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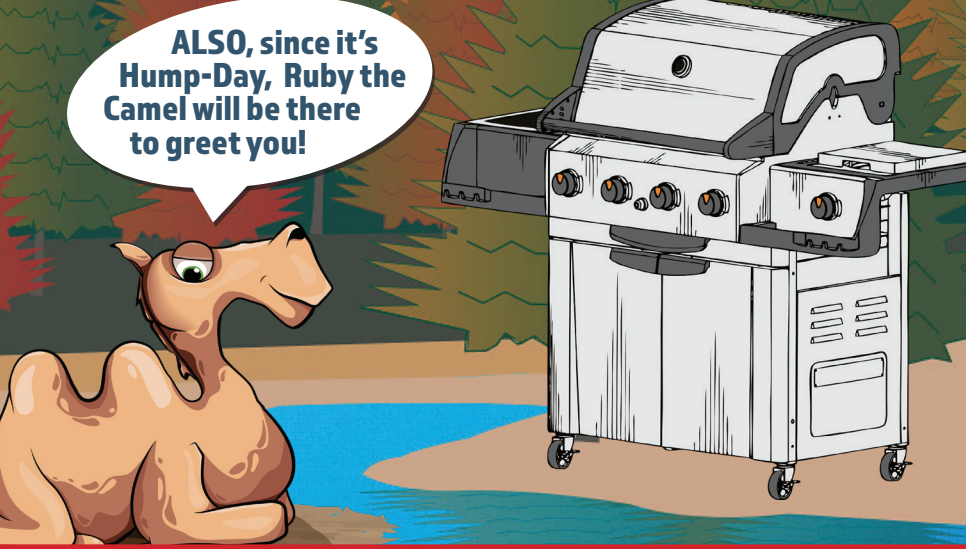
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Someone You Should Know

MADDIE HADAC

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

Maddie, a senior at Mount Horeb High School, exemplifies leadership, compassion, and commitment both inside and outside the classroom.

A member of her community, Maddie has volunteered at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Horeb and has actively supported fundraising efforts for childhood cancer research.

Maddie has developed a deep appreciation for cultural connection and global understanding through her experiences as an exchange sister. Over the past several years, she and her family have hosted three international exchange students from Thailand, Ecuador, and most recently, Greenland. As an exchange sister, Maddie has gained invaluable insight into other cultures, traditions, foods, and lifestyles. At the same time, she has proudly shared what life looks like in the United States, especially in Wisconsin and our lovely village of Mount Horeb. These experiences have broadened her worldview and strengthened



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her ability to connect with people from all over.

Since the age of three, Maddie has been dedicated to dance at Forte Studios. Training in ballet, hip hop, jazz, tap, and modern, she has developed not only technical skills but also discipline and perseverance.

Last year, she stepped into a leadership role as a teacher for younger dancers, and she now serves as a teacher for five classes - all while maintaining her own rigorous dance schedule.

Maddie’s commitment to helping others succeed extends into the classroom

as well. She tutors middle school students for one of her favorite teachers, Mrs. Olsen, providing academic support and encouragement to younger learners.

Throughout high school, Maddie has been actively involved in several student organizations. She participated

in Young Life, a Christian ministry that provides mentorship through bi-weekly gatherings and summer camp experiences for middle school, high school, and college students. She is also a member of Letters of Love, an organization dedicated to providing emotional support to children battling serious illnesses through heartfelt, hand-crafted letters. As part of the Mount Horeb High School chapter, Maddie has embraced the mission of spreading kindness and plans to remain involved in college.

For the past three years, Maddie has also been an active member of DECA. She has advanced to district competition twice and most recently earned a medal in her second role play in Hospitality Services Team Decision Making, finishing as a finalist in her category.

While many students struggle with the question of what they want to do in the future, Maddie found her path through reading a book about discrimination, an experience that sparked a passion for advocacy and justice. Since then, she has volunteered her time on election campaigns, encouraged peers to become informed and engaged voters, and emphasized the im-

portance of understanding both local and national issues. During one campaign event, she had the unforgettable opportunity to shake hands with President Barack Obama—a moment that further fueled her aspiration to create meaningful change, perhaps running herself one day. Her courage to stand up for others, paired with her intelligence and compassion, sets her apart as a future leader.

In the fall of 2026, Maddie will attend Edgewood College, where she plans to study Criminal Justice and Political Science on a pre-law track. With her unwavering determination, strong moral compass, and dedication to others, there is no doubt she will continue to impact her community and beyond.

Maddie was honored at the March meeting of the Optimist Club with her parents Jim and Shannon Hadac present. She received a certificate of recognition, \$50.00, and is also in the running to receive one of the Optimist Club Scholarships awarded at the Senior Awards event in May. The Optimist Club of Mount Horeb is proud to name Maddie Hadac as “Someone You Should Know.”

MOLLY McCUE

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

Molly is a senior at Mount Horeb High School. Molly has been active in many clubs and activities throughout her high school career. She is a member of all three Jazz Bands making her way up to the most competitive Jazz Band - Tuesday Jazz. Due to her love for band, she was elected onto the Band Board her senior year and has been helping run and create many of their events, such as Senior Night and Band Show. Molly also played in the Pit Orchestra for the musical Guys and Dolls. She was a two year member of DECA. In her junior year, Molly joined Club Interact due to her passion for service and is currently the Vice President.



Molly McCue was named one of the Mount Horeb Optimist Club’s “Someone You Should Know” winners for the month of March.

toring program at the high school and tutors Spanish students. As a National Honor Society Officer she and her peers led a very successful supply drive and were able to donate the largest amount of donations Ronald McDonald House has ever seen.

Outside of school Molly is a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church where she attends a youth group. She traveled to North Carolina on a disaster relief trip to aid in the wreck after Hurricane Helene where she helped build houses, clear paths and roads, volunteered at homeless shelters, and worked at Habitat for Humanity. She

also volunteers as a Sunday School teacher. Throughout high school, she has volunteered at Neighbors Helping Neighbors in both the food and the clothes centers. This service experience has allowed her to help using her intermediate knowledge in Spanish to Spanish-speaking

families in need at the Pantry and Closet as well. One of her favorite events of the year that is hosted at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is Feed My Starving Children. Each year in high school she has participated with deep passion and joy in helping through the idea that many hands make a difference. Food parcels are made that go to Africa to feed their children. Molly attended the World Affairs Seminar event at Carol College last summer. She was also chosen as one of two Student Rotarians last fall. Molly aspires to work

through the Peace Corps or Lutheran Corps after college to put her hands and drive for service to work.

Molly was honored at the March meeting of the Optimist Club with her parents Eric and Ann present, along with brothers Connor, Brady and Quinn. She received a certificate of recognition, \$50.00, and is also in the running to receive one of the Optimist Club Scholarships awarded at the Senior Awards event in May. The Optimist Club of Mount Horeb is proud to name Molly McCue as “Someone You Should Know.”

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Letters to the Editor

Politicians should be changed often

I recently picked up carryout at Pizzeria Uno's in Platteville. As I was sitting at the bar waiting for my order, I noticed a bunch of silly bumper stickers decorating the wall. One of them caught my eye. It read "Politicians and diapers must

be changed often, and for the same reason." I think it sums up most people's sentiment about our current political environment.

After three terms of Howard Marklein representing Senate District 17, it's time to change the diaper. The longer a politician holds office, the more likely they are to become disconnected from the needs of the people they are supposed to represent. A simple internet search of campaign donations will tell you all you

need to know about what another four years for Howard will look for the people of the district. It smells like a pantload! Thousands of dollars from corporate PACs and special interests are filling his campaign coffers. How does this serve you and those you care for?

I have found a candidate running for district 17 that may be a fresh set of Pampers, Lisa White for Wisconsin! Whether you normally vote Republican or Democrat, this is a candi-

date who is proving she can not only get the job done, but she's already putting in the work. A small business owner, a mother and grandmother and from the heart of the district, Lisa has a reputation for working together to achieve a common goal. When rumors of an AI data center project was being proposed in Cassville, she showed up at township meetings and listened to the concerns of everyone in the room. To inform the public, she and her campaign

organized Data Centers in the Driftless: A Community Conversation. Hundreds of people spanning the political spectrum attended. Because of this event, the members of the Cassville township board saw the concern of their constituents and recently passed zoning laws to protect their community from the proposed project.

Getting people in a room, building a consensus and taking action. How often does this happen I today's

political environment? Where was Howard Marklein?

If you are as tired of stinky diapers as I am, let's throw them away and elect someone actually doing the work. Please support Lisa White for Wisconsin in the August 11 primary and again on November 3!

Doug LaMantia
Lancaster

Recreation Notes

Swing, Hit & Ace! is an entry-level tennis program designed for adults of all skill levels. We use modified equipment to promote success and PLAY right from the start! Players will learn the basics of tennis using slower tennis balls and smaller courts, sparking a lifelong passion for the sport. This is a USTA program. The class runs Tuesdays, May 26 to June 16. From 6:00 to 7:00 PM at the Viking Park Tennis Courts. The cost is \$52 for residents and \$62 for non-residents. Registration before 5/19.

Interested in music? Join

The Audio Oasis: DIY Home Recording! Whether you are a curious beginner picking up a mic for the first time or a novice knowledge seeker looking to level up your tracks, all experience levels are welcome here! Whether you're laying down bars, tracking guitars, or building beats, you'll learn the DIY secrets to recording using the gear you already have. Instructed by Jesse Gantz, this program is for ages 11 to 18. Session 1 is Sunday, May 31 and session 2 is Sunday, June 28. Both take place in the Rec Dept Multipurpose Room from 11 AM to 3 PM. The session

fee is \$162 for residents and \$172 for non-residents. Enroll in session 1 by 5/25.

New Program Alert! Learn to Line Dance! No experience needed, a complete beginner class! Just bring a bottle of water, yourself, and friends for a fun night of country line dancing! Participants will learn the popular classics to the very latest favorites, and discover why people everywhere love line dancing! This program is designed for those 18 years and older. Each Session will teach new dances. Sess. 1: Tues, 6/2 - 6/23, Sess. 2: Tues, 7/7 - 7/28,

Sess. 3: Tues, 8/4 - 8/25. The program takes place in the Senior Center from 6 to 7 PM; and the session fee is \$36 for residents and \$46 for non-residents. Register for session 1 by 5/26.

HOW TO REGISTER: There are multiple ways to register for summer programs and activities. Online (go to [\[cure.rec1.com/WI/mount-horeb-wi/catalog\]\(https://cure.rec1.com/WI/mount-horeb-wi/catalog\)\).](https://se-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street.

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

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

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES:
5/19: Adult Swing, Hit, Ace!
5/25: The Audio Oasis: DIY Home Recording Sess. 1
5/26: Introduction to Mountain Biking Sess. 1
5/26: Learn to Line Dance Sess. 1

Obituary

Bonnie R. Sowl

Bonnie R (Kaul) Sowl, 77, passed away December 4, 2025 surrounded by love at her daughter's house.

She was born on May 10, 1948 to Leo and Evelyn (Keller) Kaul in Belleville and graduated from Dodgeville In 1967.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Charles Sowl, and her bonus son David Sowl.

She is survived by the lights of her life, her grandsons, Chase Brockway, and David Frame, her children, Angie (Frame) Brockway (Mark) and Micheal Frame (Becky), and her bonus daughters LeAnn Sowl-



Endres, and Melissa Salis (Ryan), many bonus grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her sisters Mary Kaul and LeeAnn Bredeson (Jay) and her brother John Kaul, and all her nieces and nephews.

