

**Police
working to
investigate
comments
about
shooting
at school**

Mount Horeb Mail

As Mount Horeb worked to come to terms with the events of May 1, local parents learned that the school district and law enforcement were dealing with troubling comments made the following week.

“This afternoon, we learned of a situation involving a student who is alleged to have made comments about shooting at school,” said a message sent to parents in the Mount Horeb Area School District from superintendent Dr. Steve Salerno on Thursday of last week. “As we do in all such circumstances, we refer any weapons-related allegation to law enforcement, among other things. This student’s parents have been contacted. As due process is a basic tenant of our Constitution, and the individual is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), I will refrain from further commenting about this allegation, the ongoing investigation, and/or potential for disciplinary action.”

Salerno continued: “Once again, I need your help: Please reinforce with your **continued on page 4**



Students travel back in time



Local students traveled back in time (and to the District 1 Schoolhouse in Mount Horeb) on Tuesday of last week, learning all about what school used to be like. The Mount Horeb Landmarks Foundation, Inc. is an all volunteer 501(C)(3) organization which has been instrumental in the ongoing restoration of the Schoolhouse at 110 N. 2nd Street. It is the oldest school building in the village and has been designated by the village board as a local historic landmark. Pictured above, fourth grader Evelyn Jackson (left) looks up and smiles at the “new” electric lights in the building. Photo by Matt Geiger.

Creation and connection

*Native artist hand-crafts
authentic lacrosse sticks*



Sepatis Menomin will visit Mount Horeb Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19.

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For at least a thousand years, people have played lacrosse on this soil. Through times of famine and plenty, through war and peace, through and across the broad, messy, perplexing and breathtaking spectrum of the human experience,

people have found joy and solace in the games they play.

Lacrosse is more American than apple pie, than blue jeans or rock music. It's more American than the term "America" itself. It is one of the oldest known sports on this continent.

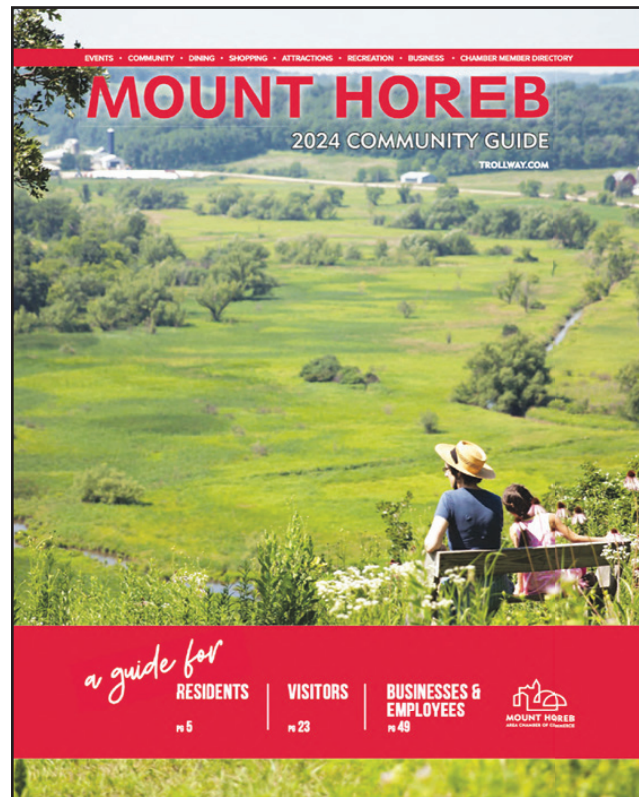
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Chamber unveils exciting new Community Guide

**Look for
it now!**

The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to have partnered with Finger Publishing Company to create a brand-new Mount Horeb Community Guide, which contains a section geared toward residents, one toward visitors, and one toward entrepreneurs looking to start or grow a business here. We hope you enjoy the complimentary copy that landed in your mailbox with your Buyer's Guide on Tuesday. You can find additional copies at the Mount Horeb Welcome Center.

You can also request more copies on our website: mounthorebchamber.com/info.



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FFA members celebrate at banquet

By ANAVEJA BURNS-BLIZZARD
FFA Reporter

Mt. Horeb FFA held their Annual Banquet on March 21st, in the High School Gym, with over 300 people attending to support members and their achievements. The Banquet was started with a reflection presented by Mt. Horeb FFA Sentinel Boden Schaller, followed by a meal. After the meal, FFA Officers started the meeting with the Opening Ceremony featuring Vice-President Karlei Droster. Mt. Horeb FFA President Kendyll Theobald welcomed guests and members

and introduced her mother, Sheryl Theobald, who greeted the gathering on behalf of parents. State FFA Vice President Lindsay Mueller presented remarks on behalf of the Wisconsin FFA.

Mt. Horeb FFA Alumni President Amanda Anderson presented the George Johnson scholarship to Karlei Droster, as well as the FFA Alumni Outstanding Service Award to Jessica and Mack Arnold. Loretta Herfel presented the Gary Pertzborn Scholarship to Boden Schaller. Sally Kittleson gave a gift in memory of her father, Gaylord Kittleson

to the FFA Chapter. The gift, a set of FFA jackets, will be used by younger members to attend official FFA conventions, conferences, and contests.

The FFA officers conferred the Greenhand and Chapter FFA Degrees on members. FFA officers also presented the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree to Hailey Schulenberg and John Arnold. Agricultural Sciences Instructor Makayla Bresch presented Local FFA Proficiency Awards to members. Mt. Horeb FFA Secretary Aubrey Schlicht and Vice-President Karlei Droster presented the Speaking

Contest plaques and Faculty Assistants pins. Mt. Horeb FFA Reporter Anaveja Burns-Blizzard and Historian Ava Dyreson made and presented the FFA “Year in Review” slide show. Mt Horeb FFA Treasurer Roman Vesperman gave the Holiday Sales Report. The evening concluded with Mt. Horeb FFA Parliamentarian Romy Ginther handing out door prizes which were generously donated by local businesses. Mt. Horeb FFA thanks everyone who attended, donated and showed support to our FFA members and their achievements this school year.



FFA members gather for the Annual Banquet.



Sally Kittleson (L) presents a gift to the Chapter, in memory of her father Gaylord Kittleson, to FFA President Kendyll Theobald.



FFA President Kendyll Theobald (L) and FFA Alumni President Amanda Anderson present the Outstanding Service Award to Jessica and Mack Arnold



Boden Schaller (L) receives the Gary Pertzborn Memorial Scholarship from Loretta Herfel (R).



Karlei Droster (L) receives the George Johnson Scholarship from FFA Alumni President Amanda Anderson.

FFA held annual banquet in March; more than 300 people attended



FFA members receiving Local Proficiency Awards includes (Front Row L to R) Bentley Sutter, Aubrey Schlicht, Olivia Droessler, and Ava Dyreson (Back Row L to R) Taylor Ferguson, Anaveja Burns-Blizzard, James Zwettler, Layla Havens, Callaway Deegan, Karlei Droster, Areyes Scoles, and Kayman Sutter.



FFA Speaking Contest participants include (L to R) Anaveja Burns-Blizzard, Layla Havens, Romy Ginther, Ava Dyreson, and Nadine Wersche.



Left: Top Holiday Sales included (L to R) Matthew Mahoney - Third Place, Taylor Ferguson - Second Place, and Karlei Droster - First Place.

GLEANINGS

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- May 10, 1894

John Vilberg was kicked by a horse last Saturday quite severely, but is around. Mr. Brager has moved his jewelry store and watch making outfit into J.N. Dahlen's harness store and occupies one of the front windows. A.G. Paulson will occupy the quarters vacated by Mr. Brager.

Ayen & Holum sprinkled the streets for the first time this season, Tuesday.

Bennie Grinder while candling eggs at Dahle Bros., found among some waste paper, a \$1000 note, given by one of our merchants to his retired partner.

The dedication of the Academy will take place Thursday, the 17th of May.

From the Academy building can be seen by aid of a telescope no less than eleven churches, as follows: Blue Mounds, Perry, two York churches, Primrose, two German churches, one north west and one north of Mt. Horeb, Springdale, Verona and two at this place, while one church now under construction in Primrose and the Catholic church here, will increase the number to thirteen.

130 Years Ago- May 17, 1894

The old landmark, Thompson's shop, was taken down last week and has made room for some other buildings more suitable to that portion of the business part of our village. Mr. Thompson will re-erect the old shop near the railroad, for a coal shed, and the scales will also go with the building.

The Post Office at Forward will be moved a little further east now, to Henry Gladen's. We congratulate the prohibitionist that got it and also the mail carrier getting another half mile added to his route.

The Mount Horeb Swift

and the Middleton Lightweights will cross bats on the formers' diamond Saturday, May 19. They expect to get "done up," consequently they will have to charge a small admission fee of 10¢ to help defray the expenses.

A new cheese factory has been built near Martin Mickelson's and was put into operation last week. The neighborhood has had a long distance to haul their milk and the dairy industry is quite extensively carried on in Vermont.

120 Years Ago- May 13, 1904

The Boston bloomers girls' baseball team lost to Mount Horeb 5-3 Saturday. The visitors conducted themselves in a strictly professional manner, not a syllable or manner out of place or unbecoming, so that none but the narrow-minded would look with a critical eye upon the attraction. Between four and five hundred attended the attraction, under a canvas enclosure.

Justus Heuser's new barn looms up in the western horizon. It is a mammoth structure with hip roof and storm basement. Mr. H. has also commenced to make preparations for a new dwelling house.

Mrs. Charles Himsel, Riley, was operated on for cancer in the breast at the Madison hospital last week. At last reports, she was likely to get better.

110 Years Ago- May 14, 1914

Sealed bids will be received by T. G. Lingard, President, Village Board, for the furnishing and laying of two water pipe service connections.

H. C. Pitts has the agency

for the celebrated Thor motorcycle and is giving the boys demonstrations. It's a fine appearing machine.

The Stoughton ski slide structure was blown down during the heavy wind-storm Monday. This may be a warning to the ones in charge of affairs here to put some guys on the one in Lake Park.

Go to Daleyville next Saturday to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Norway's independence. There will be singing and oratory galore, and more. All the bakery pudding and pulstost one can wish for will be served. No one can therefore afford to stay away.

