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Village board mulls 'Green Team'

By Erin Herndon
Mount Horeb Mail

The Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee is working towards the creation of a Green Team. The committee met for their monthly meeting May 28 and discussed the team's formation as well as the development of a sustainability plan and the pollinator pathway program.

As they continue the process of forming a team within Mount Horeb, the committee is considering the literature and practices of established Green Team programs in similar communities including "Powered Up Baraboo," a renewable energy and environmental sustainability-focused 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Baraboo, WI.

"They're 501(c)(3) [organization], so they can apply for grants. It's very interesting that we have a commit-

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Fantastic Frolic kicks off summer

Perry Weber (left) and Johnny Wartenweiler (right) of The Jimmys totally slay during their Friday night performance at the Mount Horeb Summer Frolic. Photo by Ron Lutz II. See more on pages 9-12.

MoHo considers country music fest

By Erin Herndon
Mount Horeb Mail

A country music "faire" could be coming to town in 2025. The Village Board met June 5 for their monthly meeting and heard about the proposed music festival from Village resident Kyle Keene. Additionally, the board approved consent agenda items, a proclamation to continue valuing diversity and inclusion in the Village's vision, a change in the closing date for Lukken farm purchase to be on or before Sept. 30 and set July 10 as the date for the next Village Board meeting. The Board also heard a presentation on the 2023 Village audit as well as committee reports and reports from the Village president, administrator and clerk.

Resident Keene is seeking to host a music festival in 2025 in Grundahl Park. Keene previously worked in the music industry and spent five years in Los Angeles operating as a national event manager for the Grammy Awards. He moved to the village in Jan. 2021 with his partner, Charles Lindsay, owner of *The Salon at Mount Horeb*. According to an agenda item report by village administrator Nic Owen, Keene engaged in preliminary discussions with village staff and has a good start on the planning for the event.

"The purpose behind the faire will be a one-day festival of country music to bring entertainment to our region," Keene said. "Plus,

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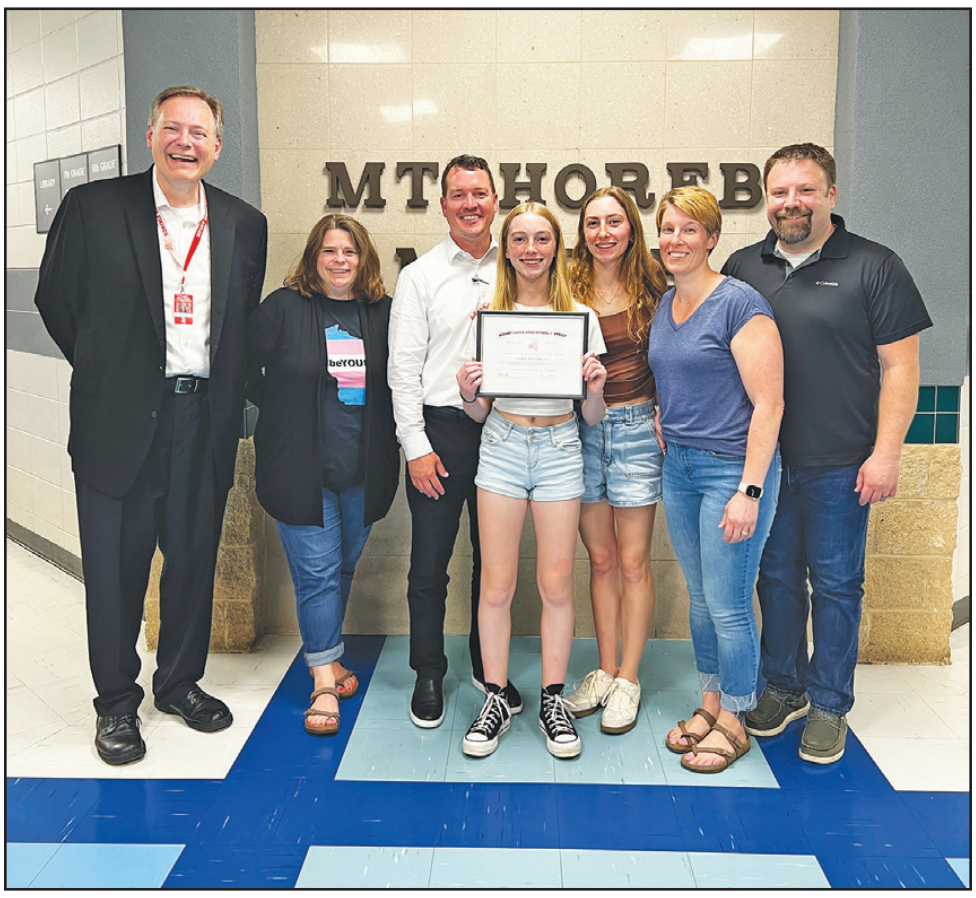
Great showing by local Mathletes!