After a life lived fully and lovingly Bonnie's journey came to a peaceful close, there is no easy way to say goodbye to the woman who raised you, shaped you, and stood by you through every chapter. Her family is heartbroken-but deeply grateful for every laugh, every lesson, and every memory.

Rest now Mom. We will carry you with us, always.

At her request there was no formal service. There will be a celebration of her life on Sunday, May 17, 2025 at the Barneveld Legion Hall from 12pm-4pm.

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LinkCat Tips!
LinkCat, the online catalog that powers and connects all 56 member libraries of the South Central Library System, recently upgraded! Initial reports from patrons are that it is faster and easier to use! If you haven't used LinkCat very much, now is a great time to get started.

Here are some tips from our LinkCat pros to help you get started:
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1. Easily manage your physical items and Libby (digital) items all in one place!
2. Suspend / unsuspend your holds so that you don't get all your items at

the same time. Talk to your local librarians if you don't know how to do this!
3. Sign up for the library's "Book Recommendations & New Releases" (mhpl.org) to get a bimonthly notifications of new titles ordered specifically for Mount Horeb Public Library.

4. Follow the "New this week" and "Don't Miss Lists" on the LinkCat landing page (linkcat.info) to see what libraries all around the system are adding so that you never miss what's new.
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3. Select "My Library Barcode" to pull up any of your linked card barcodes to use at the self-checkout if you don't have the physical

cards with you.
There are many benefits to using the new LinkCat. Please call us at 608-437-5021 or stop by the library if you are having any issues or need any help at all! We are here to help!

American Legion Auxiliary

May 16: 9am-2pm: Red Poppy Days at 1845 Springdale St inside Millers Supermarket -handing out /free will donation
May 25: MH American Legion Auxiliary will be partici-

pating and joining the American Legion Color Guard at the Memorial Day Program at the MHHS May 25 to July 4th Special donation bins throughout the village (attached are a couple of samples to us)

June 14: Participating in the Frolic Parade, parade starts at 12 noon
Aug 8: Brat Sale Outside Millers Supermarket 1845 Springdale St 10-2pm

Town of Springdale

Springdale considers land use changes

By STEVE MATYAS
Mount Horeb Mail
At its April 21st meeting the Springdale Town Board heard suggested changes to the town's land use plan as presented by Plan Commission chair Amy Jester. The changes, described by Jester as "not substantial" mainly included changes in the plan's language and the removal of definitions of heavy and light industrial categories. Other changes included updating of language concerning agricultural usage, building envelopes, and the concept plan as well as the re-ordering of the plan's documents to increase readability and the addition of driveway and

sign ordinance specifics. The board plans to vote on the proposed changes at its May meeting.
The board also discussed incorporating driveway construction requirements into the town's driveway ordinance. Jester claimed that the board could "change standards without changing the ordinance" and board member Kelly Altschul suggested leaving the ordinance and requirements separate and giving hand-outs of the standards to residents seeking to revise or build driveways.
Town patrolman Devin Dahlk reported that a town resident had requested a change in policy regarding the repair of mailboxes

damaged by snow plowing. The current policy is to reimburse such events by paying the injured party cost of materials, or \$75, whichever is less. The resident in question expressed the belief that the town should not only pay for a new box, but install it at the town's expense. The board denied that request and left its current policy intact. Dahlk also reported that repairs to the town's salt shed had been satisfactorily completed at a cost of \$5800.
The board opened bids for the town's new garage ventilation system and road repair and maintenance. When discussing the ventilation bid, board member Richard Schwenn expressed

his disapproval of the plan, saying "bids shouldn't have sent out, and I'm not going to vote on them" and that the current system "made it through the winter, so why waste \$20,000" on a new one. Altschul and board chairman John Rosenbaum countered Schwenn with the argument that bringing the system into compliance with county and state regulations "can't be ignored." The board subsequently voted to accept Harker Heating and Cooling's bid for \$22,159.
Road repair and maintenance contracts were awarded to Scott Construction at the cost of \$35,350 for chip sealing and \$48,641 for hot mix asphalt wedding, Fink's Paving \$15,500

for culvert replacement, and Thunder Road Asphalt \$18,500 for crack filling.
Driveway plans were considered for a shared driveway at 2253 Highway 92, Lot 2 on County Highway S, and a plot on Paulson Road. The shared driveway plan received the most attention, with Rosenbaum pointing out the need for an in-depth engineering plan ensuring the slope of the proposed construction not exceed 10 percent, a shared driveway agreement with existing residents, a shoreland preservation permit, approval of a switchback, and possible re-zoning. The owner of the property questioned the wisdom of obtaining per-

mits before being granted approval to proceed, and the board delayed any further action pending the engineering plan being presented.
The driveway plans for Lot 2 on Highway S and the agricultural driveway on Paulson Rd. were approved without incident.
Eight live music events at the Riley Tavern were approved on the condition that they end by 9 p.m. Rosenbaum stated that the town had received "no complaints" about such events in the past and Altschul, describing herself as the tavern's "only ornery neighbor" said she liked the events and saw no reason to disapprove.

Politics

\$327 million ad spending surge expected in midterms

By WisPolitics-State Affairs
Warning: you will be seeing more political ads this fall than four years ago, and they'll be more difficult to avoid.
A new report from Kinetiq Political Insights projects at least \$327 million will be spent on advertising in Wisconsin elections this fall, about double what was dropped on the midterm election four years ago. Key races: governor, the Third Congressional District and legislative contests.
The group -- a political ad campaign intelligence platform -- said that spend-

ing is just one component of its forecast that various entities will drop \$10.4 billion on broadcast, connected TV, digital, cable and radio nationally this fall.
That includes a whopping \$1 billion in Michigan, which has open races for governor and U.S. Senate, three U.S. House seats up for grabs and other contests on the ballot.
"What makes this midterm historically unusual is its proximity to presidential-level spending without a presidential race on the ballot," the report noted, pointing out \$11.2 billion was spent in 2024.

The report lists a range of \$327 million to \$416 million for Wisconsin this fall, depending on how some things shake out. Michael O'Brien, CEO of National Media Research, Planning & Placement, which helped launch Kinetiq, told WisPolitics that Wisconsin's 2025 state Supreme Court race was a factor in the projected spending increase for the state, figuring many of the groups that played in that race will be back in the state for an open gubernatorial contest and the hotly contested Third CD in western Wisconsin, as well as down-ballot contests such as As-

sembly and Senate races.
He noted the Democratic-aligned House Majority PAC has already announced reservations for the fall suggesting it's laying down more than \$5 million for the 3rd CD, while GOP-aligned Congressional Leadership Fund has signaled \$3.3 million for the seat of vulnerable U.S. Rep. Derrick Van Orden, R-Prairie du Chien.
The overall Wisconsin projection includes some \$150 million to \$175 million in the governor's race, \$40 million in the state's congressional contests and another \$100 million for down-ballot contests, in-

cluding the battle for control of the state Legislature.
The report also projects a shift in where political spending will go this cycle with the biggest boost in connected TV/streaming services. While it counted \$1.2 billion in such spending in 2022, it's now projecting \$2.7 billion this cycle.
O'Brien said the reason is simple -- it's where consumers are.
He said many have cut the cord with cable but continue to use streaming services, whether on TV or their phones.
"CTV, especially YouTube, is an endless pit of

impressions," O'Brien said. "You can target people all day long on multiple devices. The target-ability is down to the individual. That value is just going through the roof for campaigns."
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Rare Mount Horeb Metal Lustron Home Focus of May's Half-Hour History



Megan Minter, MHAHS Assistant Curator (photo taken by Maura Overland)



Buechner Children in their driveway on Center Avenue with the Lustron house in the background (MHAHS Image # Buc-Birr 4x6.0278)



Richard Hanneman on the front porch of his family's Lustron home on his first day of school in 1954 (photo taken by the Hanneman family and loaned to MHAHS by Eileen Hanneman for this event).



Lustron House, 1996 photograph taken by David Ewing

Just in time for National Historic Preservation Month, Historian Megan Minter will present “Metal Marvel: Mount Horeb’s Lustron House,” on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the downtown Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St).

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Since it was built in 1949, Mount Horeb's Lustron home on Center Avenue

has been owned by several families, including the Hannemans.

Minter is the Assistant Curator at the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society. She holds a degree in History from University of Wisconsin-Platteville and served for two years on the Village

of Mount Horeb's newly re-vitalized Historic Preservation Commission.

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Gleanings

By **BARR JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- May 19, 1886

John Beat, the amputation of whose limb we recently noted, lies in a critical condition.

The assessor has begun his yearly peregrinations in reach of wealth and prevarications.

Geo. Beaty is suffering with a fellow on his finger.

The statements contained in the News of last week concerning the Blue Mounds depressions has been extensively copied and commented upon. The State Journal remarks: "Some morning the inhabitants of this vicinity will wake up to discover that all that remains of the Blue Mounds is a hole in the ground."

Cyclones are becoming of so common occurrence that the newspapers no longer add big heading to announce their ravages.

It is about time the banner on the elevator was removed. It no longer speaks the truth.

130 Years Ago- May 17, 1896

A.S. Styles, partner of S. B. Snyder our cigar maker, is now with us making cigars probably for all summer. He has been working as telegraph operator at Reedsburg.

A little dwelling house formerly occupied by Christopher Field, was placed on a couple of trucks last Monday and moved over on Verken St., where it now rests on its new foundation and will be the future home

of Mrs. Ingeborg Gordon.

Never judge people by their clothing. the man with fringe around the bottom of his trousers, slouch hat and worn out shoes, may be the editor of your local newspaper while the man with new clothes and tan shoes may simply be one of his delinquent subscribers.

Did the parasols shade you any boys?

In spite of all the signs "Girls Wanted" exhibition in Blue Mounds, three young lasses boarded the east bound train Monday, billed for Madison to seek employment. They were Misses Annie Dokken, Annie Esker and Rosie Teaman.

120 Years Ago- May 17, 1906

Be sure to take a trip to Linden and see the Robert-Kickapoo mines while there. Go with the band May 24.

The State Bank building is undergoing another remodeling process. A flat tin roof is being put on which will make a vast improvement in appearance.

Isaac Fosshage, cashier of the State Bank, is taking beneficial physical culture exercises mornings, and at the same time reducing the size of an unsolicited pile of stove wood in the rear of his residence.

Some of the clever clerks at Hoff's store displayed a very attractive flour sign in the store room window last week, taking from a musical concert poster the line, "Popular Entertainers" and pinned it to a couple of flour sacks.

110 Years Ago- May 19, 1916

A chorus of two hundred graded school children assisted by the High School girls will sing the "Walrus and the Carpenter" Monday night at the Opera House.

A type setting machine will be installed in our printers and it is expected that the machine will be in operation by next week.

If you are interested in farming you should see the exhibit in the window at Evans' Pharmacy. Let us tell you about a place where stock can have green grazing 12 months in the year and where milk brings \$2.50 per 100 lbs. Walter C. Evans & H.S. Schwenn.

The streets were swept at an early hour yesterday morning and the dust hauled away.

And today is circus day in Mt. Horeb, a grand street parade is to be given at noon, but only one performance in the afternoon with no evening show as the railroad connections cannot be made so as to bring the circus to the next show place in time for tomorrow's show unless an early start is made from here.

The Sletto building has been moved a few feet south to make room for the large extension to the Hoff store.