100 Years Ago- May 13, 1924

Orville Bergh must use a super kind of worms when he fishes for trout, as he came home Friday night with a German Brown trout 22 inches long and weighing a strong 4-3/4 pounds. The editor can vouch for the veracity of these figures as he was the one who measured and weighed the big fellow. "Bugs" presented the fish to Dr. Buckner who no doubt had a feast the next day. He has preserved the head of the fish and it may be scene at his office.

The words of the popular song, "It ain't goin' to rain no mo!" must have been running through the minds of a great number of people who bravely set out for the high school building last evening. To say the concert was a success would hardly do it justice. Every number was heartily received and the crowd was constantly begging for more. The intensive training they have gone through the last three weeks brought marked results. The attack was snappy

and unified, the tone qualities good and the intonation due to exacting work by Director Hanneman was exceptionally fine.

Berg school closed for the summer vacation on Thursday, May 1. A picnic dinner was enjoyed by pupils and visitors at noon. Pupils being neither tardy nor absent for the entire year were: Myrtle Jacobson and Merlin Jacobson.

A pre-nuptial shower was held at the Fred Lehman home last week for Miss Ethel, who is soon to be the bride of Roy Tvedt, of Madison. Needless to say that she received many useful and valuable articles. The evening was very enjoyably spent in dancing. All present report a very good time.

80 Years Ago- May 11, 1944

Mary Lou Fosshage, daughter of Mildred Fosshage, Mount Horeb, is the valedictorian of the high school gradating class and Judith Shelstad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Shelstad, Verona, is the salutatorian.

The Rev. and Mrs. E.R. Anderson announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Gundrun, to Wilbur Wicklund, son of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Wicklund, Oshkosh. The wedding will take place Tuesday, May 17, at the chapel of Northwestern Lutheran Seminary at Minneapolis, Minn., where Mr. Wicklund is a theological student. The Rev. E.R. Anderson will officiate.

Isaac Myrland and family have moved to Beloit where Mr. Myrland has accepted a position as branch manager of Wadhams Oil Company in that area.

70 Years Ago- May 13, 1954

Kendall Gladem and Ruth Nelson will reign as king and queen of the junior prom Saturday night, May 16.

A/2C Stephen Hopkins returned Tuesday from Alaska, where he had spent two years with the U.S. Air Force at Elemendorf Air Base.

Mrs. C. Roy Strange was elected first vice president of Third District American Legion Auxiliary at the spring conference held Thursday, May 6, at Brodhead.

Announcement is made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Ruth Marie Minnig of Verona to Dale W. Garfoot, Mount Horeb. The wedding will take place May 19 in the Mt. Vernon Evangelical and Reformed Church.

60 Years Ago- May 14, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dimick have purchased the new home at 102 Ravine Road recently completed by Nesheim Builders. The Dimicks and their three children will move here in June.

Dr. Homer H. Buckner was one of 12 Wisconsin physicians honored by the State Medical Society of

Wisconsin, Tuesday, May 12 when they were awarded memberships in the society's Fifty-Year Club.

John E. Schwenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Schwenn, has accepted a position with the Stockton, Ill. school system.

30 Years Ago- May 19, 1994

Associate Pastor Glenn Zimbelman of the Mount Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church takes over as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Madison on May 19. He came here six and a half years ago as the ELC's first associate pastor.

Mary Lehner was the first person to adopt a tree under the Recreation Department's new plan. The burr oak is located near the shelter in Grundahl Park and is dedicated to the memory of Lehner's son, Thomas.

Mikayla Elizabeth is the name chosen by Joseph and Deborah Haglund for their daughter, born in Monday, May 9 at Meriter Hospital.

Carl Danhouser, age 90, Mount Horeb, died on Friday, May 13, 1994 at the Ingleside Nursing Home. He was a local attorney and the founder of the Zor Shrine Clown unit of Madison.

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THREATS

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children the following messaging the District has been sharing with our young people:

We take all threats of violence seriously. There can never be complacency when it comes to school safety. For an individual(s) proven to have violated the safety

of our schools, the District is prepared to recommend disciplinary action, up to and including a recommendation for expulsion. Moreover, we are prepared to partner with police to lawfully provide whatever information they may need to ensure culpable offenders feel the full weight of the judicial system.

The students who reported this specific incident

are to be lauded for taking a stand. In this instance, these students used the Office of School Safety’s ‘Speak Up, Speak Out’ anonymous tip line. More information about that resource may be found on our District’s website, www.mounthoreb-schools.org.

Mount Horeb chief of police Doug Vierck said Salerno’s message was sent

out after joint discussions between the police department and the school district “in an attempt to ask for help from parents to discuss the severity of these comments and hopefully reduce the number of them as we move forward.”

Vierck explained that there were reports involved students were making “statements about causing

harm or bringing a weapon to school.”

“We know that this could be caused by processing for young minds that are struggling to understand what happened or it could be a real threat,” Vierck commented. “But we also know that these comments and incidents are common after major critical incidents, so we expect them to occur.”

“For safety and security purposes, all statements are taken as real threats until proven otherwise,” Vierck continued. “In each of the instances, students were identified, students, witnesses, and parents were contacted, and the threats were assessed.”

Read more about the district’s critical incident response plan on page 7.

LACROSSE

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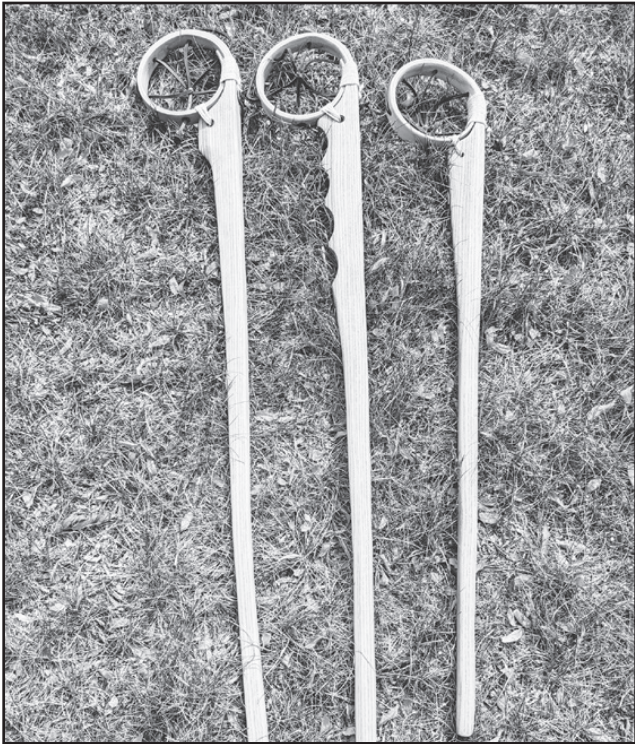
An indigenous artist named Sepatis Menomin, 35, is making sure this beautiful game doesn’t slip into the ethereal fog of history, all while using lacrosse to reconnect broken strands of community. By making authentic lacrosse sticks and playing the sport, he is connecting native people to each other, and forging bonds with the many other people who today call this country home today, too. He is also, and perhaps this is the most important part of all, having fun and making art while keeping his heritage alive.

Menomin is a member of the Forest County Potawatomi, but like so many people, his heritage is a rich tapestry with threads connecting to many groups of native peoples. Born in Milwaukee, his family moved to the Green Bay and Oneida area when he was nine years old. He attended the Oneida Nation School System, and from an early age he loved the creative process.

“I’ve always been kind of artistic,” he said. “Growing



Artist Sepatis Menomin harvests wood and makes lacrosse sticks that connect both native and non-native people to the region and its history.



up, I was always drawing in my sketchbook, doing arts and crafts. Both of my parents made their own powwow regalia, so it was something I just naturally picked up on.”

From an early age, he was aware of the significance of lacrosse.

“It’s one of the oldest sports that’s indigenous to North America,” he said. “There are a lot of differ-

ent variations in different places. Here in the Great Lakes area it’s very different than the modern game that you see, which is based on the Iroquois sticks and game. Here, we use a smaller stick and smaller basket. I actually wasn’t exposed to the Great Lakes game until I was a little older.”

“The Oneida have a strong connection to the sport,” he continued. “It’s ceremonial.”

He said that historically, people have played lacrosse from a young age.

“It’s said that Oneida men are born with a lacrosse stick in their hand,” he explained. “That their parents give them a stick when they come out.”

Menomin said the game can heal people and gift them with great joy.

“I think what I love about

it is the feeling I get from playing,” he explained. “To still be able to play. It’s said this game is a great gift, that it’s a healing game that was given to us. Every time I play, I feel it does something for the community.”

But he says that gift was in danger of dying out just a few years ago.

While his affection for lacrosse stretches back to his childhood, Menomin didn’t start making sticks until two years ago, when a friend reached out and made him aware of grant money available for initiatives focused on cultural growth and preservation.

“Lacrosse came up a couple times,” he recalls. “I started looking for someone who was making sticks, and I couldn’t find anyone.”

Menomin then did was resourceful people so often do. He created the thing he saw was missing.

“I looked on YouTube,” he said. “Everything is on You-

Tube. And I started learning how to make them.”

“I kind of got this idea of getting sticks to the community,” he said. “That if we did that, we could bring this game back to the community. The Elders said they wanted it, so I ordered some tools and started to make my own.”

Menomin soon learned that in some areas, the old ways truly are better than their newer counterparts.

“I started with wood I bought from Home Depot,” he said. “That didn’t really work, so I decided to harvest my own trees. That was better.”

He starts with 50-inch logs about 10 inches in diameter. Using an axe and a wedge, he works the wood down to size, creates a tapered end, then bends the wood into shape using steam. He adds holes, strings the stick, stains the wood and finishes it with beeswax, and then it is ready to display or (as he

prefers) be used in games.

To date, he has made an estimated 100 hand-carved sticks, in addition to a few dozen he machined. He sells them at events and online, and he said the reception has been positive. He says he is thrilled that his sticks have brought players both native and non-native to the sport he loves.

“I feel I make these sticks for a purpose, and that purpose is so that people can play these healing games,” he says.

Menomin and his work will come to Mount Horeb on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St, downtown Mount Horeb). The Historim is hosting its 6th Annual Native Art Marketplace, a celebration of the art and culture of Wisconsin’s First People is an ongoing partnership initiative of the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society (MHAHS) and Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF) of Wisconsin Dells.

