jaxen Finley, who will compete at Edgewood University; first baseman Jackson Myers, who will play at Wisconsin Lutheran College; pitcher Terek Isely, who will compete at Benedictine University; and outfielder Josh Kuntz, who will play at UW-LaCrosse.

“These four individuals have already played huge roles for the baseball program and will be relied on heavily in their senior seasons,” Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said. Senior Hayden Anderson, who’s also a pitcher on the baseball team, signed to play football at St. Thomas University.

Baseball Vikings split first two games

Mount Horeb has terrific trip to Jacksonville

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s baseball team opened its new season by splitting a pair of games last week.

The Vikings, who traveled to Jacksonville, Fla., for a spring break trip, fell to Bolles School (Fla.), 16-1, on March 31.

Mount Horeb then rebounded with a 16-3 win over Terry Parker High School (Fla.) on April 2.

Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ games.

- **Bolles School (Fla.) 16, Mount Horeb 1 (5)** — Bolles belted two home runs, pounded out 13 hits and rolled past the Vikings. The game was stopped after five innings due to the mercy rule.

Ethan Morrisard had a base hit and Mount Horeb’s lone RBI. Zach Brummand, Logan Ford and Brecken Dudley all had hits for the Vikings, as well.

Hayden Anderson started and took the loss for Mount Horeb after allowing five runs (three earned) in one inning. Evan Preimesberger



Mount Horeb’s baseball team and the Vikings’ families had an enjoyable spring break trip to Jacksonville, Fla. Photo submitted

(10 earned runs) and Ethan Morrisard (one earned run) also took turns on the hill for the Vikings.

“It was a really good opponent and fun to play at Chipper Jones Stadium,” Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said. “They have a great set up for a high school stadium, and they could hit the ball as well as any high school team I’ve ever coached against.

“We knew it was going to be a challenge going into the game and I’m proud how the boys kept competing throughout the game. Despite the score, we really didn’t play that poorly. We

only committed one error, but as expected they exposed some things and now we have a good idea what to work on as we prepare for the start of the Badger Conference season.”

- **Mount Horeb 16, Terry Parker High School (Fla.) 3 (5)** — The Vikings rebounded by pounding out 15 hits and rolling past the Braves.

Designated hitter Brecken Dudley had a huge day at the plate, going 3-for-3 with four RBIs and two runs scored, while first baseman/third baseman Hayden Anderson went 2-for-3 with four RBIs.

Center fielder Josh

Kuntz went 2-for-3 with three runs scored and an RBI, while second baseman Ethan Morrisard had a hit, drove in two runs and scored twice. Catcher Jackson Myers had two RBIs, left fielder Logan Ford had two hits and scored twice and pitcher/outfielder Jack-

son Finley scored two runs.

Starter Terek Isely threw two scoreless innings without allowing hit. Finley, who worked the third and fourth innings, picked up the win after allowing one earned run in those two frames.

Dudley then finished

things off with a scoreless fifth.

“This was a really great way to close out another great trip to Florida,” Finley said. “Everyone played in the game and many of the younger players collected their first hits of the season.

“Terry Parker High School was a great host, taking photos with the Vikings after the game and offering up all kinds of senior night treats to the Vikings players and families. Just a great experience for everyone involved and a really fun night at the ballpark.”

- **On deck:** Mount Horeb was at Sauk Prairie Tuesday, then hosts the Eagles Thursday at 5 p.m. The Vikings then host Monroe Friday at 5 p.m. and host Reedsburg Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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Softball Vikings improve to 3-0

Baber leads Mount Horeb past McFarland

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Rebuild?
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Reload?
It appears that’s exactly what Mount Horeb’s girls softball team has done.

The Vikings — who suffered heavy graduation losses — appear to have restocked just fine. Mount Horeb rolled past McFarland, 5-1, on March 31 and improved to 3-0 on the young season.

Vikings’ sophomore Ella Baber threw a one-hitter against the Spartans, striking out 11, walking four and throwing strikes on 72 of 113 pitches (63.7%). Baber held McFarland scoreless until the sixth, when a pair of walks led to the Spartans’ lone run.

Second baseman Emily Wittenwyler led Mount

Horeb’s attack, going 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Shortstop Lauren Mester went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI and catcher Sonja Schreiber was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Center fielder Jozie Clifton went 2-for-4 with a run scored, while left fielder Isla Odgers had a hit, an RBI and scored a run, and third baseman Delaina Nicewander added an RBI.