The seventh- and eighth-grade team had a mega meet on Tuesday at Madison College and our fifth- and sixth-grade team had a mega meet at UW-Madison on Thursday.

Both meets are called "mega" because they include regional winners from all over Southern Wisconsin. The math departments from both institutions created the problems and scored the tests. This is an opportunity for students to solve a variety of mathematical problems.

Owen Murphy scored third place overall and brought home an individual trophy!

The seventh- and eighth-grade math team includes Josie Sailor, Patrick Chappell, Geoffrey Lawrence, Henry Healy, Bronte Bethel, Abigail Marshaus, Liam Crolla, and Caleb Gaulke. The fifth- and sixth-grade team includes Owen Murphy, Flynn Hart-Bell, Donovan Rahman, Adam Orrell, Zoey Gilfillan, Alex Niemetscheck, Owen Jewell, and Laszlo Tank.



Board of education recognizes Emma Peterson with Student Spotlight

The Mount Horeb Area School District on June 3 recognized Emma Peterson, an eighth-grade student as nominated by Mr. Paul Christiansen and Mrs. Catie Goninen for the May student spotlight. Pictured (from left to right): Dr. Salerno, Board liaison to the middle school Carly Fisher, Principal Paul Christiansen, our guest of honor Emma, proud sister Chloe, Theresa Peterson, and Ryan Peterson.

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School district earns electric bus funding



The Mount Horeb Area School District has been selected for electric school bus funding. "Upon applying in February, we are thrilled to announce that Mount Horeb Area School District has been selected to receive $200,000 in rebate funding to purchase an electric school bus!" said district communications specialist Aubree Hanks. "This exciting development comes as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program, which aims to reduce emissions and promote sustainability in school transportation."

Mount Horeb Area School District, alongside 24 school districts across Wisconsin, was chosen for the award. "This achievement would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the Board of Education, Mount Horeb Utility, staff, and students who have been instrumental in championing environmental initiatives within our District," said Hanks. "This latest funding announcement builds upon our previous successes in promoting sustainability within our schools. Earlier this year, the Mount Horeb High School 'Energy Team!' earned $2,500 in the Focus on Energy's Renew Our School's Challenge, further demonstrating dedication to environmental efforts."

"The acquisition of a clean energy school bus represents a significant step forward in our ongoing sustainability journey. Not only will it help reduce harmful emissions and improve air quality, but it will also provide students with a tangible example of the importance of environmental responsibility," continued Hanks. "As we look ahead, we remain committed to fostering a culture of sustainability within our District and community. We will keep you updated when we can add our new electric bus to our fleet. Through collaborative efforts and innovative initiatives, we will continue to prioritize environmental stewardship and work towards a cleaner, greener future for all."

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Board of Education, Mount Horeb Utility, and all those who have supported our environmental efforts thus far," she concluded. "Together, we are making a positive impact on our environment and shaping a brighter tomorrow for generations to come."

GLEANINGS

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- June 13, 1884

Mount Horeb will celebrate the 4th. It is so decided.

Crops of small grain are looking fine in this vicinity. The recent rains have sent them forward with a rush.

The hog-pen squabble at the old town is likely to cost all concerned more than the pen, hogs, and all are worth before a settlement is reached.

Local news is mighty scarce these times. If a local were to appear anywhere in town it would be run down without mercy.

A gentleman from Milwaukee has been around here this week buying heavy and good driving horses. He is paying fancy prices for horses that suit him.

Gramm met with a sad accident Saturday while photographing in the country. The machine must have been loaded or something. How was it anyhow?

130 Years Ago- June 14, 1894

The first load of stone for the new Catholic church at this place was hauled today.

Alfred Krogh has completed his work at the Black Earth high school and is now at home. He graduated last week. His next school will be the University, we suppose.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fosshage, the newly married couple, took a wedding tour to the Capitol City, the latter part of last week.

D. Mazur assisted by Martin Holum are holding forth in the Breum building with a stock of clothing they are offering for sale.

120 Years Ago- June 9, 1904

Ole Jelle, as road overseer, has pleased the traveling public by doing some very good road work in his district.