100 Years Ago- May 21, 1926

Rev. J M. Green of Chicago, Rev. Gjerseeth and Prof. Jacobson of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, arrived here Wednesday. The gentlemen came to make arrangement for the removal

of the old Hauge church in Perry to Decorah, Iowa. The church will be removed next month and restoration work will commence at once.

In spite of the muddy roads and an all day rain the Frank E. Malone Post No. 113 of Mt. Horeb put on a real banquet last Tuesday evening at Olson's Restaurant. A real chicken dinner was served with all the trimmings, and did they eat! Well Olson's are still wondering where the boys put all the food. It was an evening long to be remembered. There was no instrumental music present but the boys made plenty of music with the drumsticks which accompanied the singing.

Our local school band walked away with second place at the Green Bay band tournament last week, bowing only to the Westby in points of excellence.

Andrew Burtness, who lived alone in a house of Carl Colby, near Mt. Vernon, was found dead on Friday. The deceased was found outside the house. Beside him was a pipe and his hat and death was due to a stroke.

A special meeting of the Village Board was held Wednesday evening. The clerk was instructed to order 30,000 gallons of road oil. The street committee recommended Front street between S 1st and S. 2nd street is to be concreted. The owners on either side of the street to pay 1/3 each and the village 1/3.

Farmers are generally putting in corn ground for small grain without plowing.

90 Years Ago-

May 14, 1936

The foundation for the new front of the Gilbertson-Engeseth Hardware Store has been laid and when completed the building will extend out to the sidewalk, supplying adequate show windows and more store space.

The house on the John Cook farm in Riley was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin yesterday morning.

Joseph Brager, Mount Horeb, and Phillip Arneson, Barneveld, left Wednesday for Cleveland, Ohio where they will take part in the National Tournament for high school bands. They will enter competition in the cornet solo section.

70 Years Ago- May 17, 1956

Twenty-two head of cattle perished when the barn on the John Strassman Jr. farm, Springdale, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground early Wednesday morning. Only three head of cattle escaped but they were badly burned.

60 Years Ago- May 19, 1966

Sixty-four members of the Mount Horeb High School French Club dined in regal French atmosphere provided by the Karakahl Inn Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lunde, Mount Horeb, will greet their friends and relatives Sunday, May 22 on their golden wedding anniversary at the Immanuel Lutheran Church from 2:00

to 5:00 pm.

Electors of Joint No. 6 School District are urged to attend the information meeting at the high school next Monday evening to discuss the proposals to be presented by the school board for a new elementary school unit and an addition to the high school.

40 Years Ago- May 15, 1986

The Mount Horeb Farmers Coop recently broke ground for their new 32,500 square foot facility.

Elizabeth Field, a senior at Mount Horeb High School, has been named Wisconsin State Typing champion and advances to the Olympia National Scholastic Typing contest.

A daughter, Lisa Margaret, was born to David and Loretta Herfel, Mount Horeb, on Sunday, May 11, at Madison General hospital, Madison.

Nellie P. Lust, age 94, died on Thursday, May 8 at her home following a brief illness. She was employed as a waitress at Olson's Restaurant for many years.

20 Years Ago- May 18, 2006

Rural Mount Horeb Postal Carrier Lois Grinder is retiring after 20 years of service. The public is invited to stop by the post office between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm to wish her a happy retirement.

Boyd O. Skuldt, age 86, of rural Mount Horeb, died on Sunday, May 14, 2006, at his home surrounded by his family after a nine month battle with cancer.

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Youth Apprentice

Local Youth Apprentice Program continues to provide real-world experience

Mount Horeb High School's Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program continues to expand, providing students with valuable real-world experience through its innovative "earn while you learn" model.

Designed for high school juniors and seniors, the Youth Apprenticeship program offers a one- or two-year opportunity for students to gain hands-on training in a chosen career

field. Participants work directly with local employers who provide on-the-job instruction, while also completing related coursework that supports their professional development.

This combination of classroom learning and practical experience equips students with essential skills and knowledge, preparing them for success in college, technical education, or the workforce after graduation.

The program has experienced significant growth over the past decade. What began with fewer than 10 students has expanded to include 42 students enrolled during the current school year. This steady increase reflects strong interest and support from students, families, and local businesses.

"The Youth Apprenticeship program is a powerful pathway for students to explore careers and build confidence in their abilities," said Jodie Baber, Business

Education and International Baccalaureate Teacher. "The continued growth speaks to the value our community places on hands-on learning and career readiness."

As the program moves forward, Mount Horeb High School remains committed to strengthening partnerships with local employers and providing meaningful opportunities for students to gain experience and prepare for their futures.

Mount Horeb is officially a ‘Bird City’



Kelsey Bell, Bird City Wisconsin program director, top, shows off the Bird City banners along with Tim White, left, and Kerry Beheler, right, of the Mount Horeb Sustainability and Natural Resource Committee.



Local groups whose work led to the Bird City designation include Friends of Stewart Park; Mount Horeb Rotary, which sponsors the Green Team; Mound Vue Garden Club; Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce; the Mount Horeb Community Garden; and the Mount Horeb Sustainability and Natural Resource Committee.

By SUSAN LAMPERT SMITH
Special to the Mail

As redwing blackbirds trilled from the trees surrounding Stewart Lake, Mount Horeb officially was awarded the title of Bird City.

Mount Horeb joins a network of bird havens, a movement that began in Wisconsin in 2009 and has spread to 12 other states and the countries of Mexico, Brazil and Columbia. Wisconsin is home to almost 90 bird cities, which are certified every year on four general criteria: habitat enhancement, protecting birds from threats like cats and

window strikes, education and outreach, and sustainable practices.

Kelsey Bell, Bird City Wisconsin program director, travelled from the Lake Michigan Bird Observatory in Port Washington to present the signs and banners Mount Horeb can now proudly display. She praised the efforts of the many groups in Mount Horeb who came together on the effort, which was led by Kerry Beheler of the Mount Horeb Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee. Most new bird cities have fulfilled about 10 activities that benefit birds, Mount Horeb had

already achieved 24, Bell said.

Bell singled out the Bluebird Trail in Stewart Lake, which has fledged 1,000 bluebirds from nest boxes in the park, and collected data for more than 25 years, and the Mount Horeb Green Team’s “Yard in Every Yard” initiative, which promotes native pollinator and bird-friendly plantings across public and private spaces.

“The ‘Yard in Every Yard’ initiative really stood out to me,” Bell said. “It is very unique and I have not heard of other communities doing that. I would like to get up-

dates because I think it’s something other communities can implement. That is one of the things Bird City can do, we inspire other communities.”

Mount Horeb groups whose work helped make Mount Horeb bird friendly include Friends of Stewart Park; Mount Horeb Rotary, which sponsors the Green Team; Mound Vue Garden Club; Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce; the Mount Horeb Community Garden; and the Mount Horeb Sustainability and Natural Resource Committee.

Birds need all the friends

they can get, Bell said, “Since the 1970s, we have lost upwards of 3 billion birds.” The largest threats are from outdoor cats, which kill 2.4 billion birds a year, and window collisions, which kill another million birds every year.

For their part, birds are important for controlling mosquitos and other pests, for dispersing seeds, for inspiring art and music and generally improving the mental health of people. Being named a Bird City can also help put the Mount Horeb area on the ecotourism map.

“People travel all over for

birds,” Bell said. “They get gas, they go for coffee, they stay overnight.”

Mount Horeb witnessed the birding frenzy in 2023 when a limpkin, a tropical wading bird native to Brazil and the Caribbean, showed up to eat snails in Stewart Lake. As word spread, the park became a mecca for birders and wildlife photographers.

People who want to learn more about the Bird City Initiative can go to birdcity.org/wisconsin/mount-horeb

Veterans’ News

So many good things are happening at the local VA Hospital

By JERRY HOOK
Special to the Mail

I wanted to tell a good news story about the VA hospital in our own backyard. We are very fortunate to have one of the best Veterans hospitals in the country right here in Dane County.

The VA in our country is responsible for providing health care to the nearly 9 million Veterans enrolled in VA health care. As part of that larger system, the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, aka Madison VA, covers 19 counties and serves over 80,000 Veterans.

There are so many good things going on at the VA

in Madison that I will not be able to cover all of them here:

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 5-Star Overall Hospital Quality Rating
- CMS 5-Star Patient Experience Rating
- CMS 5-Star Community Living Center Compare Rating
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- Women’s Health Trust Score of 92.3
- Veteran Respect score of 97.6
- Top Performer for Hospital Rating in the VA’s Survey of Healthcare Experience of Patients
- Completed 48 transplant

surgeries – 6 heart, 17 lung, 25 liver transplants

Secured land for a Madison VA Fisher House with plans to break ground in 2026.

All of these honors are recognition of the quality care that Madison VA provides for the Veterans under their care. As you can see, Madison VA receives high praise from the people that know it best - the patients and workers at the hospital and clinics.

I am not here to say that there’s never problems, or that every Veteran loves everything about the VA in Madison. So many times, as I’m talking to people about the Madison VA, they say

that the VA saved their life. I’m here to tell you that I have had the best care I’ve ever had, and that there are many key indicators telling us that our VA in Madison is one of the finest in the nation.

I mentioned above that the Madison VA secured land for a Fisher House in Middleton. The Fisher House is a Veteran / service member equivalent to the Ronald McDonald House. To understand why this is so important let’s go back to the fact that Madison VA provides transplant services for Veterans throughout the country. Many travel with family members and right now they have to stay in

hotels in Madison for six to eight months depending on their pre-transplant as well as post operative recovery.

Fisher House is going to break ground this summer with a presumed opening in June or July of 2027. This will allow 16 families to stay at the Fisher House instead of staying at hotels in the Madison area. We can support the Fisher House efforts financially as well as making meals on site with the families, donating meals or paying for catering. We can be the extended family for these Veterans and sometimes service members and families as they receive critical care and receive therapy as they recover from lung,

heart and liver transplants.

If you’re a Veteran and you were turned away from the VA system at one point in your life, go back and try again. Things have changed over the years. If you are a Veteran, talk to other Veterans about getting care at the VA in Madison. For all of us, there are opportunities to volunteer at Madison VA where Veterans receive the best care possible right here in our back yard.

Thank you to every Veteran that has ever donned the uniform of the United States Armed Services. We owe you a debt of gratitude and, as a country, we should pay that debt by caring for you and your families.

Mount Horeb Area School District

Mount Horeb Music Boosters Fund New Classroom Seating for General Music Program

The Mt. Horeb Music Boosters continue their long-standing tradition of supporting local music education with a recent contribution to the general music program in Mount Horeb schools. This latest funding helped the Intermediate Center music teacher, Fae Baumann, purchase new flexible classroom seating from Lakeshore Learning, enhancing how students learn and engage in music class.

Baumann has worked to build an inclusive and engaging classroom environment where students can explore musical expression and fundamentals in creative ways. The previous classroom seating arrangements made it difficult for students to work collaboratively, perform movement-based learning, write on hard surfaces, and stay focused.

Originally raised in Muscoda, Wisconsin, Baumann earned a bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in Fall 2020. He has experience in teaching, music performance, and nonprofit advocacy. Baumann combined these

experiences and strengths into finding an innovative solution, and approached the Mt. Horeb Music Boosters about helping fund this seating project.

When asked about what the funding of this project looked like, Baumann replied, "I originally thought this would be a two- to four-year project, with how expensive this seating was. The Music Boosters approved all four sets when I first met with them, and honestly, it's a dream come true for my students' space."