Mount Horeb grabbed a 2-0 lead in the third when Wittenwyler singled, advanced to second on an error, moved to third on defensive indifference and scored on a sacrifice by Isla Odgers. Anneka Polman — who reached on an error — later scored on an RBI double by Mester.

The Vikings added two more runs in the fifth to extend their lead to 4-0. Clif-

ton led off the frame with a single, then after a pair of outs, Baber singled. Claire Casey walked to load the bases, then Schreiber and Wittenwyler followed with run-scoring singles.

McFarland scored its lone run in the sixth and closed to within 4-1. In the bottom of the sixth, though, Mount Horeb loaded the bases after singles by Odgers, Clifton and Mester, then Nicewander followed with a sacrifice fly that scored Odgers to make it 5-1.

• **On deck:** The Vikings were at Portage Tuesday and are at Reedsburg Thursday at 5 p.m. Mount Horeb then hosts Iowa-Grant Friday at 5 p.m., hosts Madison West April 13 at 5 p.m. and hosts Madison Edgewood April 14 at 5 p.m.



Delaina Nicewander and Mount Horeb’s girls softball team have raced to a 3-0 start. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Track teams compete at Stevens Point

Freshman Odgers wins 800-meter run

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s track and field teams competed at the Stevens Point Indoor Distance Carnival last Saturday and had several impressive performances.

They included:

GIRLS

• Freshman Isla Odgers won the 800-meter run in 2 minutes, 19.78 seconds. Sophomore Kira Buttner was 23rd in 2:40.78, sophomore Mia Barcheski was 49th (2:53.53) and junior Paige Stenner was 86th (3:12.09).

• Senior Lily Wahl was 23rd in the 1,600-meter run (6:13.36).

• Lucy Rosemeyer was 23rd in the 1,600-meter freshman run (6:46.05).

BOYS

• Liam Crolla was fourth in the 1,600-meter freshman run (5:00.87). Jackson Ballew added a 19th

place finish (5:32.95), Nolan Chancellor was 29th (5:46.56) and Gabe Wisner was 38th (6:01.87).

• Junior Samuel Wyse was 20th in the 800-meter run (2:09.53) and senior Desmond Kelley was 37th (2:14.49). Junior Nathaniel Sherven was 46th (2:16.16), junior Jaxon Hughes was 62nd (2:20.46), sophomore Gavin Van Gorden was 84th (2:25.84) and senior Timothy Kruse was 100th (2:30.79).

• Junior Nicholai Solodin-Braun was 77th in the 1,600-meter run (5:35.71), sophomore Laszlo Kelley was 86th (5:44.57), senior



Samuel Wyse (above), Isla Odgers (right) and Mount Horeb’s girls track teams competed at Stevens Point last Saturday. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



Marc Stoddard was 99th (5:59.72) and junior Jamison Thoe was 106th (6:20.41).



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Boys lacrosse team rolls in season opener

Verona's co-op team cruises past La Crosse

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Verona's boys lacrosse team — which includes players from Mount Horeb — rolled to a 17-3 win over La Crosse in their season opener on March 30.

Junior Cooper Blodgett led the Wildcats with five goals and two assists. Junior Mason Williams, who attends Mount Horeb High School, added three goals and two assists.

Junior Cullen Olson, who also attends Mount Horeb, had three goals and an assist, while junior Jackson Bubbers and sophomore Ryder Blodgett both had two goals.

Freshman Simon Williams, who also attends Mount Horeb, had a goal and an assist, while junior Gabe Weisensel had a goal. Sophomore Eschton Bethke had three assists and sophomore Connor Austin had an assist.

Freshman Riley Stagman won 70.0% of his faceoffs and senior Caleb Jabas had six saves in net.

• **On deck:** The Wildcats hosted Madison Edgewood Tuesday, then host Hudson at 11 a.m.

Verona is then at Janesville Craig/Parker on April 13 at 7 p.m. and hosts Oregon April 16 at 7 p.m.



From left, Cooper Blodgett, Cullen Olson, Caleb Jabas and Mason Williams are the captains for Verona's lacrosse team this season. Photo submitted

Golfers off to solid start

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

The great unknown. That's where Mount Horeb's young and inexperienced boys golf team headed last Saturday.

And all things considered, they went extremely well.

The Vikings, with four new players in their varsity lineup, kicked off their season with a sixth place finish at the 14-team Dodge Point Invite hosted by Mineral Point and Dodgeville.

Cuba City/Southwestern took first with a 322, while Dodgeville (325) and Platteville (327) rounded out the top-three. Mount Horeb shot a 350 on a day where

the temperatures were in the low-40s and winds gusted up to 30 miles an hour.