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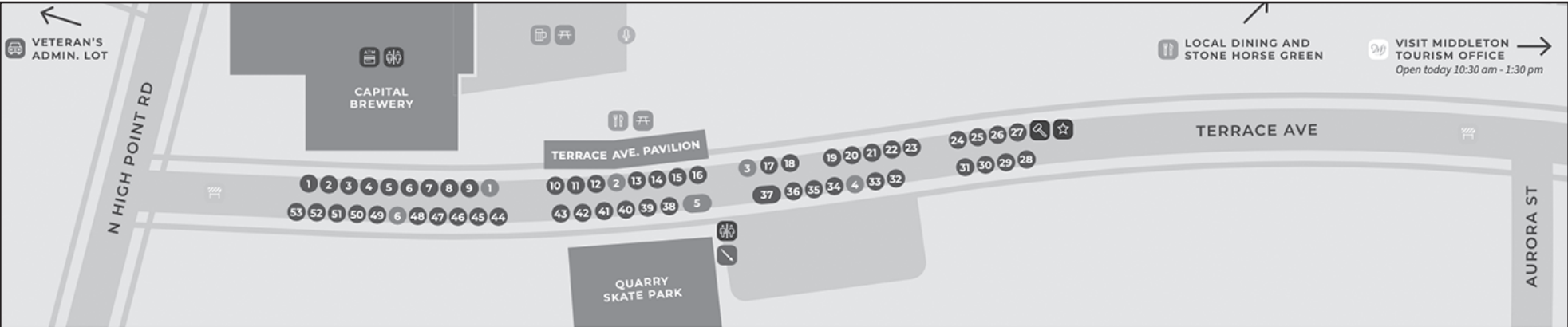
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DEMO ARTISTS

1. Flags Over Wisconsin - Wood & Resin Pouring, 10 am - 5 pm

2. Amandalynn Jones - Clay, 10 am - 12 pm & 1 - 3 pm

3. Brota Oroian - Painting & Music, 3 - 5 pm

4. Artworking - Printmaking, 10 am - 5 pm

5. Fatty Pinky Glass - Glassblowing, 10:30-5 pm

6. Expressively You - Caricatures, 10 am - 12:30 pm & 1 - 3:30 pm

KIDS' CORNER

1. Eric Heiligenstein - Harmonica Demonstration, 12:30 - 1 pm

2. Neil the Real Deal - Balloon Artist, 11am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 4 pm

3. Arts Committee - Bubble Wands & Wax Resist, 10 - 5 pm

4. Ross Knipfer - Chalk Artist, 10 am - 5 pm

5. Middleton Area Historical Society - Paper Hats, 10:30 am - 5 pm

6. Radiant Smiles, Face Painting, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

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SILENT AUCTION

A map of the Art Walk, highlighting all the great attractions.

By **MATT GEIGER**
Finger Publishing

MIDDLETON—The third annual Art Walk Middleton is planned for May 18, and will offer a variety of art, live music, food and kid’s activities for visitors to the one-day art festival.

Art Walk will take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Terrace Avenue in downtown Middleton. There will be over 50 artists of various media showing and selling their work. Those works include painting, photography, ceramics, fiber, wood-working and more. In addition, there will be several artists demonstrating their talents on site during the event.

Musicians will take the stage at in the Capital Brewery Biergarten throughout the day. Too Sick Charlie will kick off the live music at 10 a.m.,

followed by Blue Spruce at 12:30 p.m., and Some Assembly Required will take the stage at 3 p.m., rounding out the day.

The event also features a silent auction of art donated by the participants.

“The proceeds from the auction fund our Middleton Youth Center art classes during the school year. We appreciate all the support we receive from the artists, some of whom have taught the classes, themselves,” she explained.

In addition, there will be five food vendors offering up a variety of delicious food at Art Walk, Lily’s Magical Treats, Sabor Regio, Jakarta, Café Costa Rica and Paddy’s Patties.

“We do have a couple of new things going on at Art Walk this year,” said Michelle Phillips, chair of the Middleton Arts

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Committee, which hosts the event.

“The kids’ corner will offer fun art and music activities all day long. We are also having an after party, ‘Bubbles ‘n Beats,’ at Stone Horse Green beginning at 5:30,” Philips continued. “The after party will

feature bubble blowing and dance music. At the festival one of our kids’ corner activities is making a bubble wand that can be used at Bubbles ‘N Beats.”

Also new this year is the sale of merchandise at the event. “We will have t-shirts and stickers available for sale this year as well,” said

Phillips.

“We are very excited to see the festival grow, and to offer the opportunity for guests to enjoy a day of art and music in beautiful, downtown Middleton. None of this could happen without the hard work of volunteers within the community and especially the

Art Walk working group, which spends countless hours throughout the year to bring the event to fruition,” she concluded.

Terrace Avenue will be closed to all traffic between Aurora Street to North High Point Road from 5 a.m.-6 p.m. to accommodate the festival.

In addition to the Middleton Arts Committee, Art Walk is sponsored by Visit Middleton Community Development Authority, Wisconsin Public Radio, Willy Street Coop, Sketchworks, Bee Foundry, Downtown Middleton Business Association, Capital Brewery,

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Great Sauk State Trail Blends Beauty of Art and Nature

A true sight to see for all those around

By Joe Block
Finger Publishing

The Great Sauk State Trail is the jewel of southern Sauk County’s natural attractions, paralleling the Wisconsin River through Sauk Prairie and then stretching north through the Sauk Prairie State Recreation Area near Devils Lake. Established in 2017 after years of work on the part of a dedicated group of local individuals, the paved, multi-use trail traces through the heart of the Sauk Prairie community, and in that segment features nearly ten custom pieces of art.

This 10.5-mile trail is a mix of Sauk Prairie’s urban delights and the peaceful prairie of the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area. Starting at the former entrance of the Sauk City railroad bridge, near the Water Street and John Quincy Adams Street intersection in Sauk City, the trail terminates at the northern boundary of the recreation area and close to the Devils Lake State Park boundary.

The Great Sauk State Trail is part of the Wisconsin State Park System and consequently a trail pass is required for all bikers and roller bladers, 16 years and older. Trail passes can be purchased on the trail at a self-serve station near the Ruth Culver Library or at the Sauk Prairie Chamber of Commerce, Prairie du Sac Village Hall, Sauk County Clerk’s Office and the Sauk County Parks and Recreation Office.

The asphalt, 10-foot wide trail is a level grade throughout and does cross major intersections in the Sauk Prairie section. The trail is not groomed in the winter. A section of the trail—Lincoln/Water Street to roughly 760 Water Street, in Prairie du Sac—is closed from November through March to protect the local bald eagle habitat along the

river. A yellow gate bars entry during closure. Pets must be on an eight-foot leash and of course clean up after them.

The Friends of the Great Sauk State Trail, established in 2015 as a nonprofit “with a mission to enhance, promote, manage and advocate for the continued development of the Great Sauk State Trail,” have a website dedicated to the trail that offers up a wealth of information. It can be found at: www.greatsaukstatetrail.org.

One of the main attractions of the trail as it winds through urban Sauk Prairie are the various pieces of artwork installed along the way. There are 11 in all, which range from a bench with bronze sandals sitting nearby as a memorial to an old railroad switch to a 104-foot-long eagle painted on a building.

“Love, daydreamer, trust” by Ryan Fielding of Prairie du Sac is a steel and stainless-steel sculpture in three parts. It was donated by Culver Franchising System, Lea Culver, and The Craig C. Culver Foundation in 2019, and can be found at the intersection of Dallas Street and Phillips Blvd, Sauk City, next to the very first Culver’s.

“Celebrate Health,” by Bernie Poff, Maggie Poff, and Susan Poff of Polliwog Studio of Prairie du Sac, WI, as well as Chris Barry of Madison, WI, is a roughly 50-foot-wide painting of butterflies and people along the train in wild colors. It’s acrylic paint on aluminum and can be found behind 540 Water St, Prairie du Sac. It was donated by the Sauk Prairie Healthcare Foundation with additional grant funds provided by the Sauk County Extension, Arts & Culture Committee, and the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin.

“Protector of the River,” by John Pahlas from Mt.



There are metal statues that can be enjoyed throughout the trail. (Left) Represents a parent with their child, (Right) represents the beauty of a flying bird.

Horeb, Wisconsin, is an eagle sculpture made out of salvaged metal, and was donated by the Prairie du Sac with additional funding provided by Sauk County UW Extension Arts & Culture Committee and Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts. This piece can be found just north of the Prairie/Water St. Intersection before the VFW, in Prairie du Sac.

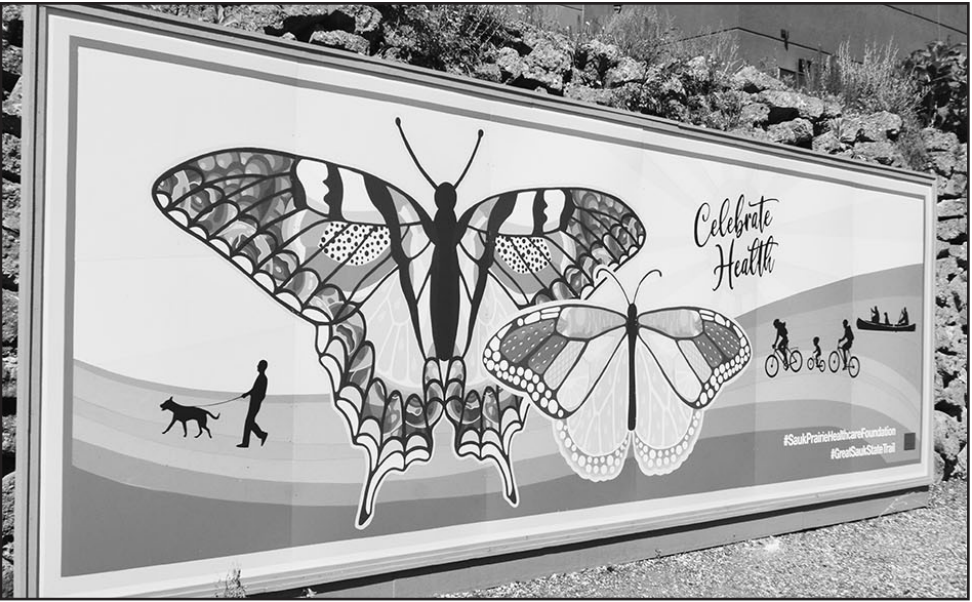
The trail also features eighteen interpretive signs. The Sauk Prairie section has nine signs, installed between 2018 and 2021, thanks to support from the Sauk City Historic Preservation Committee, Sauk Prairie Area Historical Society, River Arts Inc., Alliant Energy, Sauk County UW Extension Arts & Culture Committee and Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Village of Prairie du Sac added a final sign to that section.