Ed. Mithus closed his term of school in the Ruste district last Friday with grand doings musical and otherwise. Good reports come from there that Ed. gave very satisfactory service.

The dedication exercises at the high school building last Thursday were well attended and the program interesting. Dr. Evans in behalf of the village presented the building to the high school board. T.G. Lingsgard accepted same in a neat little speech, followed by Mr. Mickelson, also a member of the high school board. The vocal and instrumental music rendered was fine. Andrew Eggum's address in behalf of the students was the climax of the event, and Hon. J.S. Donald spoke warmly for the welfare of the institution. Hon. H.B. Dahle spoke words of encouragement for the school in behalf of the businessmen was loudly applauded for his well directed remarks.

Who says Mount Horeb isn't coming to the front? It scored 6 points in the high school interscholastic meet last week, while Madison with over 400 high school pupils got but 1.

110 Years Ago- June 12, 1914

Confirmation services will be held at Mostrom's church the last Sunday in the present month.

Work commenced Monday on the trenches for the water leads on Main Street.

The well at the R.R. station is now being tested as to its ability to hold out. A heavy gas engine that operates a pump that gives a two foot stroke is being run and volumes of water is raised into the elevated reservoir.

The viaduct is about completed and is a very substantial structure with sidewalk on each side elevated several inches above the driveway planks. A lot of filling will have to be made on both ends before the traffic starts.

Ed. Murphy sports a fine new Overland touring car, trading off three acres of land joining the tract of Mr. Aarhus to Riley Bros & Benson the dealers who again sold the land to Mr. Aarhus at $300 per acre.

Tuesday of last week a number of young people enjoyed a wiener-roast at the lake. Miss Fae Burrington was the chaperone.

100 Years Ago- June 10, 1924

Cora and Alma Skaar, of this place together with a group of teachers from Shannon, Ill. have purchased a couple of Ford touring and a complete camping outfit with which they intend to make a tour through the eastern states visiting Baltimore, New York, Washington D.C. and other interesting places.

While Evan Bonner was motoring home early Monday morning he was caught in the thunderstorm Everything went well until a particularly sharp flash of lightning, which put the electrical apparatus of his car out of commission and stranded him in the storm. We have not learned if Evan got wet or not or how he got home, you'll have to ask him for the particulars.

Gotfred Bigler of Springdale was busy last week hauling building tile to be used for a garage and chicken house. He purchased the tile from Garfoot & Myrland. Evidently, he believes in having things "up to snuff" and says that tile is the only material to use for farm building where it is suitable.

I. W. Garfoot and Joe Barsness are busy installing Barsness barn equipment for John Gerber of Springdale today. Mr. Gerber says, "The best is none too good."

Harry Sauthoff, leader of the La Follette for President movement in Wisconsin, will be in Mt. Horeb Wednesday evening to give a talk on the political situation.

August Eckle of Blue Mounds has divided his farm and is putting up a new set of buildings this summer. His brother-in-law, Henry Geek, of this place is doing the work. One of his boys intends to run the newly built place.

Lewis Swam, who was formerly manager of the local brand of the J. S. Hoffman Co., won a fine Maxwell sedan at Watertown last week.

An epidemic, called the whooping cough which seems to be the after effect of the Play Day at Booth School, is spreading quite thoroughly among the children in this vicinity.

Ruben Thronson who is working for Wallace Kelly had the misfortune to break his right arm while cranking Mr. Kelly's Ford and is now staying at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs. A. Thronson of Blue Mounds.

Olaf Unkultrud, of Springdale spent Friday in town.

This community was visited by the agent for the Fuller Brushes this week. This is an example of the work of an ex-soldier trying to regain his health and earn a living at the same time after being gassed in the war. Patronize him and help a deserving man.

90 Years Ago- June 14, 1934

Sylvia Baker leaves Saturday on the Yellowstone Park-Salt Lake City tour. Miss Baker won the first prize in the popularity contest sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce.

The Rev. E.R. Anderson writes us from Chetek that he had his tonsils removed last Friday and will rest a week at Chetek before returning home, expecting to arrive here with his family next Monday.

Last Monday, Marshall Paulson shook off the dust of his native township, Perry, and went in company with Bennie Paulson to California where he expects to sojourn for the summer. They went over land by automobile.

80 Years Ago- June 15, 1944

Ordination services for Gilford S. Helgesen, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Helgesen, Mount Horeb, will be held at 10 am Sunday, June 18, at East Blue Mounds Lutheran Church.