The new seating is designed to support a more dynamic classroom environment, allowing students to easily transition between sitting, group work, movement activities, and performance-based instruction. With this equipment, Baumann can incorporate more movement into music class—including dancing, drumming, and playing a variety of instruments.

"The students have been nothing but grateful. They're all very excited for the flexibility and boost to the classroom environment this new seating provides," Baumann said.

The Mt. Horeb Music Boosters is a nonprofit, volunteer organization made up of parents and district music staff dedicated to supporting K-12 music programs in the Mount Horeb Area School District. The group raises funds throughout the year to provide resources beyond what school budgets can cover, including guest artists, travel opportunities, and enrichment materials.

While much of the Music Department's visibility comes from performing ensembles, every student at the Intermediate Center participates in music classes, meaning the Boosters' contribution to this project impacts over 460 students annually. While the vast majority of the cost was covered by the Music Boosters, it should also be noted that the Mount Horeb K-5 PTO also contributed funds to help cover costs.

Investments like the new seating reflect their broader goal of strengthening both instruction and student participation in the arts throughout the Mount Horeb Area School District.



Mt. Horeb Music Boosters helped purchase new flexible classroom seating from Lakeshore Learning.

Mount Horeb Students Bring Classroom Learning to Life Through Community Partnership

Students in Tom Lesar's IB Sports, Exercise, and Health Science class at Mount Horeb High School are extending their learning beyond the classroom through a new partnership with Burn Boot Camp in Verona. The collaboration supports the school's International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP), which encourages students to explore career pathways while connecting academic learning to real-world experiences.

During a recent visit to Burn Boot Camp, owner and trainer Gavin Binger welcomed students into the facility to share insights about the fitness and wellness industry. Students learned how professional training programs are developed, explored the skills needed to work in a client-focused environment, and discussed topics such as leadership, entrepreneurship, and the importance of lifelong health and wellness.



Students at Mount Horeb High School are in a new partnership with Burn Boot Camp in Verona.

The experience also gave students the opportunity to ask questions about careers in the industry, education, and certification pathways,

and what it takes to build and sustain a successful business. Educators say partnerships like this help make

learning more meaningful by allowing students to see how the skills they are developing in school can translate into real careers.

"A huge thank you to Gavin and the team at Burn Boot Camp for hosting our IB SEHS students," shared Lesar. "Gavin's energy per-

fectly complemented his insightful talk on the vital link between physical activity and adolescent mental health. By connecting our curriculum to long-term wellness and future career paths—and even offering a pre-exam workout—he provided our students with an invaluable real-world perspective on health science."

At Mount Horeb Area School District, collaborations with local organizations play an important role in preparing students for life after graduation. School leaders expressed gratitude to Gavin and the Burn Boot Camp team for opening their doors to students and helping bring classroom learning to life. As the district continues to expand its International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme, partnerships like this will help provide authentic experiences that inspire students and broaden their understanding of future career possibilities.



SENIOR

A valuable resource guide for local Seniors and caregivers looking for services and opportunities to enhance the health, wellness and lifestyle for our senior community!



Life



How Seniors Can Remain Physically and Mentally Active

Growing older is often equated with slowing down. Aging may be characterized as a period of decline marked by an inability to do the things you once did, but recent data indicates otherwise.

According to a report in the journal *Geriatrics*, a far more optimistic reality awaits seniors. Nearly 45 percent of people age 65 and older show measurable improvements in brain health, physical function or both over time when they take certain steps to promote physical and mental wellness.

Physical activity

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends 150 minutes of

moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week, supplemented by at least two days of muscle-strengthening exercises. Brisk walking or swimming can improve cardiovascular health and reduce the risk of stroke and hypertension, says the Massachusetts Council on Aging. Incorporating yoga or Tai Chi is vital for fall prevention, as it targets balance and flexibility. The CDC says improving joint mobility and balance can significantly extend the amount of time seniors can live independently. In addition, lifting light weights or using resistance bands helps combat age-related muscle loss, which is essential for

maintaining metabolic health. Cognitive advantages

Mental fitness is just as vital to seniors as physical fitness. According to the World Health Organization, routine cognitive stimulation enhances “brain capital,” delaying the onset of dementia and Alzheimer’s. Strategies for effective mental engagement include:

- **Learning:** Lifelong learning techniques include picking up a new language or learning an instrument. This helps strengthen neural pathways that allows the brain to reorganize itself even in later decades.
- **Play games:** Play isn’t just for kids; games like chess

or complex puzzles improve problem-solving and memory retention, according to Nixon Adult Daycare in Houston.

- **Socialize:** Isolation is a leading risk factor for cognitive decline, says the National Institutes of Health. Group activities like book clubs or community volunteering can offer emotional fulfillment and mental stimulation.

Power of positivity

Findings from a recent Yale University study indicated seniors with a positive outlook on aging were significantly more likely to show physical and mental improvements compared to those with negative perspectives. Psychologi-



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cal resilience is an important tool for seniors to stay healthy. Movement, social interaction, stimulating activities,

and a positive attitude can help seniors maintain overall health.

Tips to Manage Life After an Alzheimer’s Diagnosis

Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia affect millions of people across the globe. The organization Alzheimer’s Disease International reports that more than 55 million people worldwide were living with dementia in 2020. ADI also estimates that dementia cases are expected to reach 78 million by 2030 and 139 million by 2050.

Alzheimer’s disease affects those diagnosed with the disease and also their families. Family members often assume a caregiving role when a loved one is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease. Such a

diagnosis is life-changing for both patients and their families, and it can be helpful for all affected to learn what to expect after an Alzheimer’s diagnosis.

- Alzheimer’s disease has stages, so a diagnosis does not mean immediate loss of independence. The Fisher Center for Alzheimer’s Research Foundation notes a guideline exists to determine the stages of Alzheimer’s at any given point. That guideline is known as the Global Deterioration Scale (GDS), which identifies seven distinct stages, the first three

of which are pre-dementia. The Fisher Center notes that a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s can be made with considerable accuracy in stage 4, which is characterized by moderate cognitive decline. When a person is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, he or she or their family can ask the diagnosing physician about the stage of the disease. Such information can give families an idea of what to expect. If the diagnosing physician indicates the disease is stage 4 or earlier, then patients can maintain some level of independence.

- Stage 5 is marked by an inability to live independently. The Fisher Center notes that the changes that occur in stage 5 prevent patients from managing life on their own. Patients may wear the same clothing day after day unless they are reminded to change, and they may not be able to pick appropriate clothing for weather or other circumstances. Potential caregivers should know that by stage 5 a patient will need assistance with their finances, including paying bills and rent. Patients in stage 5 also may not recall

details of their own lives, including their address. But the Fisher Center notes that such knowledge is loosely held in stage 5, meaning a person may recall their address at certain times, but not others.

- Caregiving is often a team effort. Individuals with stage 5 or late-stage Alzheimer’s will require caregiving. The Alzheimer’s Association notes that caring for a person with Alzheimer’s often involves a team of people as opposed to a single person. A greater level of care will be required as the disease

progresses, and providing that care can be taxing and present its own unique set of challenges that can affect caregivers’ physical and mental well-being. Families that approach caregiving as a team may manage the side effects of providing that care more effectively.

Patients and their families confronting an Alzheimer’s diagnosis are encouraged to learn as much about the disease as possible and the best and healthiest way to approach caregiving as the disease progresses.

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How Seniors Can Build Their Social Networks in Retirement

Social isolation and loneliness can have a notably adverse effect on a person’s overall health. According to the World Health Organization, roughly 12 percent of older individuals experience loneliness, which can have a negative impact on their physical and mental health, quality of life, and even their life expectancy.

Seniors have much to gain when they take successful steps to avoid social isolation. Seniors who are concerned about the prospect of social isolation or loneliness or those already experiencing such feelings can try these strategies to build their social networks in retirement.

- Reconnect with old friends. It’s easy for adults to lose touch with old friends. By the time many adults reach middle age, professional and personal obligations can leave little time for a thriving social life. Successful professionals may be preoccupied with work projects, and while parents may be juggling their own hectic schedules with their children’s obligations. Come retirement, much of those responsibilities have ended, making this a perfect time to reconnect with old friends who also might have extra free time on their hands. Reach out through social media, text message or even a phone call, and let the situation unfold organically from



there.

- Take advantage of community offerings. Many communities sponsor events for seniors, like bus trips to local museums or stadiums, in an effort to encourage seniors to get out of the house. Retirees can take advantage of these opportunities, which tend to attract like-minded individuals with the same interests. A bus trip to a theater production will attract fellow arts lovers, and shared interests are a solid foundation for friendship.
- Start a local club or group. Starting a local club based on a particular activity is another great way for seniors to build a social network in retirement. Take to social media and express your interest in starting a local book club or walking group. Like community-sponsored bus trips, clubs and groups tend to attract like-minded individuals, providing a built-in path-

way to friendship.

- Reconnect with your faith. Houses of worship also offer a great way to meet locals and build relationships based on a shared identity. Faith-based communities provide a sense of belonging that can help retirees overcome social isolation and loneliness.
- Open yourself to new experiences. Trying something new is another great way to make new friends. Many local agencies like parks departments or community recreation offices offer seniors in-person workshops covering a wide range of activities. These offerings are a great way to discover a new pastime and meet new people along the way.

Social isolation and loneliness poses a significant threat to millions of seniors. But there are many ways for seniors to build their social networks in retirement.

The Impact of AI on Senior Health Care

Artificial intelligence (AI) continues to change the world. The “Logic Theorist” program, created by Herbert A. Simon and Allen Newell in 1955, which was designed to prove mathematical theorems, is widely considered to be the first AI program. Today, AI is employed to answer questions, solve problems and even create artwork.

AI can serve amazing purposes in health care settings. Though AI can benefit persons of all ages, seniors may find it especially improves their health care experience. Here are some ways AI can enhance seniors’ quality of life, independence and support systems.

- Monitoring: AI-powered systems can be used to monitor vital signs like heart rate, oxygen levels and blood pressure. Some wearables even can detect irregular heartbeats or other anomalies and alert individuals or caregivers.
- Early detection: Echelon Health says AI can be invaluable in the early detection of illnesses by predicting risk factors in patients. AI can be utilized with the first levels of screening, which may detect the smallest changes that could highlight underlying issues. Research has shown AI can detect serious diseases such as lung cancer or heart disease earlier to offer patients a better chance of effective treatment before diseases progress.
- Predictive analytics: Those



AI can enhance seniors’ quality of life, independence and support systems.

with a particular health condition can rely on AI to predict the likelihood of certain health events, like heart attacks or stroke, by analyzing data and genetic information. This allows doctors to take proactive approaches to adjusting treatment plans.

- Chronic disease management: The integration of AI into chronic disease management can enhance patient care efficiency and lead to optimized treatment strategies, says the National Institutes of Health. AI can monitor data patterns that offer insight into disease progression and can help seniors manage medications by providing reminders, tracking compliance and dispensing correct dosages.
- Smart home technology: A person’s environment

impacts his or her health. AI-powered devices can automate tasks like adjusting interior temperatures to safe levels, turn on lights for safer navigation, turn off appliances if they have been left unattended, and offer additional safety features like fall detection. This may enable seniors to live securely and independently longer.

- Daily tasks: In addition to specific disease management, AI can be used to create healthy meal plans and schedule appointments. This can promote autonomy and reduce reliance on helpers or caregivers.