The Sauk Prairie Recreation Area section of trail features another nine signs, added in the summer of 2019 thanks to support from the Friends of the Great Sauk State Trail, Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance, REI Co-op (Madison), and River Arts Inc. All signs were designed by Sue Poff of Polliwog Studio in Prairie du Sac, WI.

From local art to local signage to local fundrais-



One of the many metal statues up on the trail that can be enjoyed by all.



A sign welcoming all those ready to embark on the trail. Photos by The Friends of the Great Sauk State Trail.

ing the Great Sauk State Trail truly is a labor of love of Sauk Prairie. Linking future Dane County trails in Mazomanie via soon-to-be-

built Wisconsin Recreation Bridge at the southern terminus of the trail and stretching to eventually connect with Sauk County

showpiece Devils Lake State Park, the trail is an essential part of the Sauk Prairie—and southern Sauk County—experience.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Father who lost son to suicide weighs in following May 1

I am writing as a father who lost a son to suicide many years ago. The tragic loss of this fourteen year old student does affect me personally. I think of ways that the killing could have been prevented: negotiation, involvement of his parents, identification of the pellet gun as a non-lethal threat, even shooting him in a non-vital area. Sometimes animals are controlled with a tranquilizing dart. Was there not enough time to explore all options?

About my personal experience in case it might be of value to others: I saw definite signs my son was losing his struggle with depression. Even though I had training in the area of mental health, my fear that he might kill himself was so strong that I turned away from confronting him directly. I could have asked him, “Son are you thinking of ending your life?”

Instead, I asked for an emergency meeting with all his caregivers but was refused that. I called him and asked for permission to speak with his doctor, and he refused. In less than a week he was dead.

Parents, teachers, administrators, friends, do ask those questions: Push hard. Pry. Beg. Say you would be available 24/7. Say how devastated you would be if they were gone. Do tell the person they matter, are loved, and can receive the necessary help that may make their life happy instead of miserable. They may have given up but it is our responsibility not to ever give up on them, and never to turn away from the challenge they present.

Daniel E. McMeen
Blue Mounds

Tragedy could have been ‘much worse’

In light of events in Mount Horeb on Wednesday, May 1st, I want to say that some things are priceless. The leadership shown by MHASD Superintendent Dr. Steve Salerno and the Board of Education to plan, design and fund the modernized school buildings in Mount Horeb is an example of this. But for the upgraded facilities, staff and student training and calm actions of both, the tragedy would have been much worse. The leadership of our Mount Horeb Police Department, led by Chief Doug Vierck, contributed to the safety of our children and our com-

munity. While many in our community had questions about the price of our upgraded school district and police department facilities in recent years, this week’s events have proven their value. Thank you to all for providing us with the leadership, planning and direction needed to keep our schools and community safe. Mount Horeb is truly strong because of this leadership.

Brad Murphy
Mount Horeb

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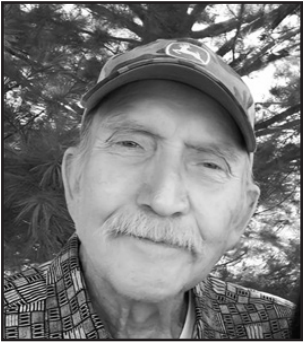
Now we know. It can happen here. A desperate student took a pellet gun to school. It ended tragically. We know the school and first responders were prepared to keep students, teachers, staff and community safe. Thank you. We also know we don’t have a perfect record. We lost one student. Trauma has shaken many. Can it happen here again? How do we get better at helping the next student or adult before they do something desperate?

Bryan Brosamle
Mount Horeb

OBITUARY

Vern J. Miller

March 6, 1941 -
May 6, 2024



MOUNT HOREB - Vern J. Miller, age 83, of Mount Horeb, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 6, 2024, at his country residence surrounded by his family. He was born on March 6, 1941, in Richland Township, Wis., the son of Earl and Florence (Schricker) Miller. He was born at home on the farm where he grew up milking cows and doing fieldwork. After attending a one-room schoolhouse in Boaz, Wis., Vern graduated and later went on to earn his degree at MATC for Automotive Mechanics. He proudly served his country as a medic in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1963 and received an Honorable Discharge in 1966. On Sept. 2, 1978, he married Cheryl

“Cheri” (Hotmar) Miller in Madison, Wis. Vern spent his working career as an auto mechanic, retiring in 1997, after 32 years with the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Vern was a kind and generous man, a jack of all trades, and was known as a great neighbor and friend. He was a devoted husband and father and loved his family deeply. Vern is survived by his wife, Cheri; daughters, Colleen (Aaron) Curtner, Mary Sue (Gary) Merritt and Cindy O’Meara; son, Dale Miller; sister, Carol Ninedorf; brothers, Jerry (Carol) Miller and Tom Miller; and several nieces, nephews and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Florence Miller; mother and father-in-law, Morey and Lenore Hotmar; sisters, Virginia “Ginny” (Bill) Lord and Gloria (Charlie) Thompson; brother, Johnny Miller; and brother-in-law, Phil Ninedorf. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. A full obituary may be viewed and online condolences made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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SCHOOL SAFETY

Director of Student Services talks about how the school district prepared for May 1

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

Brian Johnson, Director of Student Services, has been with the Mount Horeb Area School District for seven years. He played a key role in crafting the critical incident response plan used May 1. He recently answered our questions about the process.

How have the district’s critical incident plans changed/evolved over the years? I recall hearing about significant changes in what worked/didn’t work following shootings elsewhere, which I believe helped shape Mount Horeb’s protocols, right?

When I was first hired, every building was unlocked. Since then, the District has worked directly with the Dane County Sheriff’s Department regarding emergency preparedness. We have completely revamped our safety protocols and procedures. We have a District safety committee that meets once a month and relies on research and evidence-based protocols to

make our plans even better. The team attends trainings and we train staff and students every year.

How long is the actual document that guides these responses? What’s it called?

The District has an “Emergency Guide” which is a one page summary of our protocols to be referenced in emergencies.

How often is it revisited? How often do staff and students practice it?

The plan is consistently reviewed. This fall, our safety team laid out how we would organize and operate our reunification process alongside local law enforcement. We are always looking at the organization and practices to ensure safety. Every month, we do an “evacuation drill” with students. Those look different each month. In terms of safety, we practice a specific critical incident response twice a year. Once a year, we also have a couple of police officers tour our buildings to

check on safety and security protocols.

What worked really well on May 1, and what, perhaps, showed cracks or flaws that need to be shored up?

May 1 was a tremendously difficult day. The protocols and procedures were effective not only at a school level-but, from a county and state level as well. We had hundreds of police officers in our town within minutes, we had food, service dogs, and victim services at our bus garage to support students and families, we had secured buildings, students knew how to barricade, staff knew how to take action, and the community rallied in support by providing encouragement, food, kindness, and patience. As is our practice, the District takes any opportunity to learn from our experiences and make our schools even safer for our students. Our review of this event is ongoing. In collaboration with law enforcement, if we identify opportunities to further enhance the work we are

already doing, we will take appropriate actions to address those. People have been overwhelmingly thankful for your work to keep the kids safe.

The only question I have gotten on a pretty regular basis is why it took so many hours to reunite students with their families. Was that a logistical thing, or did it have to do with law enforcement, or something else? Just hoping to answer that question a bit...

The school team was ready for reunification promptly. Law enforcement at incident command directed when students could be released. Families were updated as information was released from command central. The goal was to keep everyone as safe as possible and that can take time.

Anything else?

The community and our neighboring communities have been incredibly supportive and it is so appreciated.

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Vicki France

This week we speak with Vicki France, an artist who produces photography and digital art. She spoke about her creative process, and how important it is to keep in touch with your inner child so you can be in awe of all the beautiful things many adults never take the time to see.



Vicki France, along with a large number of other artists, will take part in the Spring Art Tour May 17-19.

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

What kind of art do you create?
Photography and digital art.

There are so many wonderful observations about art. Picasso said it “washes from the soul the dust of everyday life.” He also said that every child is an artist, but the hard part is staying an artist when you grow up. How have you managed to STAY an artist?

How can I not!? I have a 10-year-old trapped inside myself and have not figured out how to evict him (yes it’s a boy)! I have learned to adjust. That aside, I love people that are also in touch with their inner child so they are the people that I have made my deepest friends. We laugh at each other’s crazy thoughts and behavior. My parents brought out the inner child in all of their kids and it has been a blessing and a



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curse. A curse because it’s hard to stop being the class clown and a blessing because I can lay on a dock looking into the water below watching the fish and bugs for a long time and be in awe of the life that we never normally see.

What/who are some of your most important influences?

My parents Bruce and Betty France, Ian Plant (photographer), Marc Adamus (photographer) and Lars van de Goor Photography Art. Lars the most because I was already doing what he was doing...but he was so much better at it.

What brought you to this area, and how has living here influenced your creative process?

A combination of a lot of things that all came together. Closeness to Madison, boundless back roads in the beautiful driftless hills and valleys to search for glimpses of a past way of life that happened here long ago that I can photograph, closeness to my roots, excellent job opportunities, great healthcare and excellent schools and teachers. I married a man from Hawaii and we lived in Hawaii for five years together, but we both felt the quality of life for raising children would be better in Wisconsin, thus we moved here. We still feel that way today.

How can people find out more about your work?

My Facebook page, VickiFrancePhotography or to just see images VickiFrancePhotography.com. I have also LinkedIn page.

Anything else?

I would love to thank everyone who restores old farmsteads to keep them looking like they did 50-plus years ago, my heart leaps when I come across these places. Thank you for your labor of love. Industrial farming will never reach the same romantic nostalgia as old-time farming during the Norman Rockwell era. Just something about playing in a haymow that makes us love these places.