Roy Beat sold his residence Tuesday to L.V. Knox, Los Angeles, Calif. Possession will be given April 1, 1945.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Durtschi, Madison, at Madison General Hospital.

Ed Roth has purchased the Janette Paulson home on South Fourth Street, and will move his family from Monroe by Sept. 1. Mr. Roth is employed by the Kaestner Henze Co.

A daughter was born to Mrs. Ray Osborne, Barneveld, Monday, June 12.

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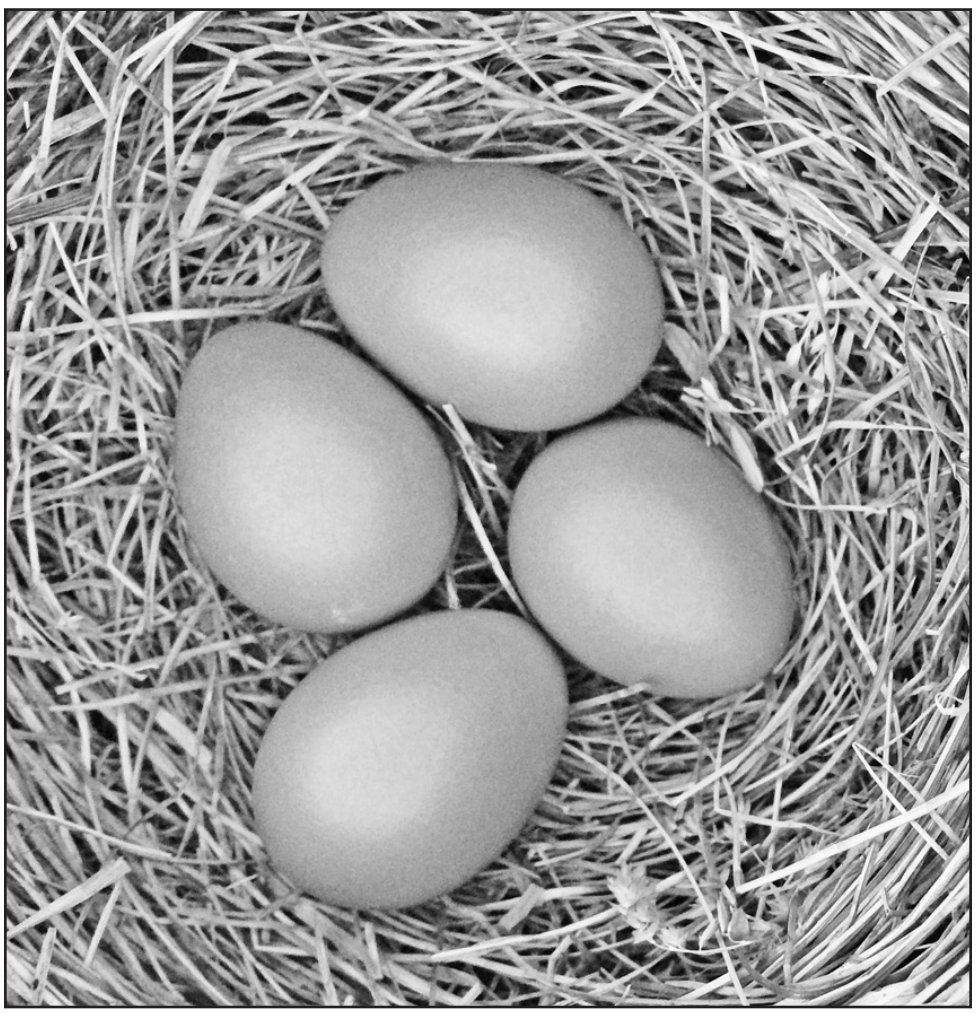
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Real Estate Market for Birds

Increased Bird Populations Bring More Competition For Places to Next



A house wren sits on a cardinal-shaped decoration in Reedsburg. The couple had built a nest inside the decoration despite it being right outside a front door. (Photos by Heather Stanek)



These robin eggs sit in a nest at a home in Reedsburg. The perfect blue shade makes them unmistakable even to new birders.



Wrens built a nest in this decorative bird house, despite it not being intended as a house and being located close to a place frequented by humans.

By Heather Stanek
Finger Publishing

Humans aren't the only ones struggling with housing right now.

Our feathered friends are also on the market, and their stakes are much higher. The right location can mean life or death for at least one generation.

Reedsburg continues to become not only a great place for humans, but also birds to live, as evidenced by the booming population growth. Ever since I started feeding and providing water a few years ago, I've had a bumper crop of birds.