"Heading into the day, I did not know what to expect from our team," Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. "With four players getting their first experience on varsity and three of them playing in their first-ever high school meet, to say we were inexperienced would be an understatement."

"I thought we did about as good of job as we could battling the elements. We had practiced in similar conditions throughout much of the week, but that still did not make it any less challenging."

Junior Finn La Fleur led

the Vikings with an 82, tying for 15th place in the 67-player field. La Fleur recorded six pars on the front nine and made the turn at 38, then shot a 44 on the back nine.

"Finn played extremely well in leading us at Dodge Point," Krentz said. "Despite the weather, he did a great job keeping the ball in play and out of trouble for much of his round."

Senior Nick Ibinger and freshman Nolan Niemetschek had matching rounds of 89. Ibinger made the team's only birdie of the day on the par-five 11th hole and had four pars during his round, while Niemetschek finished with four pars, as

well.

Sophomore Jace Stadele added a 90 highlighted by four pars, while freshman Breck Boyle shot a 93, including three pars, to round out the scoring for the Vikings.

"With one tournament under our belt, we now have a bit of a better idea of where we are at as a team moving forward," Krentz said. "With such a young group this season, our lineup will likely change from event to event until we get a better idea of what everyone is capable of shooting in competition on a consistent basis."

"It is one thing to go out a play a round with your friends, or even your team-



Mount Horeb boys golf coach Nolan Krentz was thrilled how his team performed at the Dodge Point Invite last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

mates in practice. But it is much more difficult when everything counts in an actual high school event,

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Ibinger had the Vikings' third best nine-hole average last year (42.9) and hopes to improve upon that this season. Ibinger shot a season-best 76 at the Monona Grove Invitational last year and a 79 at the Wisconsin Dells Invite, then posted a 79 at the Mount Horeb Regional held at Edelweiss Country Club to advance to sectionals.

"Hopefully, he is a factor for all-conference honors, as well as making it to sectionals again this year," Krentz said of Ibinger.

Junior Finn La Fleur, who had a nine-hole average of 45.0 with the JV team last season, and senior Andrew Bennin (47.2) will be in the

mix for varsity spots.

"Both played primarily JV last season with Andrew competing in a handful of varsity events," Krentz said.

Freshman Nolan Niemetschek has tremendous upside and could crack the lineup immediately.

"Nolan showed flashes last summer and I would expect him to be in our regular lineup sooner rather than later," Krentz said. "After that, we will need some other players to step up for us."

Krentz knows Mount Horeb's 2025 graduates — Adrian Thoe, Grant Whaley, Braeden Ammann and Cole Cunningham — will be tough to replace. That group combined to play in 61 events last season and were contributors to the program

for many years.

"That experience will be difficult to replace," Krentz said. "That being said, we have a group of young players that are excited and played a lot of golf this summer. We will have an inexperienced squad, but one that I think will show a great deal of improvement throughout the season."

The Badger Small figures to be an extremely competitive league once again.

Defending league champion Madison Edgewood returns a solid nucleus from a year ago. Reedsburg and McFarland have some high level golfers returning, while Fort Atkinson — a newcomer to the Badger Small this year — has a very solid program.

"I hope we are able to be

competitive each conference mini-meet and surprise a few teams this season," Krentz said.

The sectional, which includes state powers Middleton, Waunakee and Madison West, will be among the best

in the state.

For now, Krentz isn't worried about that. He's focused on helping his young squad improve and potentially make some noise as the season unfolds.

"I do like where we are

heading into the start of the year," Krentz said. "While we will not have a lot of experience early on, this group really likes to play golf and I think that will benefit us this season."

TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS
NOTICE

The **Board of Review** of the Town of Cross Plains will meet on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center, 3734 County Road P, Cross Plains WI and via zoom for the purposes of adjournment to a later date.

A **Public Hearing** on a Final Resolution Declaring Intention To Exercise Special Assessment Powers will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 proceeding the Board of Review adjournment at the Community Center, 3734 County Road P, Cross Plains WI and via zoom. The Final Report on the project is available in the Clerk's office and also on the Town website: townofcrossplains.org

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Bella Hoffman (top), Aubrey Rockow (above) and Mount Horeb’s girls soccer team began their new season Tuesday against McFarland. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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per game last season and was shutout 10 times, and Schellpfeffer’s return should lead to a more potent attack this year.

“We’re excited to have Jadyn’s energy back on the field this year,” Lemire said. “She uses her speed and understanding of the game to break down defenses and score goals.