Most of my work is sold to hospitals, clinics and nursing homes, so I’d like to think that I play a role in healthcare in my own special way. May you never have to see them is what I tell many that ask.

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Third graders rock through the 1950s

The third graders from the Mount Horeb Intermediate Center put on their music program “Rockin’ Through the 50s” on Friday, April 26. There were poodle skirts, bobby socks, leather jackets, rolled up jeans, and lots of rockin’ and rollin’. The show was directed by the Intermediate Center music teachers, Katy Morkri and Alyson Evans. The fantastic artwork was provided by Intermediate Center art teacher LuAnn Wichlacz.





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Join Upland Hills Health sports medicine and orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Prosser and Physical Therapist Kari Tranel to learn how to prevent and treat some of the most common pickleball injuries.

Registration is not required. For information contact Kaci at lanxonk@uplandhillshealth.org.

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James Prosser, DO is a Board Certified and Fellowship Trained Orthopedic Surgeon specializing in sports medicine. His practice includes identifying and treating sports-related injuries, which includes arthroscopic knee and shoulder surgery, rotator cuff repair, ACL reconstruction, meniscus repair, and ligament reconstruction.

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Kari Tranel, PT is a native of Mt. Horeb, WI. She has practiced at Upland Hills Health for more than 15 years and provides services in a variety of settings including outpatient, schools, Birth to Three and nursing homes. Kari works with all ages utilizing manual skills, exercises, education and individualized treatment options for those recovering from surgery, musculoskeletal injuries and impairments, sports injuries, neuromuscular disorders and pediatric concerns including developmental impairments.



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SPORTS

Strike Out Cancer game a huge hit

**Coon honored,
Vikings roll
past McFarland**
by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Reporter

It was a beautiful, spring afternoon, the perfect setting to honor Mount Horeb resident Jimmy Coon when the Vikings' prep baseball team hosted McFarland for the annual 'Strike Out Cancer' game last Friday.

After Coon threw a strike on his ceremonial first pitch, the crowd quickly roared its approval.

Coon's wide smile and the applause he received from the Vikings and their fans as he left the field set the tone for what would be a day to remember on and off the field.

Left-handed sophomore Jaxen Finley and right-handed sophomore Terek Isely combined on a five-hitter, and sophomore short-stop Josh Manchester had three hits, including a solo home run, as Mount Horeb cruised to a 10-2 victory over visiting McFarland in a Badger Small Conference game.

But the main purpose of the game was for the community to show their support of Coon, who has been battling pancreatic cancer.



A memorable day!
Mount Horeb's baseball team defeated McFarland at the 'Strike Out Cancer' game last Friday. Photo submitted

"When Jimmy threw a strike, it was a great way to start the day," Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said. "We had beautiful weather. We had a great cause for Jimmy and great support from the community like they always come out and support us, and the team played great on top of it."

"I played slow pitch softball with Jimmy years ago when I first moved to Mount Horeb. He's a fantastic guy.

He's a beloved member of our community."

Coon was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on June 9, 2023, but after six rounds of chemotherapy a CT scan showed a blood clot in his right lung and another one behind his left knee. Unfortunately, that meant he could no longer have his surgery on Nov. 28.

After six more rounds of chemo and a switch to a different surgeon at a dif-

ferent hospital, the new surgery date was set for Feb. 1. Coon is now three months out from having the Whipple surgery.

"Through all this, Jim and his family were shown much love and support from the Mount Horeb community and beyond," Ryan Finley said. "Whether it was sending cards, bringing food by, or helping with yard work and snow removal, the Coon family is so very grateful."

It was also a memorable day for the Mount Horeb (10-6 overall, 7-4 Badger Small) baseball team, which snapped a four-game losing streak, that included a 6-5 walk-off defeat at McFarland (13-6, 9-3) on May 9.

The Vikings then capped the week with a 9-8 come-from-behind, walk-off win over River Valley on Senior Day in a non-conference game on Saturday.

But senior first baseman

Drew Preimesberger said playing in the 'Strike Out Cancer' game is something he has looked forward to throughout his prep career.

"Today, we were playing for something bigger than baseball. We were playing for a cause," he said. "Mr. Coon is a great guy and deserved all of this. It was nice to come here and give him a 'W' and a good game to watch."Mount Horeb

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No. 1 with a bang

Mount Horeb's girls softball team lands top seed in playoffs

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Their path lines up nicely. Now, it's up to Mount Horeb's girls softball team to take full advantage.

The Vikings are the No. 1 seed in their half of the sectional. Mount Horeb received a first round bye, then will host the winner of eighth-seeded Sauk Prairie and ninth-seeded Sparta in a WIAA Division 2 regional semifinal on May 21.

The regional final is May 23, the sectional semifinals are May 28 and the sectional finals are May 30.

"It's awesome to be the (No.) 1 seed," Mount Horeb manager Jeramie Holman said. "I believe this is our fourth year in a row of being the one seed and the first time in school history of being the outright conference champions."

Portage is the No. 2 seed in Mount Horeb's half of the sectional, followed by West Salem, Wisconsin Dells, Reedsburg, Platteville, La Crosse Logan, Sauk Prairie, Sparta and Mauston.

The other half of the sectional is led by New Berlin

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Courtney Monroe (right) and Mount Horeb's girls softball team will open the postseason with a regional semifinal on May 21. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Sadler shatters school record

Mount Horeb standout breaks 40-year mark in 400-meter dash

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s school record in the 400-meter dash stood for 40 years.

Not anymore, though. At the Tom Mueller Invite held at Oregon High School last Friday, Vikings senior standout Abby Sadler set a new school record in the 400 with a blazing time of 57.56 seconds. That broke the old mark of 58.70 set by Peggy Barry in 1984.

Sadler’s first place finish in the 400 helped the Vikings earn an eighth place finish at the 11-team invite. Madison Edgewood won the team title with 163.43 points, while Mount Horeb finished with 33.64 points.

“Although Abby has only raced the 400 once before, she’s had her sights on (the) school record for most of the season,” Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said. “This is one of the fastest 400 times among girls Division 1 athletes in Wisconsin right now and tells us that her speed is in a good place as we enter the final stretches of the season.”

Mount Horeb had several other top-five finishes, as well, including:

- The Vikings’ 3,200-meter relay team of Katherine Straka, Emmy Bennin, Julia Straka and Abby Sadler was first in a time of 9:49.02, more than 30 seconds faster than Platteville’s second place team.

“We’re expecting that this group should be competitive at the end of the season, but this is the first time we’ve run them together this year,” Chancellor said. “The 9:49 is a good time, but they’ll be able to run a lot faster once we start seeing stronger competition.”

- Junior Sienna Feltz was fifth in the 100-meter hurdles.

BOYS

Mount Horeb’s boys were fifth overall among 10 teams.

Stoughton finished first with 129.33 points, while Platteville was second with 103.50. Baraboo (95), Oregon (78.5) and Mount Horeb (75.0) rounded out the top five.

Mount Horeb’s top five finishes included:

- Senior Nick Vorwald won the 400-meter dash in 53.01 seconds, more than a full second faster than runner-up Carter Smith of Milton (54.28). Senior Marc Pipp was also fifth in that race (55.38).

“This was Nick’s first ever open 400,” Chancellor said. “He’s had a couple good legs in the 4x400 this season, so we thought he was capable of something like this, but it was really fun to see him execute so well without having much experience in this race.”

- Mount Horeb’s 400-meter relay team of Chris Kiel, Owen Preimesberger, Tyrus Hastings, and Kayden Baumgart finished first with a season-best time of the season with a 43.46. That was nearly a full second faster than the second place quartet from Burlington.

“They’re already among the stronger 4x100 relays Mount Horeb has ever had and I think we’re still going to see faster times out of them this season,” Chancellor said of his quartet.

- Sophomore Jack Wilson was third in the discus (140-4), while sophomore Harrison Walker was fifth in the shot put (40-10).

“Our sophomore throwers Jack Wilson and Harri-

son Walker continued to do some really good work for the team,” Chancellor said. “Jack had a huge PR the week before in the discus and matched that effort (at Oregon) with another 140-foot throw, good for third place.

“Harrison went over 40 feet in the shot put for the first time. Both of these guys are working really hard in practice and have been steadily improving.”

- Junior Chris Kiel was third in the long jump with a career-best leap of 19-10.
- Sophomore Maxwell Grundahl was third in the high jump (5-8).
- Junior Owen Aeschlimann was third in the 200-meter dash in a time of 24.30.
- Sophomore Beckham Retzlaff was fourth in the 300-meter hurdles (43.98).
- The Vikings’ 3,200-meter relay team was fifth in 9:52.20.
- Mount Horeb’s 800-meter relay team was fifth (1:37.05).
- **On deck:** The Vikings were at the Badger Conference meet Tuesday at Stoughton. Mount Horeb then heads to the WIAA Division 1 Monona Grove Regional on Monday beginning at 3:15 p.m.



Mount Horeb senior star Abby Sadler broke the school record in the 400-meter dash at the Oregon Invite last Friday. File photo



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Soccer Vikings hang tough in brutal week

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls soccer team had a daunting week, and came through it all right.

The Vikings went 1-1-1 overall and are now 8-2-3 on the year.

Mount Horeb and host Madison Edgewood played to a 1-1 tie on May 7. Monona Grove defeated the visiting Vikings, 2-0, on May 10. Mount Horeb then rebounded with an 8-0 win over Janesville Parker on May 11.

Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ week:

• **Mount Horeb 1, Madison Edgewood 1** — Rowan Severson scored in the second minute for the Vikings. But Edgewood — the defending Division 3 runner-up — got the equalizer in the 35th minute from junior forward Sonoma Bever, a Wake Forest recruit.

“We had to concentrate on defense as Sonoma Bever is a really dynamic player,” Mount Horeb coach Mark Newman said. “They moved her around from center to the wing at times. We managed to do enough

to keep her from scoring in the run of play, but she got the equalizer on a short corner kick.”

Rain and lightning came in the second half and the game was stopped in the 52nd minute.

“It was a good test for us,” Newman said. “We managed to hold our own and show some toughness and resilience against one of the top teams in our sectional.”

• **Monona Grove 2, Mount Horeb 0** — The Silver Eagles scored two first half goals and downed the visiting Vikings.