Artificial intelligence is infiltrating daily life in many ways. In health care settings, AI benefits seniors in many different ways.



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Jolene Home Care Brings Personalized Senior Support to Sauk Prairie Area

Local nurse focuses on helping older adults remain independent in their homes

By Alec Finger
Finger Publishing

A Sauk City native is bringing a personalized approach to senior care back to the community where she grew up.

Jolene Home Care founder JoLene Cone-Breunig said the idea for her business grew during the COVID-19 pandemic while she was working in a hospital.

“I decided to branch off on my own during the pandemic,” Cone-Breunig said. “Once I moved back to this area, I realized very quickly

there was a huge need.”

Cone Breunig said many seniors prefer remaining in their own homes rather than moving into nursing homes or assisted living facilities. She said staying in familiar surroundings can help older adults maintain comfort, independence and dignity as they age.

“People want to stay in their homes,” she said. “It is their safe space. It is what is familiar.”

The business offers a wide range of support services for seniors and families, including transportation to appointments,

medication management, grocery shopping, house-keeping and companionship. Cone-Breunig said one growing service is medical advocacy, where she attends doctor appointments with clients to help explain medical information and take notes for families.

“I think everybody can benefit from a medical advocate,” she said. “Even as a nurse, it is good to have a second set of ears when you go to the doctor.”

Cone-Breunig said her approach to caregiving was heavily influenced by her

grandmother, who worked as a nurse for more than 30 years. She said her grandmother taught her the importance of treating people with empathy and respect.

“She walked the walk,” Cone-Breunig said. “She believed in treating people the way you want to be treated.”

Cone-Breunig said families often struggle to navigate senior care because there is no clear guidebook for caring for aging loved ones. She said many families need help finding resources and balancing caregiving responsibilities

with their own daily lives.

“It takes a village,” she said. “Sometimes you have to have 10 different people helping out with your family member.”

Rather than offering a one size fits all approach, Cone-Breunig said she tailors care plans to each client and family based on their specific needs.

“None of their needs are the same,” she said. “Some people have large families helping them, while others are very isolated.”

Cone-Breunig said she also works to give caregivers peace of mind, whether

that means sitting with a loved one for an hour while a spouse runs errands or helping families manage the stress that often comes with aging and illness.

“A lot of what families are hiring me for is peace of mind,” she said.

Cone-Breunig said serving the Sauk Prairie area has been especially meaningful because of the community connections and trust among residents.

“People here trust their neighbors,” she said. “I love this community.”

How seniors can find a suitable volunteering opportunity

Volunteering is a rewarding experience that engages people from all walks of life. While young adults and adults in middle age may find it hard to squeeze volunteering into their schedules, retirees are free of many of the professional and personal obligations that prevent younger adults from volunteering.

Retirees can reap some unique benefits from volunteering. Volunteering can provide retirees new opportunities to socialize, which can help them avoid feelings of social isolation and loneliness that many seniors confront after retiring. Volunteering also can provide an opportunity for seniors to utilize their professional expertise to the benefit of others.

With so much to gain from volunteering, retirees can start looking

for opportunities in their communities. Many such opportunities exist, and the following tips can help retirees find the most suitable one for them.

- Identify your motivation to volunteer. Identifying why you want to volunteer can be a great first step. Many retirees who had long and distinguished careers in the professional arena aspire to give back by employing their expertise in new ways. For example, retired attorneys may want to volunteer with a nonprofit organization that provides free legal advice to those who cannot afford to hire their own legal representatives. Once retirees have identified why they want to volunteer, they can then look for opportunities that align with that motivation.
- Consider any potential limitations you have. Some

volunteering opportunities are physically demanding, which makes them difficult for retirees. Seniors may not be able to handle a volunteering opportunity that requires heavy lifting or one that asks volunteers to spend hours on their feet. Be honest about any physical limitations, and discuss any uncertainty you might have with your health care provider before committing to a volunteering gig.

- Decide how much time you can volunteer. Volunteering is often characterized as a rewarding experience that of-

fers homebound seniors a chance to get up and go. But some retirees already have active social lives, so it’s imperative that prospective volunteers identify how much time they have to volunteer. Many organizations allow volunteers to determine how much time they spend volunteering, but others may ask more of volunteers in regard to a time commitment. For example, volunteering to organize community events may require a significant time commitment that some retirees do not necessarily want to make.

There are many great reasons to volunteer. Retirees considering volunteering can give the prospect ample

consideration before they begin searching for the right opportunity to give back.



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SENIOR LIFE

Dating Later in Life

People are living longer, a reality that can be traced to a number of factors, including advancements in medicine and greater dissemination of information regarding preventive health care. According to data from the United Nations Population Division, the average life expectancy in the United States is 81.65 for women and 76.61 for men. Canada has even higher life expectancies, at 84.74 for women and 81.15 for men.

As people live longer, some may outlive their significant others and ultimately find themselves once again interested in sharing experiences with a special someone. Seniors ready to re-enter the dating pool may find that things are quite different from what they experienced as naïve teenagers or young adults. Dating used to be about hanging out with friends and meeting people at shared events, such

as school dances or work parties or even while enjoying a night out with friends. Nowadays, dating often begins in cyberspace. This can be confusing and anxiety-inducing for adults who didn't grow up with technology guiding their every move.

According to a report in *The Atlantic*, more than one-third of baby boomers are not currently married, and this generation has had higher rates of separation and divorce and lower rates of marriage than the generations that preceded them. Many boomers have years ahead of them to devote to new relationships. Here's what they may want to know before navigating twenty-first century dating waters.

- You're not in this alone. While online dating may be portrayed as a young person's game, plenty of older adults are now finding connections online. In fact, many different dating

apps are geared toward the senior set, including SeniorMatch, eHarmony, Singles50, OKCupid, and Silver Singles, among others.

- You have more time for fun. As a senior, you may have more time to devote to recreation and leisure. This can be a great opportunity to get out and meet someone who shares your passions and interests.

- Online dating has its advantages. While online dating apps and websites may have certain things working against them, particularly if their algorithms for pairing people are not fine-tuned, they also can be helpful. Online dating can expand social circles beyond local neighborhoods or even states, provinces or countries. You're casting your net over a much larger body of water. Furthermore, dating app profiles typically spell out exactly what another person is



Many seniors have years ahead of them to devote to new relationships.

seeking, which can save seniors from having to revisit awkward dating moments from years past.

Seniors may have to navigate new waters in modern dating. But with a good mindset and a little

persistence, it is possible for seniors to find a special someone in cyberspace.

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Village Vignette

Architect: Frank Lloyd Wright: A Driftless Hypothesis

By **LAURENCE KRUCKMAN**
Village Vignettes

You would think, by now, that everything that needed to be said about Frank Lloyd Wright is already in print. As one of the world's great architects, some may recall that he was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin, in 1867 and died in 1959. And that he had a very forceful mother, Anna Lloyd Jones, and a nomadic father, William Carey Wright, a Unitarian minister, composer and musician.

If you dig deeper, however, you might be surprised to find that there are over 3500 books, either by Wright or about him, and as if that wasn't enough, there is a Praeger Press bibliography that weighs in at two pounds. That's almost five hundred pages of articles, films, chapters, and even fiction, all about Frank.

You could spend a lifetime digging into this literature and discover such esoteric facts as: including the Cherokee red color found on many of his buildings was stimulated by a paint job on an early Nash automobile he owned (and found a way to get back into production); or, my favorite, he liked to drive his car in the Driftless countryside with the radio turned up loud.

Many don't know the partial basis for my hypothesis, in 1869 when he was 2-3 years old, his parents moved to McGregor, Iowa, a small Mississippi River town across the bridge from Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Given his father's wanderlust, this may not seem significant as a potential key influence on Wright, that is, until you arrive in the town. The main street is laid out perpendicular to the river, determined somewhat by

its excellent river access, but more importantly the high limestone bluff that also runs east-west near the river landing. Early settlers simply decided to build their Civil War-era storefronts below the crème-colored bluff. As you walk west down the street, you notice the bluff looming overhead. One of the last buildings, a jail, is carved into the natural bluff wall (see photos). A jail storefront with cells carved into rock, like a series of man-made caves, if you will. Walking east you quickly come to the Mississippi River with even more dramatic limestone outcroppings such as Point Ann. So tightly fit into the valley in the 1800s it was called the "pocket town." The Wright residence (although this has not been well documented) was a block west of the downtown and his father's church was at 4th and Anne, now the town firestation.

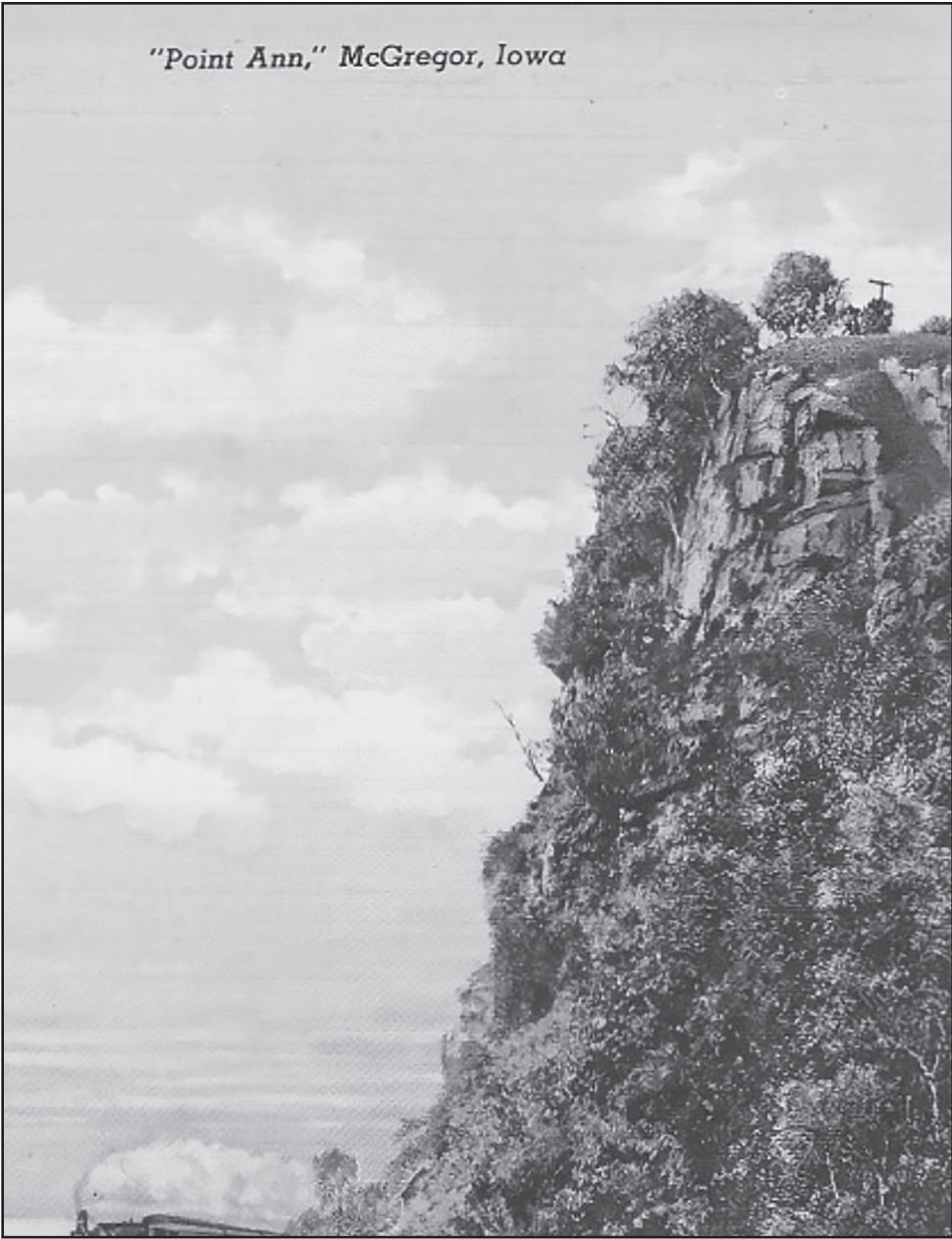
I suggest that, as in my own case, this juxtaposition of man-made buildings with the bluff towering overhead, had an impact on little Frank. His love of buff colored limestone, his organic architecture integrating buildings with their natural environment, his use of dramatic horizontal lines, with low-pitched roofs and wide eaves, his love of natural materials like wood and stone, could all be attributed to his early environment, creating a fluid connection between indoors and outdoors.