Although I live in the heart of town, I'm still inundated with diverse songs and delighted by the constant flit of color. How is this possible? For one, we have lots of trees. If you want nature—or just a pretty community in general—you need trees. Second, we have water. The Baraboo River provides plentiful drinking options. We also have streams and ponds. What's more is our residents are highly bird conscious. Many people plant for pollinators, put out feeders or have birdbaths. Even a single one of these alone can mean a great deal for birds.

The one downside? More birds means more competition for prime real estate. If you've spent any time around birds, you know they are territorial. There's one cardinal couple in my neighborhood that defends its kingdom on a daily basis. You can hear the male every day doing a circuit of his territory and chewing out anyone who dares to offend it.

Still, Mr. and Mrs. Cardinal don't mind certain tenants or visitors. They have no issue with finches, robins, sparrows, wrens, woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees and orioles. They aren't the biggest fans of crows, though, and nobody likes the random cowbird or blue jay. They are clearly royalty, though, because everyone makes way when they come to the feeder.

Ever since I moved to Reedsburg years ago, the cardinals have kept their castle in a nearby pine tree. It provides excellent cover, even during winter, and gives the birds a good place to hide, which is no easy task when your entire body is bright red.

Other birds prefer deciduous trees. This is where the squabbles really start. It's great having so many birds but it certainly makes it tougher for them to make nests.

The smart (and perhaps brazen) ones have started using human homes for their habitat. A few years ago, two robins built a nest right above my front door. I've never before experienced such a thing. They stayed the entire time, raised up a healthy brood of chicks and taught them to fly. The young ones would sometimes follow me around while I did yard work, and one once approached when I was leaving my car. I had no food to offer. It's just as well. I have no culinary expertise with worms.

Getting pictures and monitoring their progress can be a little tricky. You need a selfie stick, a reliable phone camera and a little bit of acrobatics to try and get shots inside the nest. It's always like opening a present when you see the video

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or photo and notice eggs or babies.

In the first batch, I got to see the perfect blue eggs. Later on, the babies themselves started peeking out, and by the end they would sit and watch me from their cozy whorl of sticks and hay. They hung around the neighborhood for awhile after they fledged.

The robins returned this year and built another nest. Sadly, something must have gone wrong because they abandoned it. The couple clearly had babies somewhere because the male and female have still hung around my yard, and this week they brought their fledglings in to eat.

The perfectly built nest didn't sit vacant. One day I arrived home to see house finches checking it out. The female eventually sat on it and laid one egg. Unfortunately, it didn't make it and the finches also left the nest. I wonder if it contains parasites, germs or smells that are scaring everyone away.

A little research shows finches will reuse other birds' nests as long as they appear to be in good condition (and have a safe location). The spot above my door certainly is secure. It's protected from the elements and deters larger, more predatory birds. The birds have to get used to a human milling about, but the robins seem to do quite well with that effort.

One other species is not nearly so accommodating, and it's much more aggressive than the laid-back robins. Wrens are the yip-yip dogs of the bird world, I'm convinced. They don't seem to realize their size; they'll engage you in a knife fight even if you have a machete.

For the last two years, wrens have nested in the cardinal-shaped decoration that hangs by my front door. This was never meant to be a real birdhouse; it just looks like one. Did that stop the wrens, though? Of course not. They stuffed that opening so full you can only see sticks even now. It must be prime real estate, though, because they had a large brood of babies both years. It was so comical seeing all those chicks crammed together in one crevice, their fluffy faces and large beaks constantly begging for sustenance.

Those wrens were undaunted in defending their territory (even though it's technically not theirs). I couldn't do anything, even inside my own home, without them chattering angrily at me. If they could hear me in the foyer, they'd flit around the windows and scream expletives. They'd land right next to my feet while I was checking the mail. They'd have a cow if I mowed the lawn. Once they put up such a fuss that King Cardinal flew in to see what the heck was going on. I can only imagine what it was like for the mail carrier.