“We played in a more aggressive set-up against MG,” Newman said. “We learned some things, but were taught a few tough lessons in the process. MG had the better of play through the first half and scored on two high shots that went in just under the crossbar.”

The Vikings moved Anya McKay to center forward in the second half and their offense took off.

McKay had a breakaway that she pushed wide, while a McKay shot from distance was pushed up off the crossbar. Jadyn Schellpfeffer also missed a penalty shot after

she was run over by the MG keeper.

“We were a bit unlucky not to score,” Newman said. “There were some reasons for optimism with the second half effort, but the end result was a 2-0 loss.”

• **Mount Horeb 8, Janesville Parker 0** — Anya McKay scored four goals and Rowan Severson added three as Mount Horeb won the battle of Vikings last Saturday.

Mount Horeb scored eight goals in the first 38 minutes and the game was stopped after 60 minutes due to the mercy rule.

“We outclassed Parker right from the start,” Newman said. “Anya McKay (three) and Rowan Severson (two) scored our first five goals by the 20th minute and Gwen Motl hit a beautiful free kick for the sixth (goal) in minute 24.

“McKay and Severson each had one more prior to the half to reach the mercy rule margin of eight goals.”

• **On deck:** The Vikings histed Baraboo Tuesday, then are at Monroe Thursday at 6 p.m. and host Delavan-Darien Saturday at noon.



Mount Horeb’s Anya McKay scored four goals in a win over Janesville Parker last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Golfers hoping for postseason magic

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

The postseason is just around the corner.

And Mount Horeb’s boys golf team still believes it has the ability to make some noise.

The Vikings had an up and down week in which they shot a season-low 323 and tied for third at the final Badger Small Conference mini-meet of the season held at Reedsburg Country Club on May 7. Mount Horeb followed that with a ninth place finish at the 15-team Sauk Prairie Invite at Lake Wisconsin Country Club on May 8.

“It is a fun time of the year and hopefully we can be playing our best golf as a team when it matters the most,” Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said.

The Vikings had a lot of fun at the final conference mini-meet of the season, shooting a season-best 323.

Stoughton was first with a 315, while Sauk Prairie was second at 322 and the Vikings tied McFarland for third at 323.

“Tuesday was definitely our best performance of the

season as a team,” Krentz said.

Sophomore Jude Young led Mount Horeb with a 78, shooting 39 on both the front and back nines. Young made birdies at No. 8 and 17, added eight pars and tied for third individually in the 40-player field.

Senior Jack Vesperman and sophomore Nick Ibinger each had rounds of 79 for the Vikings and tied for sixth place individually.

Vesperman shot 42 on the front nine and 37 on the back with a birdie at No. 17, as well as 10 pars. Ibinger shot 44 on the front nine before recording the meet’s lowest score on his back nine with a 35, including birdies at No. 11, 12 and 16.

Junior Adrian Thoe added an 87 for Mount Horeb, shooting a 43 on the front nine and a 44 on the back nine in a round that included five pars.

“Reedsburg is not the easiest course, so to have three scores in the 70’s and one more in the 80’s was really impressive,” Krentz said. “Once again, our conference proved to be extremely competitive with only eight strokes separating the top four teams and 15 strokes

separating the top five teams.

“We were able to move up a little in the conference race with our play at Reedsburg. Hopefully, we can put together another strong performance at our conference tournament at Wild Rock Golf Club and move up into the upper half of the conference standings.”

The Vikings followed that with a ninth place finish at the Sauk Prairie Invite.

Janesville Craig won the team title with a 306, while Sauk Prairie and Stoughton tied for second at 324. Mount Horeb finished with a 354.

Vesperman led the Vikings with a 76, shooting 41 on the front nine and 35 on the back nine. Vesperman birdied the par-five, 13th hole, made 10 pars and tied for third place individually in the 74-player field.

“It is never easy to put together back-to-back quality rounds, but Jack was able to do that at Lake Wisconsin,” Krentz said of Vesperman. “He got off to a terrific start, playing his first eight holes in 1-under par, and was able to finish the day with another great round.”

Thoe shot an 88, while Schellpfeffer and junior Cole Cunningham both carded 95s.

“With this being the site of our regional in a little less than two weeks, this was a great way to see the course in essentially a practice round at the same site we will be playing,” Krentz said. “We were hoping to shore up the No. 5 spot in our lineup, but that remains up in the air as we head into our conference tournament. We have a few guys vying for that spot and hopefully someone is able to step up and claim it down the stretch.”

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb was at the Battle at the Rock held at Wild Rock Golf Club in Wisconsin Dells on Tuesday. The Vikings were then headed to the Badger Small Conference meet at Wild Rock on Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m.

Mount Horeb travels to the Monroe Invite Friday at 10 a.m.

The Vikings then head to the WIAA Division 1 Sauk Prairie Regional on May 21 at Lake Wisconsin. Joining Mount Horeb at regionals will be Madison East, Madison Memorial, Madison



Mount Horeb senior golfer Jack Vesperman and the Vikings hope to make some noise this postseason. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

West, Middleton, Sauk Prairie, Verona and Waunakee.

The top four teams at regionals advance to the Madison Memorial Sectional at Blackhawk on May 29. The top two teams at sectionals advance to the state tournament June 3-4 at Blackwolf Run in Kohler.



Mount Horeb senior Angus Best plays close defense on a Sussex Hamilton attackman. Photo submitted

Co-op lacrosse team receives No. 7 seed

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

The Verona co-op boys lacrosse team — which includes several players from Mount Horeb — received the No. 7 seed in its sectional.

The Wildcats will now host Waukesha’s co-op team, the No. 10 seed, in a regional quarterfinal on May 24 at 7 p.m. If the Eagles win there and seeds hold, Verona would travel to second-seeded Kettle Moraine/St. John’s Northwestern for a regional semifinal on May 28.

With the postseason just around the corner, Verona is 6-7 overall. Here’s a recap of the Wildcats’ week:

- **Middleton 16, Verona 8** — Sophomore Jackson Connor had two goals and an assist, while senior Gil Weisensel had two goals, but it wasn’t enough for the Wildcats who fell on May 6.
- Senior Adam Zach, junior Owen Lang, freshman Cooper Blodgett and freshman Gabe Weisensel all added one goal, as well.
- **Verona 13, Sauk Prairie 0** — Senior Jacob Frick and junior Andrew Lalik both tallied four goals to lead the Wildcats past the Eagles on May 8.
- Freshman Mason Williams of Mount Horeb added two goals and one assist, while sophomore

Jackson Conner had one goal and two assists.

Junior Jude Murphy and freshman Cooper Blodgett both added a goal, while senior Adam Zak had an assist.

Goalies Jack Corcoran and Caleb Jabas combined for a shutout, while junior Owen Lang and freshman Asher Grady won a combined 93% of their faceoffs. On defense, junior Jude Murphy led in takeaways and ground balls.

- **Kimberly 5, Mount Horeb 4** — The Papermakers edged the Wildcats in a back and forth game held at Woodside Sports Complex in Wisconsin Dells on May 11.
- Freshman Mason Williams from Mount Horeb led the Wildcats with two goals, while junior Andrew Lalik and senior Adam Zak

both added a goal. Senior Gil Weisensel had two assists and senior Jacob Frick had one assist.

Goalie Caleb Jabas had 10 saves, while junior Owen Lang won 9-of-13 faceoffs (69.2%).

- **Wausau 8, Verona 7** — The Wildcats lost a double overtime thriller in a game held at Woodside Sports Complex in Wisconsin Dells on May 11.
- Senior Gil Weisensel led the Wildcats with two goals, while junior Owen Lang had one goal and two assists. Freshman Mason Williams, senior Jacob Frick, freshman Gabe Weisensel and junior Andrew Lalik all had a goal, while senior Adam Zak had an assist.
- Goalie Cael Jabas finished with 13 saves.

Home Talent League season opens Sunday

by **DENNIS SEMRAU**
Sports Reporter

The boys of summer are back.

With the weather heating up, the Home Talent League — which debuted in 1929 — is ready for another season of fun-filled amateur baseball in Southern Wisconsin.

“We have a solid league with 42 teams this season,” HTL president Pat Reilly said. “We had our sectional meetings, and everyone was ready to go and play baseball. Everyone is excited to play. Some have already started. The excitement is there.”

Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb is set to open its 13-game Western Section Sunday League season when the Bluffers host Dodgeville at Mount Horeb High School on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb player/manager Jerome Krantz returns for his 40th HTL season.

“I play only if I have to,” Krantz said with a laugh. “But we do return a veteran lineup. We have players who have been playing for us the last five years like Derek Meinholz and Mitch Marty, Jerin Schubert has been with us for 10 years.”

The Bluffers finished 8-5 to tie for fourth place in the Western Section last season. Pine Bluff/Mount won a tie breaker with Dodgeville for the fourth seed in the playoffs.

After hosting and defeating No. 5 seed Dodgeville in the first round of the 2023 HTL Western Section playoffs, the Bluffers dropped a 6-3 decision to defending Western Section champion Verona, which went on to win its second straight Sunday League championship.

Despite Verona’s dominance in the league, Krantz said the Bluffers are looking forward to another successful season.

“We have our pitching back, Tyler Vogel and Scottie Gordon,” Krantz said of his top two starters. “Our top returning hitter is also back in shortstop Jonas Kittoe, who hit .444, which was second-best in the Western Section.”

The Bluffers also return another long-time veteran, who keeps coming back for more.

“Jonas’ dad, Brad, who is 50, is still on the team. He’s still in our lineup,” Krantz said. “He has worked himself into the designated hitter role for us. He has played for 30 years.”

Krantz said the Bluffers have high hopes for another winning season.

“We will be competitive every game because of our pitching,” he said. “But the bottom line is that Verona is a step above everybody in the league.”

Verona defeated Monona in the Final Four last season to repeat as Sunday League champions. The Cavaliers also knocked off Belleville to repeat as HTL Night League champions.

Verona has won 51 straight games combined in the HTL Sunday and Thursday Night Leagues spanning two seasons.

Pine Bluff/Mount Bluff will play each team in the 12-team Western Section at least once in Sunday League play. The Bluffers have a home-and-away series with Verona and Shullsburg/Benton.

“In the Western Section, we schedule in quadrants,” Krantz said. “You play two of the teams in your quadrant twice. Last year, we finished as the four seed and Verona was the one. Shullsburg/Benton was the three and Belleville the two seed. So, we drew two games against Verona and Shullsburg/Benton this season.”