Then there is water. The Mississippi River and its sound, located just blocks away, must have had an impact on Wright as well. Wright understood that water provides a sensory experience that goes beyond the visual. In his later houses, like Fallingwater

and Kentuck Knob, he carefully orchestrated the acoustic environment by placing living spaces directly above or adjacent to moving water. At Kentuck Knob, he designed a small waterfall fountain outside the master bedroom specifically so the inhabitants could fall asleep to the sound of flowing water.

Perhaps the most famous example of Wright's aquatic obsession is Fallingwater designed in 1935. While his clients, the Kaufmanns, expected a house with a view of the waterfall, Wright famously insisted they live with it. He used bold, reinforced concrete «beams» that jutted out directly over the rushing Bear Run stream. Inside the living room, a glass hatch opens to a suspended staircase leading directly into the water, blurring the line between the indoor hearth and the outdoor riverbed. And, admittedly this might be a stretch, the flagstone floors of Fallingwater were hand-waxed to a high sheen so they would appear wet, mirroring the glistening river rocks just feet away. Could his very early years along the Mississippi have influenced his later designs?

What would child development researchers say about these suggested connections? How much does one retain in the first three years of life re memory and visual perception, as the brain is going through tremendous development? Currently in vogue, is a phenomenon called "infantile amnesia," where adults typically cannot retrieve early memories of specific events or personal experiences, before three years of age. However, this doesn't mean that little Frank wasn't impacted by his McGregor



"Point Ann," McGregor, Iowa

Point Ann near the Mississippi River and the Mainstreet of Mc Gregor, Iowa, a location possibly observed by young Wright many times.

days. More likely, according to research, he formed "implicit memories," which are subconscious, and involve emotions and conditioned responses.

Scholars say that memories, encoded pre-verbally, are often lost if not later translated into language. But here we have the well-known impact of his assertive mother, who decorated his nursery with engravings of buildings, including cathedrals, to instill an "architectural vision." Or that of his father, a musician and composer, who introduced the boy to rhythmic patterns of music, which Wright himself later credited as a fundamental influence on his sense of space and proportion.

My flimsy hypothesis might be supported by more recent research showing that even newborns have basic visual abilities and show a preference for certain stimuli, including contrasting lines. And by six months, we already have color vision and are tracking patterns.

By six to twelve months, we acquire more depth perception and, between twelve to thirty-six months, toddlers can stack blocks and

complete simple puzzles. Again, it's well known that Wright's mother had provided a set of German wooden blocks for him to play with.

Could there be a connection, beyond his parent's influence, with Frank's early childhood visual experience in McGregor and his developmental and non-explicit memory in environmental preferences? Even if he didn't have specific detailed conscious memories of that bluff on Main Street towering over the buildings (at age three or four when the family left town), research suggests that the experience might have shaped his preferences and emotional connection to nature.

I've learned there is also a specialized bit of research called "childhood nature experiences," which appears to show a significant positive correlation between these experiences and adult nature connectedness. Apparently, growing up in a place with a high degree of "naturalness" leads to a higher attachment to those kinds of places in adulthood.

In one interesting study in Europe, it was found that children growing up in

mountainous environments foster a deep-seated feeling of comfort, familiarity or preference for that type of landscape later in life, compared to someone with no such early experience.

In sum, Frank may not have remembered those looming McGregor bluffs, with their horizontal patterns and buff colored limestone, and the majestic Mississippi River, but he may have formed a fundamental preference and emotional attachment to similar environments, manifesting as a strong adult appreciation for those same patterns in his architectural innovations.

I suggest a Driftless journey to Frank's early river town home some weekend. You be the judge.

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



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Stay alert on the road as deer crashes spike in late spring, early summer

In Wisconsin, we typically see an increase in deer activity in May and June as they look for places to give birth and young deer separate from their mothers. In turn, this means more deer crossing the roads and a greater chance for crashes.

“Drivers should have their full attention on the road ahead to avoid deer crashes,” Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. “Deer are unpredictable, often changing directions and freezing as they cross the road. Motorists should be alert and prepared to respond at all times.”

According to preliminary data, there were 17,795 crashes involv-

ing deer in Wisconsin in 2025, causing six fatalities and 720 injuries.

Motorcyclists are at greater risk of injury in a deer crash. In 2025, 223 of the deer crashes involved a motorcycle, resulting in four fatalities and 80 serious injuries. This means 38% of motorcycle deer crash resulted in a fatality or serious injury, compared to less than 0.1% in auto or light truck deer crashes.

Counties with the most deer crashes last year:

Waukesha – 1,010
Washington - 857
Sheboygan - 830
Dane - 792

St. Croix – 769
Manitowoc - 711
Fond du lac - 704
Walworth - 642
Outagamie - 590
Winnebago – 566

How to avoid hitting a deer

Deer can be seen any time of day, but they are most active in early morning and evening hours. Be sure to use your headlights, especially at dusk and dawn. Deer movements can be unpredictable, so drivers should slow down and proceed with caution when approaching deer on and near the road. If a deer crosses the road, be prepared for others to follow.

Be sure to buckle up and avoid distractions to stay safe on the road. Crash injuries are less severe or can be avoided when everyone wears a seat belt.

If you cannot avoid hitting a deer with your vehicle, brake firmly and stay in your lane. Avoid sudden swerving, which can result in a loss of control and a more serious crash. On motorcycle, if you cannot avoid hitting a deer and there is enough space to swerve around it without leaving your lane, brake and adjust course as needed.

What to do after a deer crash

If you hit a deer, get your vehicle safely off the road as soon as possible.

If someone is hurt or the deer is in the active portion of the road, call 911.

If no one is hurt and your vehicle and the deer are off the road, report the crash or contact local law enforcement.

Stay buckled up inside your vehicle and wait for help. Getting out of your vehicle and walking along a road is always dangerous.

Never attempt to move an injured deer.

For disposal of car-killed deer, call your county highway department or sheriff department non-emergency line.

Transfer of beagles from breeding facility planned for this week

Select staff and volunteers from Dane County Humane Society (DCHS), Beagle Freedom Project (BFP), Wisconsin Puppymill Project, and Wisconsin Feder-

ated Humane Societies were scheduled to begin transferring the first of the 500 beagles from Ridglan Farms, the breeding facility in Blue Mounds, early this week.

Upon arrival at DCHS’s Barn, a small veterinary team conducted exams, administered vaccinations, and provided immediate medical care, according to a state-

ment issued by the Dane County Humane Society.

The dogs will then be transferred to partner shelters and rescues for further care and when they’re ready, adoption. These 500 dogs released to the Center for a Humane Economy are in addition to the 1,000 Ridglan beagles released to Big Dog Ranch Rescue.

They planned to transfer 150 dogs on Monday and Tuesday and an additional 100 dogs on Wednesday and Thursday.

Dr. Zorea to explore how online communication fuels discord

In today’s online world, communication has increasingly become depersonalized and, often, discourteous. Discover ways to improve communication in our technology centered society on Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Aharon Zorea at the Mount Horeb Public Library.

Part of the library’s ongoing “Disagree Better” series, the program will explore how

online communication has changed the way people interact, often leading to misunderstandings and anger. Dr. Zorea will share practical strategies for building stronger communication habits and navigating challenging discussions with greater civility and understanding.

A history professor at UW-Platteville, Zorea specializes in studying movements,

and the interplay of ideas and actions. The presentation is designed for anyone interested in fostering healthier conversations both online and in everyday life. Free. No registration necessary.

To learn more about the Disagree Better Series visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

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Community Garden gets a Little Free Library



A Little Free Library for garden books was built and installed by volunteer Terry Salter, assisted by Mike Shallow, next to the garden at Howard Himsel Park on Spellman Street. The project was spearheaded by board members Carolyn White and Amy Pfahler through a grant from the Mt. Horeb Utilities.

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SPORTS

Vikings win for Charlotte

Mount Horeb
tops Edgewood
in Strikeout
Cancer game
by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Reporter

There was a lot on the line when Mount Horeb hosted Madison Edgewood in a rematch of their Badger Small Conference series last Friday on a sun-splashed, beautiful spring afternoon.

But high school baseball took a backseat to what really mattered most when the host community gathered to celebrate its annual ‘Strike Out Cancer’ game.

For 5-year-old kindergarten Charlotte ‘Lottie’ Sutter, who has been battling against Wilms Tumor, it was an opportunity to celebrate what a gift each day brings.

Senior left-hander Jaxen Finley allowed just one run in five-plus innings and added a two-run home run to lift Mount Horeb to a 4-1 victory over visiting



What a day!

Mount Horeb’s baseball team held its ‘Strike Out Cancer’ game on May 8. The event raised approximately \$13,000 for the family of 5-year-old Charlotte ‘Lottie’ Sutter. Photo submitted

Edgewood.

But Finley, the son of Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley, said his accomplishments were secondary to what the day was all about.

“It’s always amazing representing people more than just the team and the Mount Horeb community,” Jaxen Finley said. “It

brings out so many people. It brings them together, and it’s a great thing to do.

“I was smiling watching (Charlotte) throw the first pitch. It’s a great sight to see. She’s been battling. She’s going to keep battling. It was great.”

For Ryan Finley, who said he looks forward to the annual event, snapping

the Vikings’ three-game losing streak, that included a 2-0 setback to the Crusaders last Tuesday, just added icing on the cake.

“This is something special, it’s such a great cause, and we got to meet Charlotte,” Ryan Finley said. “I taught her dad when I first started teaching.

“It’s special any time

the community comes together. We had a beautiful night. Playing a team like Edgewood and Coach (Rich) Newton, they’re always a great team. It was a fun foe to play. It makes it real special.

“It was important to put on a big show with a crowd like this. You want to get the win, for sure. It ended

up being a really, special night.”

The game included concessions, a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. The event raised approximately \$13,000, with all proceeds going to Sutter’s family.

“My wife, Joy Finley, and her co-worker Christa Olsen do all the work for

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Vikings win four of five Mount Horeb improves to 18-3 on the season

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

It was another big week for Mount Horeb’s girls softball team.

The Vikings won four of five games and improved to 18-3 overall and 10-2 in the Badger Small Conference. The Vikings are in second place in the league, two games behind conference leading Stoughton (12-0, 17-2).

Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ week.

• **Mount Horeb 9, Madison Edgewood 4** — The visiting Vikings pounded out 12 hits and downed the Crusaders on May 4.