“While she was out with a knee injury last year, this year we expect her to make up for the goals she had to miss out on scoring. She not

only has power behind her shot, but excellent placement. If Jadyn isn’t scoring the goal herself, she’s no doubt involved in whatever play led to the goal.”

Senior forward Maddie Ryan, who had two goals and an assist last season, will be another key offensive piece on Lemire’s chess board.

“Maddie Ryan has a strong left foot,” Lemire said. “I expect her to play an important role in our offense, particularly with her crosses from outside the area.”

Junior Avery Monroe can

play either goalie or on defense, and will be counted on for big things.

“Avery is a pure athlete,” Lemire said. “Whether she’s in goal or on the field, she always plays at 100 percent to give her team the best chance at success. With her at defense — or in goal — we have a great chance of shutting down even the best offense in the Badger Small Conference.”

Senior captain and defender Shayla Morin will lead the defense. And the Vikings’ other returnees all

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Mount Horeb Soccer Roster

Name	No.	Yr.	Pos
Avery Monroe	2/96	Jr.	GK/D
Madeline Ryan	3	Sr.	F
Romy Ginther	4	Sr.	D
Harper Cassens	6	Fr.	F
Aubrey Rockow	7	Soph.	D/M
Khaya Kasubaski	9	Sr.	D/F
Shayla Morin	10	Sr.	D
Jadyn Schellpfeffer	12	Jr.	M/F
Anna Tranel	13	Sr.	M
Nora Helgesen	15	Soph.	D/F
Kendai Kundert	16	Sr.	D
Pippa Barsness	17	Fr.	M
Bella Hoffman	18	Soph.	F
Kaylynn Duckett	19	Sr.	D
Evelyn Wurdeman	20	Soph.	M
Natalie Sheahan	21	Soph.	F
Maren Johnson	22	Jr.	F
Jaina Czyzewski	23	Jr.	M/D
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Horeb, Dane County, Wisconsin adopted the following ordinance amendment at the Village Board meeting on April 1, 2026.

Ordinance 2026-04 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 11.09 COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND CREATE SECTION 11.10 COLLECTION OF AND DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLES".

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a copy of the ordinance is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk. It is also available on the village website at www.mounthorebwi.info.

Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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TOWN OF SPRINGDALE

REQUEST FOR BIDS

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Jackie Arthur, Administrator/Clerk
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Ordinance 2026-05 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 18 LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS, MOUNT HOREB, WISCONSIN".

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

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

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
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CONTRACT 26-100 2026 STREET IMPROVEMENTS
SOUTH FIRST STREET (CARVER ST TO FRONT ST)
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The Village of Mount Horeb will receive sealed bids for the referenced project until **11:00 A.M., Thursday, April 23, 2026**, at the Village Office, 138 East Main Street, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin 53572. At that time, bids will be opened and read aloud.

Bids are to be addressed to the Village of Mount Horeb, ATTN: Village Clerk, Mount Horeb Village Hall, 138 East Main Street, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin 53572, and shall be marked "Sealed Bid – CONTRACT 26-100, 2026 STREET IMPROVEMENTS."

A complete set of the PDF Electronic Contract Documents may be obtained by contacting Sarah Pelletier of SmithGroup at Sarah.Pelletier@smithgroup.com. Drawings may not be picked up at the SmithGroup office as the Contract Documents (Drawings and Specifications) are **NOT** pre-printed.)

Drawings for the work will be available as PDF electronically from SmithGroup on or after April 9, 2026.

Drawings for the work are on file for inspection at the Village Office, 138 East Main Street, Mount Horeb on or after April 9, 2026.

Plan Holders are required to provide an e-mail address to receive addenda and other information electronically. Plan Holders are required to designate whether they are a prime contractor, subcontractor, or supplier, which will be posted on the project Plan Holders List.

All bidders must include a Statement of Bidder's Qualifications with sealed Bids.

Bidders who submit a bid must be a Plan Holder of record at the issuing office. Bids from Bidders not on the Plan Holders List may be returned as being not responsive.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond equal to at least 10% of the maximum bid as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the Contractor will, within 10 days of receipt of the Notice of Award, furnish the Owner with a Performance and Payment Bond equal to the Contract price.

The project engineer contact is Nick Johnson at SmithGroup, 44 East Mifflin Street, Suite 500, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, (608)421-7323 or Nick.Johnson@smithgroup.com.

Portions of this Contract are funded with WisDOT Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) / Dane County Municipal Street Improvements (MSI) funds.