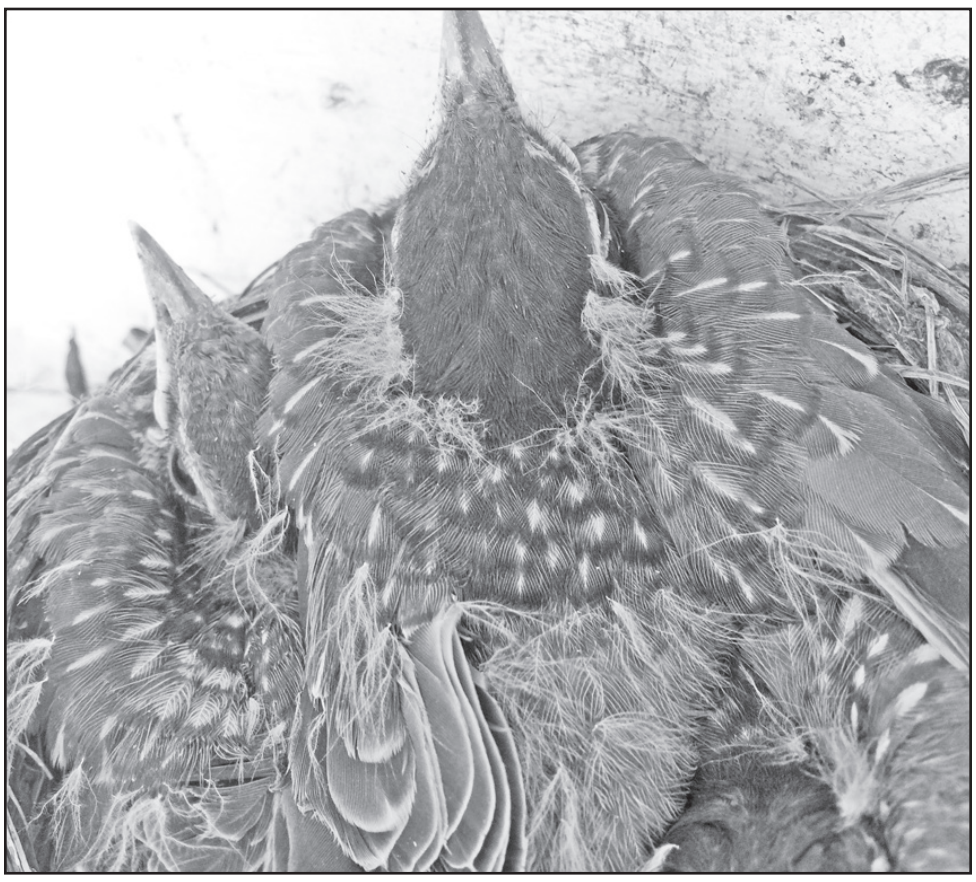
It's so fun to watch them fledge, but it goes extremely fast. One day all the babies are in the nest and then, within an hour, they are gone. I have yet to get photos of them fledging because it's such an immediate event. It's on my bucket list, though.

I'm not the only one with iron-willed wrens. My parents have a similar situation with one of their decorative birdhouses. Again, it was never meant to be an abode for birds, but those wrens decided they could make it work. It's also right next to their deck and garden, so you constantly see the wrens on the move. Once I walked by and got the spirit scared out of me because the mother suddenly bolted out of the hole. I don't think even a large bumblebee could get in there.

Those wrens must all attend the same fight club because they, too, are just as loud and bold. Never mind the fact that these wrens choose to live and nest literally right on top of humans. They call dibs and you better back off, buddy! Who cares if you were here first!

For as much as I shake my head at their antics, I do love seeing them every year. I hope they come back again this summer. Gotta get those fledging pictures!

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Robin chicks wait patiently for their parents to return with food. Their nest was built above a door in Reedsburg, and they all survived to fledging.

Visiting the World of James Herriot

From Farm Visits to Literary Fame: Discovering the Life and Stories Behind the Beloved Yorkshire Veterinarian

By Chris Hardie
Wisconsin Newspaper Association

Among the many partners in a successful farm is the veterinarian.

When our farm was a dairy operation, my parents retained a wonderful local veterinary service that was a father and son operation. The bonus was the storytelling that was simultaneous to the pregnancy checks – a true talent when you understand that this involves a long-sleeved gloved arm inserted into the cow's rear end.

When my wife Sherry and I raised sheep, we were fortunate to continue to have the same vet service willing to make calls at all times of the day. Some vets don't even bother with sheep.

One of the world's most famous veterinarians is the late James Alfred Wight – better known by his pen name James Herriot. Wight was a practicing veterinary surgeon in Yorkshire, England for nearly 50 years and wrote a series of eight books set in the Yorkshire Dales during the 1930s-1950s.

"If Only They Could Talk," published in 1970, started the series that has sold more than 60 million copies and resulted in several television and film adaptations, including the series "All Creatures Great and Small," that ran for 90 episodes from 1978 through 1990 and the recent reboot of the same title in 2020 that is running on PBS.