A key date to circle on your calendar is Aug. 2, when Sauk Prairie hosts a Home Talent All-Star game featuring players from the Western and Northern Sections.

Following the Western Section playoffs, this year’s Sunday League Final Four round-robin championship is scheduled to be held from Aug. 18 through Sept. 1, weather permitting.

While the HTL season used to begin in late April and early May and last into late September, post COVID changes have led to a later start and earlier finish to the season.

“The season has been shortened a bit due to umpire shortages and the desire to complete the season before the college players go back to school,” Middleton co-manager Cory Hach said.

Added Sauk Prairie player/manager Lucas Koenig, who is on the HTL board: “Each season there is discussion about the length of the season. Starting after Mother’s Day makes things a little easier on our umps, who umpire high school baseball as they are wrapping up that busy time of the season.

“Also, many teams like the later start and earlier finish to allow players from college to get back and high school players a better opportunity to play.”

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Eisenhower (15-1), which is ranked No. 4 in the latest Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association poll.

Mount Horeb is hoping to reach the state tournament for the first time in school history.

These Vikings just might have what it takes, too.

Mount Horeb clinched the outright title in the Badger Small Conference with a 5-2 win over Portage on May 10. The Vikings then split a pair of games at the Mineral Point Quadrangular last Saturday — downing Waterloo, 8-3, and falling to Mineral Point, 13-3.

Mount Horeb is now 14-3 overall and 11-0 in the conference.

“Our goals this year were to have a winning season, win conference get the No. 1 seed, win regionals and make it back to the sectional final game and have that chance to go to state,” Holman said.

Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ week:

• **Mount Horeb 5, Portage 2** — Jozie Clifton threw six strong innings and the Vikings did just enough on offense to defeat the host Warriors. The win was Mount Horeb’s 16th straight in the conference.

“We knew it was going to be a tough game because they have been playing really well and had 14 wins on the season,” Mount Horeb manager Jeramie Holman said.

Clifton gave up just five hits and no earned runs in six innings, struck out three and didn’t walk a batter. Jayse Holman, who had missed the last 10 days with an ankle injury, gave up just one hit in the seventh and notched the save.

“It was nice to get Jayse back,” Jeramie Holman said.

Maddie Swiggum led the offense with two hits, a run

scored and an RBI, while Delaina Nicewander also had two hits and Ellie Larson added an RBI.

• **Mount Horeb 8, Waterloo 3** — Ellie Larson had a huge day at the plate with three hits and four RBI to power the Vikings past the Pirates last Saturday at the Mineral Point Quadrangular. Larson went 3-for-4 with a double and scored a run, while Maddie Swiggum was 3-for-4 with a double and scored three runs.

Gina Rhiner also went 2-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI, while Morgan Monroe went 2-for-2 with a run scored. Jozie Clifton threw six innings and allowed six hits and just one earned run to pick up the win.

“The girls were clicking on all cylinders,” Jeramie Holman said. “Everybody was hitting the ball hard again and scoring a bunch of runs against a very tough team.”

• **Mineral Point 13, Mount Horeb 3 (5)** — The Vikings committed six errors and fell to the host Pointers in a game stopped after five innings due to the mercy rule.

Maddie Swiggum powered the Vikings’ offense going 2-for-2 with a home run, while Jayce Holman and JoJo Murray had RBIs,



Maddie Swiggum and Mount Horeb’s girls softball team are the No. 1 seed in their half of the sectional. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

as well.

Jayse Holman lasted just 1 1/3 innings on the mound and took the loss.

“We had six errors which did us in,” Jeramie Holman said. “We got beat bad, but got out hit by one.”

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 6, 2024

The Village Board met in regular session in-person on the above date in the Board Room of the Mount Horeb Municipal Building.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Village President Ryan Czyzewski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Trustees White, Jones, Halverson, and Scott. Schellpfeffer and Gauger were absent. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen, Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney, Village Attorney Bryan Kleinmaier, and Youth-In-Government students Siobhan Mertz and Ethan Fendrick.

Public Comments: None
Consent Agenda: Jones moved, Halverson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: January 29, 2024 Joint Meeting Minutes between the Village Board, Mount Horeb Area School District, and Chamber of Commerce; February 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes; Appointment to Viking Valhalla Foundation Board; Appointment to Plan Commission to fill the vacated term of Kris Kirkland. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Presentation of Downtown Parking Study Analysis: Czyzewski explained this item. MSA Planning Team Leader Steve Tremlett presented the results of the parking study analysis. The board members gave their input and asked questions of Tremlett.

Consider award of contract for 2024 Street and Utility projects: Owen explained this item. Three bids were submitted and Rule Construction was the lowest bid. Scott moved, White seconded to award the contract to Rule Construction. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Committee reports: All committee reports were given, with no action taken.

Village President’s report: Czyzewski stated that the citizen nomination forms are now available, and spoke about the process. He also spoke about attending the Friends of the Norsk meeting and had the opportunity to meet with Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Village Administrator’s report: Owen stated that the Historical Preservation Committee had their first meeting.

Village Clerk’s report: Gaffney spoke about attending the Good Morning Mount Horeb meeting and being a guest speaker. She also gave updates on ballots and absentee voting for the Spring Election.

Closed Session: Discussion/Consideration: Purchase of Lukken Farm for Park Space and Development. The Village Board may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Village Board may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in closed session: Halverson moved, White seconded to convene in closed session at 8:09pm. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. While in closed session, Jones moved, Halverson seconded to authorize Village staff to make an offer of \$5.5 million for the Lukken property, with the additional terms and conditions of the offer consistent with prior offers made by the Village. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The board did not reconvene to open session.

Adjournment: At the end of closed session, Halverson moved, White seconded to adjourn @ 8:36pm.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 3, 2024

The Village Board met in regular session in-person on the above date in the Board Room of the Mount Horeb Municipal Building.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Village President Ryan Czyzewski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Trustees White, Jones, Halverson, Schellpfeffer, Gauger, and Scott. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen, Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney, Village Attorney Bryan Kleinmaier, and Youth-In-Government students Siobhan Mertz and Ethan Fendrick.

Public Comments: None
Consent Agenda: Schellpfeffer moved, White seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: March 6, 2024 meeting minutes; Certified Survey Map to combine lots at 109 & 113 Valley Drive & 302 Adams Street; Resolution 2024-04 Conditional Use Permit Design Requirement-proposed dental building; Alcohol Beverage License application for BS Hospitality, DBA Bar Manzo, at 209 E Main Street; and Alcohol License Agent Nathan Mergen for BS Hospitality, DBA Bar Manzo. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Introduction of Wastewater Superintendent Michael Brace: Brace introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his background.

Proclamation in Recognition of Mount Horeb Schools: Czyzewski and White explained this item. Czyzewski read the proclamation. Alec MacWilliams, who is a teacher at the school and representing the United Against Hate organization, spoke about the proclamation. The board members gave their input and Scott recused herself from the discussion. White moved, Halverson seconded to approve the proclamation. All voted aye, with the exception of Scott, who voted nay. Motion carried.

Legislative update from Congressman Mark Pocan – Morgan Salli: Due to the inclement weather, the Congressman could not attend.

Presentation of Library Annual Report: Library Director Jessica Gretzinger presented her annual library report and fielded questions from the board.

Arbor Day Proclamation: Czyzewski read the proclamation. Gauger moved, White seconded to approve the proclamation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider Sidewalk Café Amendment to Chapter 12.09 Ordinance 2024-06: Owen explained this item. Skal business owner Brian Ladow spoke on his concerns about the regulations of the permit. The board members gave their input. Jones moved, Halverson seconded to approve the ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider April 15, 2024 for Reorganizational Meeting and Oaths: The board set April 15th at 5:30pm for the Reorganizational meeting and oaths.

Committee reports: All committee reports were given, with no action taken.

Village President’s report: Czyzewski congratulated John Klein on his upcoming retirement. He stated it is National Library Week next week, and National Library Worker’s Day is April 9th. He also spoke about citizen nominations and the Youth In

Government program.
Village Administrator’s report: Owen thanked Gaffney, her staff, and the election officials on their work with the election.

Village Clerk’s report: Gaffney thanked Deputy Clerk Jelle and the poll workers, and gave some statistics on the voter turnout at the April 2nd election. She also spoke on some items that will be on the May agenda.

Closed Session: Discussion/Consideration: Purchase of Lukken Farm for Park Space and Development. The Village Board may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Village Board may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in closed session: Halverson moved, Scott seconded to convene in closed session at 8:26pm. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. There was no action taken on this item.

Closed Session: Discussion and Consideration of Repair/Raze Order for building at 101 Perimeter Road (Karakahl Country Inn) previously issued by Village Board and possible litigation related to Order. The Village Board may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Village who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Village with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Village Board may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in closed session: Jones moved, White seconded to convene to closed session at 8:27pm. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. There was no action take in closed session. White moved, Gauger seconded to reconvene to open session at 9:20pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Halverson moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to approve the following statement: We understand that Dhruv, LLC filed a complaint in Dane County Circuit Court on March 4, 2024 that generally seeks recovery of costs from an insurance company to pay for repairs to the structure and the property. We also understand that Dhruv, LLC has executed a contract with Certi-Dry for the restoration and reconstruction of the structure on the property. However, the ability of Dhruv and Certi-Dry to complete the repairs of the structure on the property is entirely dependent on Dhruv prevailing in its litigation with the insurance company. In fact, the contract does not identify a start date or completion date for the work. As such, the Village Board hereby directs the Village Administrator that Section 1 of the Order is not satisfied; specifically, while Dhruv may have an executed contract to repair the structure on the property, Dhruv has not demonstrated, and cannot demonstrate, that the repairs will proceed in a reasonable time period. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment: With no further business before the board, White moved, Halverson seconded to adjourn @ 9:22pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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TOWN OF VERMONT PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 20, 2024
4017 County Hwy JJ
Black Earth, WI 53515
See [townofvermontwi.gov](#) for meeting agenda.

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TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose Planning Commission meeting for May will take place at 8468 County Road A, Verona WI, on Monday, May 20th, 2024, 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.