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ESTIMATE OF PRINCIPAL ITEMS

Excavation	6,700	CY
Concrete Curb & Gutter	5,720	LF
Concrete Driveway	205	SF
Concrete Sidewalk (5")	11,080	SF
Base Course (12")	13,800	SY
Bituminous Pavement	12,200	SY
Water Main	2,825	LF
Hydrants	9	EA
Sanitary Sewer Main (Spot Repair)	35	LF
Sanitary Sewer Structures	2	EA

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TOWN BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Perry Town Hall, 10084
County Highway A
Video call link:
<https://meet.google.com/wzx-hijg-jvh>
7:30 PM

1. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Announcements.
3. Comments by Town residents — non-agenda items.
4. Land Use:
 - a. committee appointment.
 - b. Ben Marquardt, 401 CTH H — ground-mounted PV solar array.
 - c. Eric Schloesser, 1372 Keller Rd. — accessory bldg.
 - d. Wind turbines; Solar array siting process.
5. Roads, Equipment, Facilities
 - a. Recycling Center — Additional Opening hours; tire collection/fees.
 - b. Sale of Western Star truck update.
 - c. Review mower status and budget.
 - d. Aaron Skogen — ATV/UTV access on Town roads.
 - e. Residents' snow and grass clippings on Town roads.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Friends of the Parks of Perry report.
8. Parks and Open Space Committee report.
9. Dane Co. Towns Association and Wisconsin Towns Association discussions.
10. Community meeting / correspondence to elected representatives update.
11. Minutes of Previous Meetings — March 10, 2026; March 25, 2026.
12. Pay Bills due.
13. Polling place procedures — ICE agents, others.
14. Succession planning.
15. Closed Session. Dane Co. Circuit Court case 15CV0065 DSG; Hauge Historic District Park easement negotiations: convene a closed session under WI § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy and WI § 19.85(1)(b) and (c) personnel.
16. Adjournment.

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

Mary L. Price
Town Clerk
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Single Sealcoat:

Clean existing road surface, apply emulsified asphalt with full-width sprayer, cover with 3/8-inch washed pea stone, and roll with pneumatic tire roller.

Overland Rd from town line to Keller Rd	1.12 mi
Dead End Rd	0.61 mi
Dead End Ln	0.48 mi
Grinder Rd	0.19 mi
Perry Center Rd from CTH JG to Keller Rd	0.43 mi
Albert Haag Rd	0.19 mi
Town Hall parking lot	approx. 5000 sq ft

Sealed bids are due by Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5:00 PM.
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have substantial experience after taking some lumps in 2025.

“All of our returning players played a significant amount last year, but this year some girls will be stepping into new roles,” Lemire said. “We’re going to be playing a different formation from last year, so some girls will be playing positions they haven’t played before.”

Mount Horeb also welcomes a freshman class that has Lemire extremely excited.

Freshman Harper Casens is a center forward who could develop into an elite scorer. Freshmen Stella

Simmons and Pippa Barsness will be key members of Mount Horeb’s midfield, while freshman keeper Sara Seibel could emerge as the Vikings’ goalie.

“We have a strong freshmen class this year on both JV and varsity,” Lemire said. “I coached these girls while they were in middle school, and I’m excited to finally have them playing high school soccer.”

The Badger Small is an elite conference, and Lemire knows what a challenge it is to crack the upper half of the league.

Madison Edgewood won the conference last year and reached the WIAA Division 3 state championship game. Sauk Prairie was second in the league and reached the Division 2 state tournament

in 2025, and McFarland reached the state tournament in 2024.

The Vikings — who went 3-3 in the conference last season — should be significantly improved, though. And that could make Lemire’s first season an extremely enjoyable one.

“We have a lot of good individual players, but I’m hoping we learn to be effective as a team,” Lemire said. “As long as we can keep the ball and play smart, we have the physical talent to play against any team.”

“I expect our girls to have a winning season and some close, competitive games with the best teams in our area. No matter what, I know these girls will always play with heart.”



Clockwise from top left, Jadyn Schellpfeffer (12), Kolbie Severson (24), Maren Johnson (22) and Mount Horeb’s girls soccer team are hoping to have a big season this spring. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



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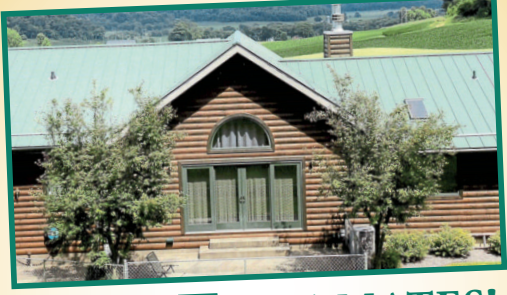
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