In July 1940, Wight joined the rural practice of Donald Sinclair in Thirsk, near the Yorkshire Dales and the North York Moors. Wight became a full partner in 1949 and retired in 1990.

The practice was at 23 Kirkgate and following Wight's death, the building was restored and converted into a museum called The World of James Herriot. The museum focuses on Herriot's writings, has rooms restored to the 1940s when Wight and his family lived there and has some of the surgery sets used in the original "All Creatures Great and Small" TV series, including the living room and dispensary.

Recently, Sherry and I vacationed in England and Scotland and we visited the museum along with driving the rural roads where Wight would have practiced. Actually, rural is redundant when describing these roads. Many are single-track paths that climb up and down from the mountain moors to the tiny villages in the valleys below.

The scenery is spectacular, with picturesque stone wall fences, stone buildings and lots of sheep. We stopped along the road to take pictures of one flock and they all came running to us. Even though we are retired shepherds, we still have the touch.

According to the museum, Wight had intended for years to write a book but was too busy with his practice and family. He was encouraged by his wife Joan in 1966 to begin writing. He chose the pen name James Herriot after seeing a Scottish goalkeeper by the same on TV. He did not publish under his own name because professional etiquette at that time frowned on veterinary surgeons and other professionals from advertising their services.

"If Only They Could Talk," was not immediately successful when published in 1970 but when his first two books were combined into a single volume in the U.S. under the title "All Creatures Great and Small," Wight became a best-selling author.

Wight's books were partially autobiographical, with many stories loosely based on real events or people. Darrowby, the town where most of the stories were set, is a fictional town. Wight gave the pseudonyms Siegfried and Tristan Farnon for his partner Sinclair and his brother Brian and called his wife Helen Alderson.

The museum was a wonderful place to visit, learn about his practice, his life and family. It also had an exhibit on veterinary care and displays for children.

Wight was certainly famous, but he didn't enjoy the public eye as much as working with animals and he knew his clients didn't care that he was a best-selling author. "If a farmer calls me with a sick animal, he couldn't care less if I were George Bernard Shaw," Wight once said.

Wight died of cancer in 1995, but his books and stories live on.

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Veterinarian James Alfred Wright, better known by his pen name James Herriot.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

'Unraveling Reflections'

The Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St, Mt Horeb) will debut the 5th Annual Student Spotlight art show on Friday, June 21, featuring the work of Mount Horeb High School's Anja Rathje and Elizabeth (Lizzy) Helin.

This partner installation, entitled "Unraveling Reflections" will be on display and open to all in the Kalscheur Family Foundation Community Gallery during the museum's open hours (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) through Tuesday, July 30.

Drop by the Driftless Historium to meet Anja and Lizzy at the 2024 Student Spotlight Artist Reception on Saturday, June 22 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Mt. Horeb Seniors shopping trip to Walmart, Dodgeville, leave 9:30am. RSVP at 608-437-6902

Diabetes Education & Support Class, Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 1:00-3:00pm, RSVP at 608-437-6902

Farmers' Market, 315 E. Main St., lawn of Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3:00-6:30pm. Seasonal vegetables, fruit, etc.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Food Closet Hours: 6:00-7:30pm. Clothing Closet Hours: 6:00-7:30pm, 102 E. Lincoln Street

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

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

June Dairy Month Ice Cream Social, 1:00pm, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Amish Trip to Albany, Mt. Horeb Seniors, leave 9:30am. RSVP at 608-437-6902

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - FATHER'S DAY

Bring Your Pop to Pop's Knoll at Donald Park. Bring a picnic lunch and celebrate Dad at Delma's Shelter, 11am-2:00pm, 1945 Highway 92. Info at: www.donaldpark.org

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Trivia, Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 12:30pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Badger Hearing, 1:00-3:00pm, Mt. Horeb Senior Center, By appt. 608-285-2772 or walk-in

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Foot Care w/Amy Foster, 8:30am-3:30pm, Senior Center, Call 608-437-6902 appt., or call 608-576-8986 for in-home appt.

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

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

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

Information for the Community Calendar must be emailed by noon on the Monday of the week of publication.
Information should be emailed to mhclassies@fingerpub.com.
We reserve the right to edit for length.

Celebrate Father's Day at Donald Park

The Friends of Donald Park are hosting their annual *Bring your Pop to Pop's Knoll Picnic* on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Join them at Pop's Knoll picnic shelter, bring a picnic lunch and celebrate Dad on his special day. Hot dogs and root beer floats will be available for purchase. Entertainment will include easy listening blue grass music by, '*Squirrel Gravy'*, horse painting and a scavenger hunt for the kids.