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BASEBALL

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grabbed a 3-0 lead in the first inning on junior Colin Larson’s two-run single and a fielder’s choice. The Vikings then took advantage of two McFarland errors to score six unearned runs in the second inning en route to a 9-1 lead.

That included Preimesberger’s two-run single to center field.

Jaxen Finley said that offensive explosion just made his day on the mound a lot easier. He tossed five innings, allowing one earned run on only two hits with three walks and two strikeouts.

“It was really big for me because I feel like knowing you have those three runs you can go out and pitch more confidently knowing you can give up a run but still be in the lead,” Jaxen Finley said of the early lead. “That really helped.”

Isely finished up, allowing one earned run on two hits with three strikeouts and one walk in two innings.

The Vikings also played flawless defense, led by sophomore center fielder Josh Kuntz, who finished with seven putouts.

“(Josh) Manchester’s a great pitcher for us,” Ryan Finley said. “But when he’s at shortstop and Kuntz is in center and the rest of the guys, Jaxen’s job is to throw strikes and make them put the ball in play and trust his defense to go make plays for him, and that’s what they do.”

While Mount Horeb enjoyed the bounce-back victory over conference rival McFarland, the Vikings knew the day was about

more than baseball.

“It was huge,” Jaxen Finley said of the win over the Spartans. “Obviously, we were in a slump, too. But knowing we could get the win for (Coon) today on his day was really, big.”

Manchester led off the third inning with his second home run of the season, a solo blast over the right field fence to push the Vikings’ lead to 10-1. But Manchester said baseball took a back seat to the main purpose of Friday’s game.

“It was amazing,” Manchester said of the annual fund-raiser, which helps aid a community member or family in need of their support. “Everyone has a special connection to cancer these days.

“It was awesome to honor Jimmy and everyone going through it because at the end of day, this is just a game and people are dealing with bigger problems. It’s great to play for them and give them some happiness.”

Following a shooting at the middle school on May 1, the ‘Strike Out Cancer’ game was another example of how the Mount Horeb community can pull together to support each other in a time of need.

“This helps bring some happiness back,” Manchester said. “We’ve got a special community that supports everyone. Honestly, coming out of it will make us really cherish all these moments we have together.”

Coon, who joined the Vikings for a team picture following the game, said “I’m not much on being the center of attention.”

But Coon said he was grateful for the community support.

“This was a great honor

that they did all this. This is a great group of guys,” he said of the Vikings. “This was very special. I appreciate it.

“As a community, we’ve had a rough time the past nine days, but there, too, the community is rallying.”

• **Mount Horeb 9, River Valley 8** — Drew Preimesberger’s bases-loaded single to left field with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning scored junior Cy Lawry from third base for the walk-off victory for the Vikings on Senior Day last Saturday.

“That’s awesome,” Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said of Preimesberger’s clutch hit on a 3-2 pitch. “That’s how you’d like to draw it up if you could. We got a lot more nervous when we were down two heading into the bottom of the seventh inning. But the kids kept fighting. It resembled our seniors., who have a bunch of character and will keep battling.”

River Valley (6-10) rallied from a 6-4 deficit, scoring two runs each in the sixth and seventh innings to grab an 8-6 lead going into Mount Horeb’s last at bat.

Colin Larson hit a sacrifice fly, and senior Jake Sroda was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to drive in another run to help Mount Horeb (11-6) pull into an 8-8 tie and set the stage for Preimesberger’s game-winner.

“For Jake to wear one (get hit by a pitch) and tie it with the bases loaded, a senior there, and for Drew Preimesberger, a senior to come up and walk it off with

a hit, we haven’t had one of those this year,” Ryan Finley said. “So. it was exciting and a memorable experience for everyone else involved today.”

Mount Horeb honored seniors Nico Baden, Jake and Zack Sroda and Drew Preimesberger, who all were in the starting lineup, along with senior manager Josh Morrisard in a pregame ceremony.

But Preimesberger said the best part of the day was the walk-off victory.

“I was looking to put it in play when we got the full count,” he said. “If it was a ball, I wasn’t swinging, that would bring in the run to win. It wasn’t the prettiest hit, but it got it done.

“It was awesome coming out here on Senior Day. It was a great game, and we have a great group of seniors. They deserve a ‘W’, and we got it done.”

• **McFarland 6, Mount Horeb 5** — Drew Preimesberger’s RBI-single tied the game in the top of the seventh inning, but freshman Grayson Gauwitz singled to score Will Steinke for the walk-off victory for the host Spartans last Thursday.

“We played very good baseball, and McFarland had zero walks and one error,” Ryan Finley said. “It’s tough to beat a baseball team when they don’t give you anything free.

“They’re a really, good team. They throw strikes and play great defense, and they don’t strike out much at all. They put the ball in play offensively and make you

earn things when they’re on defense. That’s what winning teams do.”

Preimesberger had three hits, including a double for Mount Horeb, while Josh Kuntz and sophomore Logan Ford each had two hits. Josh Manchester pitched a complete game, allowing four earned runs on seven hits with two walks and two strikeouts.

• **On deck:** Following Badger West Conference games at the Madison Edge-wood co-op on Monday and at Portage on Tuesday, Mount Horeb hosts Portage in a league game on Thursday at 5 p.m. The Vikings then play a non-conference game at Lodi on Saturday at 5 p.m.

May 9
McFarland 6, Mount Horeb 5
MoHo 400 000 1 — 5 12 3
McFarland .301 010 1 — 6 7 1
Pitchers (ip-h-r-er-so-bb) —MH: Josh Manchester (L: 6-7-6-4-2-2). McF: Nick Cappozzo (1-6-4-4-0-0), Boston Beckwith (5.1-5-1-1-3-0), Dylan Schaefer

(W: 0.2-1-0-0-0-0).
Leading hitters —MH: Josh Kuntz 2x4; Drew Preimesberger 3x4 (2B); Logan Ford 2x3; Terek Isely (2B). McF: Will Steinke 2x3, (2B); Adam Stephany 2x3.

May 10
Mount Horeb 10, McFarland 2
McFarland .. 010 001 0 — 2 5 2
MoHo 361 000 x — 10 9 0
Pitchers (ip-h-r-er-so-bb) —McF: Mason Roe (L: 2-8-9-3-1-2), Dylan Schaefer (3-1-1-1-3-0), Paxton Nygaard (1-0-0-0-0-1). MH: Jaxen Finley (W: 5-2-1-1-2-3), Terek Isely (2-3-1-1-3-0).

Leading hitters — McF: Adam Stephany 2x3; Nick Cappozzo (2B). MH: Josh Manchester 3x3, (HR); Colin Larson 2x3; Logan Ford 2x3.

May 11
Mount Horeb 9, River Valley 8
RV 010 302 2 — 8 4 6
MoHo 010 050 3 — 9 4 4
Pitchers (ip-h-r-er-so-bb) —RV: Quincy Blakley (4-1-3-2-2-4); Daniel Yanke (1.2-2-3-1-4-1), Colton Cody (L: 0.2-0-3-3-0-3), Kaden Plumley (0.1-1-0-0-0-1). M: Ryan Skogen (2-1-1-1-5-1), Alex Chapman (3-1-3-2-2-2), Brooks Hendrickson (1-1-2-0-2-1), Hayden Anderson (W: 1-1-2-2-2-2).
Leading hitters — RV: Colton Cody 2x2; Griffen Sprecher (3B). MH: Talon Stoenner (2B).

VILLAGE OF MT. HOREB RESIDENTS
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

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 May 1, 2024.
Ordinance 2024-08 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHART 1, AND CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO ACCESSORY BUILDING HEIGHT”.
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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN BLUE MOUNDS, WISCONSIN

Please take notice that the governing body of Blue Mounds, Wisconsin has declared its intention to exercise its police power in accordance with Sections 66.0703, Stats. To levy special assessments upon property within the following described assessment district for benefits conferred upon the property by the improvement of the following streets and the installation of curb and gutter and sidewalk thereon:
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
All the property fronting upon both sides of the following streets or portions of streets:
DIVISION STREET (FROM MOUNDS ROAD TO CAVE OF THE MOUNDS ROAD)
A report showing final plans and specifications, estimated cost of improvements, and proposed assessments is on file in the Village's Clerk-Treasurer's office and may be inspected there Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
You are further notified that the governing body of Blue Mounds, Wisconsin will hear all interested persons, or their agents or attorneys, concerning matters contained in the preliminary assessment resolution authorizing the assessments and in the above-described report at 5:30 P.M. on the 29th day of May 2024 at the following location: Village Hall, 11011 Brigham Avenue, Blue Mounds, WI 53517.
All objections will be considered at this hearing and thereafter the amount of the assessments will be finally determined.

Mary Jo Michek, Village Clerk-Treasurer

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VILLAGE OF MT. HOREB RESIDENTS
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

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 May 1, 2024.
Ordinance 2024-09 “AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO § 64c(4) OF 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 73 TO OPT-OUT OF EXTENDED CLOSING HOURS FOR LICENSED ALCOHOL PREMISES DURING THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION”.
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Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF MT. HOREB
NOTICE OF MEETING TO ADJOURN BOARD OF REVIEW TO A LATER DATE

Board of Review will meet at 6:45pm on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 in the 2nd floor conference room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mt. Horeb, WI for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session during the 45-day period beginning on the 4th Monday of April, pursuant to Sec. 70.47(1) of Wis. Statutes. Due to the fact the assessment roll will not be completed at this time, it is anticipated that the Board of Review will be adjourned until 12:00pm on Thursday, July 25, 2024.
The Open Book (Roll Viewing) is scheduled for July 9, 2024 from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the 2nd floor conference room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mt. Horeb, WI. If you are not available to meet with the assessor in-person on July 9th, and would like to discuss your assessment, please make an appointment at accurateassessor.com. If you are unable to set up an appointment, please contact Accurate Appraisal at 920-749-8098.
Additional information can be obtained from the Village Clerk at 437-9404.

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Town of Springdale
2379 Town Hall Road
Mount Horeb, WI 53572
admin/clerk@springdalewi.gov

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Ordinance 2024-07 "AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PD-GENERAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT".
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Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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Ordinance 2024-04 "AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM R-2 TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL".
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VILLAGE OF MT. HOREB RESIDENTS
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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 May 1, 2024.
Ordinance 2024-10 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 12.01(8) CIGARETTES, TO INCLUDE TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC VAPING DEVICES".
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