Emily Wittenwyler led Mount Horeb going 2-for-4 with a double, two

RBIs and a run scored, while Delaina Nicewander went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI. Elaina Imbus went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and Sonja Schreiber was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Claire Casey added a triple and had an RBI, while Lauren Mester went 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Ella Baber was the winning pitcher after allowing four runs and striking out 10 while throwing all seven innings.

• **Madison Edgewood 9, Mount Horeb 8** — The Vikings clawed back from a 9-5 hole, but fell short against the visiting Crusad-



Emily Witteneyler and Mount Horeb’s girls softball team won four of five games last week. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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Girls track team wins own quad

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls track and field team won their own quadrangular on May 5.

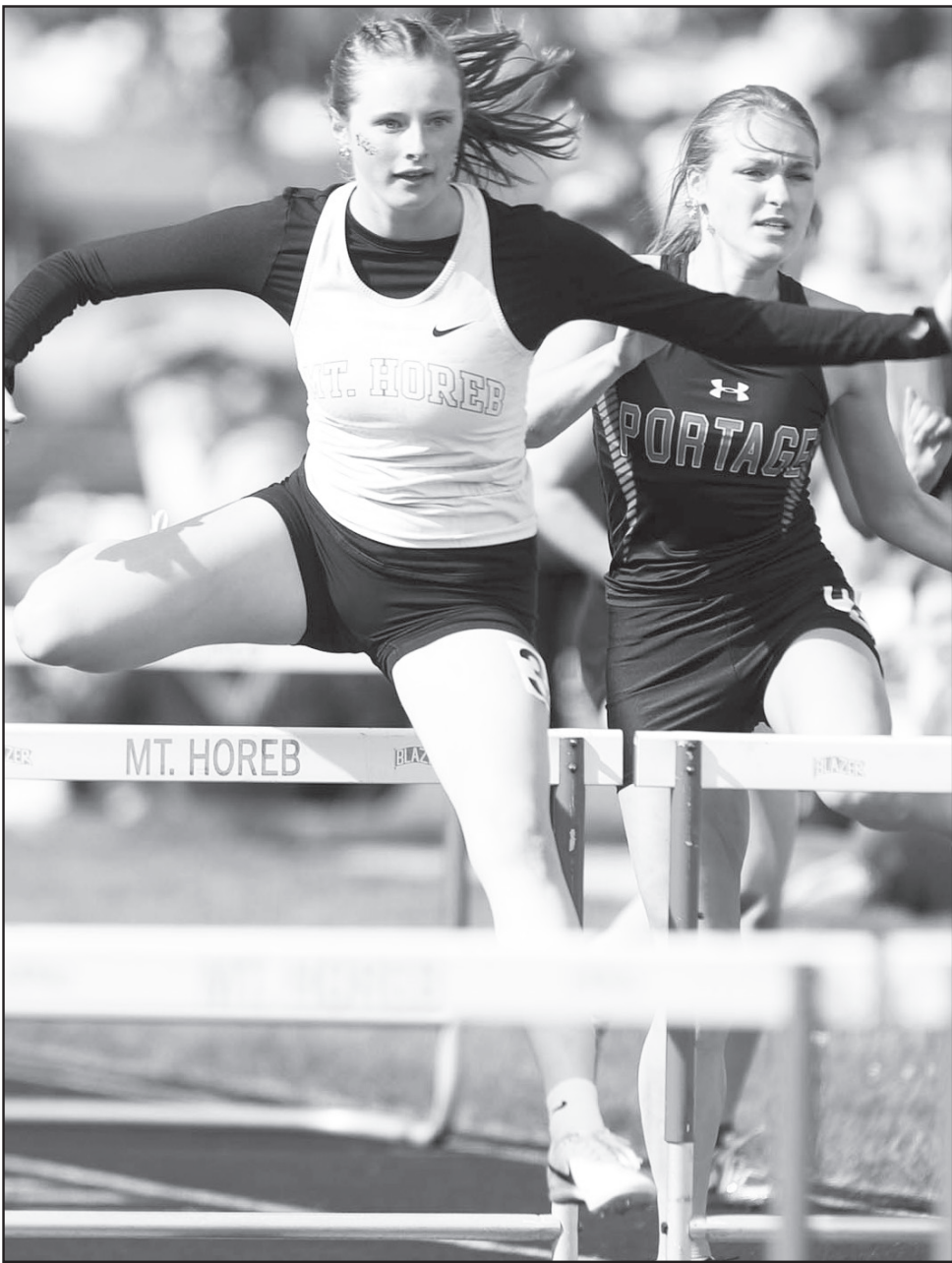
The Vikings finished with 75.50 points, while Monona Grove was second with 64. Milton (57.50) and Portage (51) rounded out the field.

Monona Grove won the boys’ title with 101 points, while Mount Horeb was second with 66. Milton (61) and Portage (24) rounded out the field.

Here were Mount Horeb’s top-three finishers:

- GIRLS FIRST**
- Abigail Marshaus in the 100-meter hurdles (18.96).
 - Katharina Schneider in the 300-meter hurdles (57.36).
 - Mount Horeb’s 400-meter relay team (51.33).
 - The Vikings’ 1,600-meter relay team (4:32.99).
 - Mount Horeb’s 3,200-meter relay team (10:15.40).
 - Avena Meyers in the long jump (16-1).

- SECOND**
- Eleanor Guenther in the 100-meter dash (13.40).
 - Lily Wahl in the 1,600-meter run (6:04.46).
 - Emily Folco in the 100-meter hurdles (19.12).
 - Madelyn Becker in the 300-meter hurdles (58.30).
 - Clementine Christian in the pole vault (7-0).



Madelyn Becker (left) and Emerson Kroll (right) helped Mount Horeb’s girls track and field team win their own quadrangular on May 5. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

- THIRD**
- Madelyn Becker in the 100-meter hurdles (19.34).
 - Abigail Marshaus in the 300-meter hurdles (59.03).
- BOYS FIRST**
- Devyn Uptegraw in the 100-meter dash (11.34).
 - Mount Horeb’s 400-meter relay team (45.89).
 - Django Christian in the

- triple jump (42-6).
- Gavin Reynolds in the shot put (46-11).
- SECOND**
- Andrew Jones in the 110-meter hurdles (16.45)
- and in the 300-meter hur-
dles (42.98).
 - Mount Horeb’s 800-
meter relay team (1:48.56).
 - The Vikings’ 3,200-
meter relay team.
 - Max Grundahl in the
- high jump (5-10).
 - Django Christian in the
long jump (19-3.75).
 - Mason Hurda in the
triple jump (39-6).
 - Harrison Walker in the
discus (148-8).



Simon Williams and Verona’s boys lacrosse team defeated Sun Prairie United, 10-4, on May 8. Photo submitted

Boys lacrosse team rolls

Verona’s co-op boys lacrosse team rolled past Sun Prairie United, 10-4, on May 8.

Mason Williams, a junior from Mount Horeb, led the Wildcats with five goals. Junior Gabe Weisensel added three goals and an assist, while junior Jackson Bubbers had a goal and an assist.

Sophomore Greyson Shunnk added a goal.

Cullen Olson, a junior from Mount Horeb, had seven ground balls and forced one turnover. Ju-

nior Ayden Jagla had five ground balls and forced one turnover, while senior Caleb Jabas was the winning keeper with 12 saves.

Freshman Riley Stagman won 14 of his 17 faceoffs (82.4%) and had nine ground balls.



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Soccer Vikings picking up steam

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls soccer team is rounding into form, winning two of three games last week.

The Vikings defeated Stoughton, 1-0, on May 4 and downed Reedsburg, 5-2, on May 5. Mount Horeb then fell to Delavan-Darien, 2-1, on May 8.

Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ games.

- **Mount Horeb 1, Stoughton 0** — Freshman midfielder Pippa Barsness cleaned up a deflected shot from junior midfielder Kolbie Severson to give the Vikings a win.

Severson played a free kick from the top of the box that was deflected by Stoughton. Barsness then finished things with a one-touch shot past the Stoughton keeper.

Mount Horeb had 17 shots on goal and controlled play throughout. Keeper Sara Seibel finished with four saves.

“Good conference win,” Mount Horeb coach Megan Lemire said. “I felt we played the better game and had more possession.”

- **Mount Horeb 5, Reedsburg 2** — Junior midfielder Kolbie Severson had two goals and two assists and senior forward Maddie Ryan had two goals as the Vikings downed the Beavers.

Freshman midfielder

Stella Simmons also had her first goal of the year as Mount Horeb rolled.

The Vikings finished with 19 shots on goal from seven different players. Keeper Sara Seibel finished with two saves.

“Another great conference win with a bunch of different players contributing on the offensive end,” Lemire said. “We moved the ball really well this game and built off of the offensive control we started in the Stoughton game.”

- **Delavan-Darien 2, Mount Horeb 1** — The visiting Comets edged the Vikings on Youth Night.

Pippa Barsness had Mount Horeb’s goal and Sara Seibel had five saves for the Vikings.

“We struggled at times with our defensive shape, but I know that if we were to face them again in the postseason we would play a better game,” Lemire said.

While Lemire was disappointed with the loss, the night itself was a success.

“Before the game we held Youth Night activities,” Lemire said. “I’m incredibly proud of our high school girls and how they encouraged and inspired Mount Horeb’s youth players.”

- **On deck:** The Vikings were at Dodgeville Monday and at Fort Atkinson Tuesday. Mount Horeb then hosts River Valley on Friday at 6 p.m.



Pippa Barsness and Mount Horeb’s girls soccer team won two of three games last week. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Boys golfers sixth at conference mini

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s boys golf team had a quiet week, competing in just one meet.

The Vikings finished sixth at the eight-team Badger Small Conference mini-meet at Reedsburg Country Club on May 5.

Madison Edgewood was first with a 293, while McFarland was second (320) and Reedsburg was third (323).

Mount Horeb finished with a 346 and was sixth.

“We showed we are capable of playing well on challenging courses such as Platteville and Portage and need to regain some of that momentum as we enter the stretch run of the season,” Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. “Both our conference tournament and regionals are on the horizon, and hopefully we can be playing our

best golf when it matters the most.”

Sophomores Jace Stadele and Max Boyle led Mount Horeb with 83s and finished in a tie for 13th place individually. Senior Nick Ibinger carded an 89 and junior Finn La Fleur shot a 91.

Mount Horeb was in seventh place at the turn with a 177.

Stadele and Boyle each posted a 42 on the front, while Ibinger had a 46 and La Fleur shot a 47.

Stadele birdied the par-five fourth hole and added pars at No. 2, 5 and 9, while Boyle made pars at No. 1, 2, 4, 8 and 9.

Stadele and Boyle again led the Vikings on the back nine, each finishing with a 41. Stadele parred holes No. 10, 12, 13, as well as No. 16, 17 and 18, while Boyle parred holes No. 10-12 and 18.

Ibinger improved to a 43 on his back nine with four pars, while La Fleur shot a 44 on the back nine.

“Up and down day for our team,” Krentz said. “Both Jace and Max provided solid performances for us, but we needed a couple others to step up in order to be in the mix for a top four finish.”

“Par-five’s have been a struggle for us this season and (Reedsburg) was no different. As a team, we only had eight scores of par or better and five scores of double bogey, or worse, on the four par-five’s. We need to be putting ourselves in position that we have a putt for birdie each time we play a par five and are making no worse than par on those holes in order to be competitive with the better teams in our conference.”



Jace Stadele shot an 83 and finished in a tie for 13th place at a Badger Small Conference mini-meet on May 5. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



Jozie Clifton (above), Isla Odgers (right) and Mount Horeb’s girls softball team stayed hot last week. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



SOFTBALL

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ers on May 5.

Mount Horeb scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to close within 9-8, then had two on with one out. But Edgewood escaped the jam and prevailed.

Delaina Nicewander led Mount Horeb’s offense going 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a run scored, while Jozie Clifton was 3-for-5 with two runs scored and an RBI. Elaina Imbus was 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored, and Claire Casey had two hits.

“The Edgewood games were both games were pretty similar,” Mount Horeb manager Jeramie Holman said. “It was all about hitting and who was going to play better defense, which we did in the first game and Edgewood

did in the second game and that was the difference.”

- **Mount Horeb 12, Sauk Prairie 2 (5)** — The Vikings pounded out 14 hits and Ella Baber threw well as Mount Horeb downed the Eagles in a game stopped after five innings due to the mercy rule on May 8.

The Vikings scored four runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings to pull away.

Delaina Nicewander went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI. Nicewander also notched her 100th career hit, joining Jayse Holman, Ruby Dahlk and Gina Rhiner in that exclusive club

Sonja Schreiber went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Isla Odgers went 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Claire Casey had a hit, scored three runs and had an RBI and Jozie Clifton went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Elaina Imbus had a double and scored two runs,

and Emily Wittenwyler had a hit, scored two runs and had an RBI.

Baber picked up the win after allowing two runs in six innings. Baber struck out seven, walked two and allowed six hits. Baber also had a hit, two RBIs and scored a run.

- **Mount Horeb 9, Platteville 4** — The Vikings struck for five first inning runs and cruised past the host Hillmen last Saturday.

Delaina Nicewander had a big game at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI, while Claire Casey went 2-for-4, had two RBIs and scored a run. Elaina Imbus went 2-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs scored, and Lauren Mester went 2-for-5 and scored two runs.

Ella Baber also sparked on the mound, striking out 12 and picking up the win. Baber also helped the of-

fense by drawing three walks and scoring a run.

“The girls hit the ball very well and Ella shut down a good hitting Platteville team,” Holman said.

- **Mount Horeb 3, Lancaster 2** — The Vikings scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and rallied past the Flying Arrows last Saturday.

Jozie Clifton went the distance and earned the win for Mount Horeb. Clifton didn’t allow an earned run, struck out six and gave up just four hits.

Clifton also went 3-for-4, while Isla Odgers went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Elaina Imbus went 2-for-3 with a run scored, and Sonja Schreiber and Emily Wittenwyler both had RBIs.

Mount Horeb trailed, 2-0, in the bottom of the sixth when it rallied for the game-winning runs.

In the sixth, Elaina

Imbus led off with a double, and after consecutive groundouts, Schreiber had an RBI double that scored Imbus and pulled the Vikings within 2-1. Wittenwyler then had an RBI single that scored pinch runner Anneka Polman and tied the game, 2-2.

Baber followed with a base hit, then Odgers had an RBI single that plated Wittenwyler with the game-winning run.

Clifton then worked a perfect seventh — highlighted by two strikeouts — and the Vikings left victorious.

“Jozie Clifton pitched a great game to keep Lancaster to two runs and to give us a chance to win it at the end of the game,” Holman said. “I always tell the girls never to leave a team hang around late in the game and that’s what Lancaster did and we won

it at the end. Great job with the whole team contributing with big hits at the end of the game.”

- **On deck:** Mount Horeb was at Stoughton Tuesday, then is at Platteville Thursday at 5 p.m. Mount Horeb is at Fort Atkinson Friday at 4:30 p.m., then hosts Belmont May 18 at 5 p.m.

VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 27, 2026

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

The purpose of the hearing is to consider a Conditional Use Permit Application from TJK Design Build, Inc to allow an exception to the Mount Horeb Zoning code 17.07.02 (3)(a). related to the design requirements for buildings within the Springdale Street corridor being located at or within 30 feet of all abutting street rights-of-way and on-site traffic circulation within the 30-foot area for a proposed Multi-Tenant building at 100 Lillehammer Lane, Lot 4 North Cape Commons, parcel 0607-074-9685-1.

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BASEBALL

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this wonderful event,” Ryan Finley said. “I just coach a baseball game.”

But what a baseball game it was, befitting of a special day for a supportive and loving community.

Pregame ceremonies included a brief history of the event and Charlotte’s story of her battle with liver cancer.

Charlotte then proceeded to throw out a ceremonial first pitch, with a big smile on her face.

Mount Horeb senior catcher Jackson Myers said it was an event he will never forget.

“Every single time we play in the ‘Coaches Strike Out Cancer’ (game), it’s bigger than our team,” Myers said. “It’s bigger than baseball. We played for Charlotte today. Getting the win definitely put a smile on her face. That was really, exciting to get a win for her.

“She was so excited. It was a privilege to catch her. It was enjoyable to see her out there smiling. She gave us bracelets, too, which was really, nice. We had to win the game for her.”

Edgewood coach Rich Newton said participating in the annual event made an impact on his team, as well.

“At the end of the day, there are much bigger things in the world than baseball,” Newton said. “Seeing the young lady out there, throwing out the first pitch, I had tears in my eyes. I made our players pay attention. I made them listen to the story. That’s what it’s all about — giving back to people and being there for people.

“We’re playing a game. We’re out here loving ourselves and enjoying ourselves playing a game. At the end of the day, it’s people like that who are the real story. It was good being part of that. Over the years, I’ve been a part of a couple of games like that. They mean a lot.”

The game had an auspicious start for Jaxen Finley, who allowed a leadoff single to left fielder Jack Bishop and walked third baseman Liam Bishop to set up right fielder Parson Wood’s RBI single to right center field.

But the Vikings (8-7, 5-4 Badger Small) struck back quickly in their half of the opening frame.

Senior center fielder Josh Kuntz reached base on an infield error, and Jaxen Finley deposited a 2-1 pitch from right-hander

Tate Cagle over the right field fence to give Mount Horeb a 2-1 lead.

“I didn’t think it was going out right away,” Jaxen Finley said of his first career home run. “I thought it would one-hop the wall or something like that. It ended up carrying over. It was a great feeling.”

That also drew a wide grin from Ryan Finley, who was coaching third base for the Vikings.

“That was pretty special to have on a fun day like tonight on the mound and to get back those two we needed,” Ryan Finley said. “On Tuesday, we didn’t get any runs, so it was nice to get an answer back there. It was pretty, special for it to be the first home run of his career there.”

That also set the table for Jaxen Finley to retire 11 of the next 12 batters he faced on the mound.

Jaxen Finley allowed a two-out walk in the second inning and then set down the next nine Crusaders in order.

“It was a good little reset,” Jaxen Finley said. “I obviously like pitching with a lead rather than from behind. It lets me attack hitters earlier in the counts and be more aggressive. It was just a great relief to be up.”

Added Ryan Finley: “We talked that at times, he’s overthrowing. Today, he got back to what he does well. He had his command and mixed his off-speed pitches, and his fastball was that much better. He really settled in and did a good job for us.”

Mount Horeb added a pair of insurance runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to grab a 4-1 lead.

Senior shortstop Terek Isely led off the inning with a booming double to right-center field. Senior first baseman Hayden Anderson then drew a walk on four pitches.

Both base runners advanced when senior right fielder Brecken Dudley laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt. Senior second baseman Ethan Morrisard then hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Isely.

Sophomore designated hitter Connor Casey followed with a sharp single to left field to score Anderson and cap the scoring.

Edgewood (8-6, 4-4) wasn’t going down without a fight, though.

The Crusaders ended Jaxen Finley’s outing on the mound after he walked second baseman Drew Onopa and first baseman Tony Steiner to load the bases with two outs in the



Brecken Dudley and Mount Horeb’s baseball team were all smiles after beating Madison Edgewood in the Vikings’ ‘Strike Out Cancer’ game on May 8. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

top of the sixth inning.

“JJ was missing high and losing command a little bit,” Ryan Finley said of Jaxen, who lasted 5 2/3 innings and allowed one run on five hits with four walks and six strikeouts. “We’ve got a lot of good pitchers so why wait around when you’ve got arms like Brecken (Dudley).

“We didn’t see Terek (Isely), who was out there (at shortstop). Hayden (Anderson) had pitched on Tuesday, but we had a lot of good options.”

Dudley then moved from right field to the mound and promptly struck out shortstop Jack Walsh on five pitches to end the threat.

“I told him to trust his stuff and attack the zone,” Ryan Finley said of Dudley. “When Brecken does that, he’s as good as anybody we have. Don’t overthrow, attack the zone and trust your defense. He did a great job.”

Edgewood’s Jack Bishop reached base on an infield error to open the top of the

seventh inning,

But Dudley struck out catcher Ben Smarella and Liam Bishop and induced center fielder Michael Hackworthy to pop out to Morrisard at second base to end the game.

Dudley said he was prepared mentally and physically for his relief role.

“I knew I was coming in. I was ready. I got probably eight pitches in (warming up),” said Dudley, who picked up a save. “I felt pretty good. With everything going on, I felt more adrenaline going.”

Dudley admitted that finishing what the Vikings started was important because of the significance of the day.

“It means a lot more. It was bigger than yourself,” Dudley said of the community coming together to support Charlotte Sutter and her family. “We were playing for somebody else. It was not about you. To represent and get a win for her, it was a big game. There were a lot of emotions out there. I was trying

to calm myself down.”

Kuntz, who will play baseball at UW-La Crosse next year, made several stellar defensive plays in center field for the Vikings, who were solid in all phases of the game on the special day.

He summed up what the annual event means to the Mount Horeb baseball program and the community at large.

“We wanted to win the game for her,” Kuntz said of Charlotte Sutter. “Seeing how happy she was after what she’s gone through was amazing. She’s strong. We did it for her.”

• **Madison Edgewood 2, Mount Horeb 0** — The visiting Vikings managed just three hits and fell to the Crusaders on May 5.

Edgewood’s Kaleb Oeth walked two, struck out two and allowed just three runners into scoring position all night.

Hayden Anderson threw well for Mount Horeb, al-

lowing just three hits and two runs in six innings, but took the loss.

• **Baraboo 11, Mount Horeb 1** — The host Thunderbirds scored eight runs in the first three innings and rolled past the Vikings on May 4.

Carter Vesely allowed seven runs (five earned) and took the loss for Mount Horeb. Jackson Myers had the Vikings’ lone RBI.

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb hosted River Valley on Monday, Portage on Tuesday and Reedsburg on Wednesday. The Vikings then play at Portage on Thursday at 5 p.m. and face Wisconsin Heights on May 18 at 5 p.m.

May 8
Mount Horeb 4, Edgewood 1
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Pitchers (ip-h-r-er-so-bb) — E: Tate Cagle (L: 4-6-4-3-1-1), Liam Bishop (2-0-0-0-4-1). MH: Jaxen Finley (W: 5-2-5-1-1-6-4), Brecken Dudley (S: 1-1-0-0-0-3-0).

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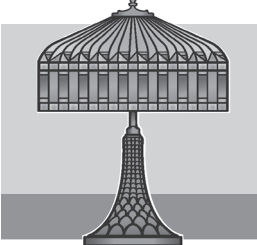
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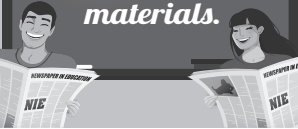


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