Bring your Dad, family and friends and join them at Donald Park, located between Mt. Horeb and Mt. Vernon at 1945 Highway 92. Enter at the Pop's Knoll entrance and picnic at Delma's shelter. For more information, visit www.donaldpark.org or email, contact@donaldpark.org.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to our local community service groups!

We'd like to thank the Mount Horeb Lion's, Optimist, and Rotary clubs in this week's library column!

Each year, through generous donations, the Lion's Club and Optimist Club make it possible for the library to offer a wide variety of literacy programs, activities, and crafts for children who participate in the summer library program. In 2023, the library saw the highest level of summer participants to date – 699! We are looking forward to this year's summer lineup of events which kicked off Monday, June 10th. (It's not too late to register!)

We'd also like to thank the Mount Horeb Rotary Club for supporting the library's focus on improving accessibility and supportive services for disabled patrons through their grant program. The funding will go toward purchase of a hearing loop for the Help Desk. A hearing loop is assistive technology that delivers sound directly to people's hearing aids and cochlear implants. This technology meets the requirements for assistive listening systems as stipulated by the American with Disabilities Act and is the internationally accepted standard for providing hearing accommodation.

Rotary grant funding will also make it possible to transform the porch area behind the children's room into a Universal Garden. Gardening has social and emotional benefits for people of all ages, both disabled and non-disabled, and provides valuable opportunities for disabled gardeners to have a leadership role in a community space. The Universal Garden will include raised, table-like beds, allowing gardeners who use wheelchairs to roll under them so they can reach the work surface comfortably. In-ground planting areas will be available for patrons of all ages who have the mobility to work at ground levels. Families attending programs in the garden will find supports like foam pads to kneel on, seating options and a work surface, garden tools with foam-wrapped handles so they're easier to grip, and augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) boards that show words and pictures related to gardening.

Civic organizations such as the our Lion's, Optimists, and Rotary clubs provide our community with a chance to get to know one another, create common bonds, and support good initiatives on a local level. We are so thankful for their existence and support!

RECREATION NOTES

Little Trolls Volleyball Camp is intended as an introduction to the game of volleyball. Instructor Ashley Maring will teach motor learning and skill development through fun activities! Beach balls and Volley Lite volleyballs will be used. The camp is on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from June 25th – 27th. It will be held from 1:00 – 2:00 PM for 6–7-year-olds and from 2:15-3:30 PM for 8–9-year-olds. Both sessions will be located in the Intermediate Center Gym. Resident fee is $30 and non-resident fee is $40. Registration deadline is June 20th.

Join our **Cookie Decorating Classes** and learn how to decorate themed cookies in a fun atmosphere! This is a beginner cookie decorating class, so there is no previous experience required. Each attendee will get to decorate and take home five delicious cookies! Sessions 1 and 2 will be centered around festive 4th of July cookies and sessions 3 and 4 will be centered around summer sweet treats. Sessions 1 and 3 will require a guardian to attend with the child. All supplies will be provided. Session 1 will be for ages 6-9 and will be on Saturday, June 29th from 9:00-11:00 AM. Session 2 will be for 10–15-year-olds on Saturday, June 29th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Session 3 will be for ages 6-9 and will be on Saturday, July 20th from 9:00-11:00 AM. Session 4 will be for 10–15-year-olds on Saturday, July 20th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. All sessions will be located in the Rec Department Multipurpose Room. Resident fee is $50 and non-resident fee is $60. Registration deadline is June 20th for sessions 1&2 and July 11th for sessions 3&4.

We are partnering with Youth Enrichment League (YEL!) for our **Rocketry – Destination Mars** program. Launch and watch your very own rocket speed 300 feet into the air! After the program, it is yours to take home! Students will make multiple rockets of varying difficulty throughout this session. We will use these rockets and airplanes to investigate basic aeronautical concepts including: propulsion, thrust, lift, drag and more. We will also hypothesize about travel into outer space and life on Mars. Parents will also be asked to contribute two, 2-liter soda bottles (empty) for two different experiments. The program is held Monday through Thursday, June 24th - 27th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This program is for 7-10-year-olds and will be held in the Recreation Department Multipurpose Room. Resident fee is $148 and non-resident fee is $158. Registration deadline is June 17th.

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

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

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street

Place completed form and payment in 24-hour drop box

Email completed form and payment to mhrec@mounthorebwi.info

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Ultimate Frisbee Camp (6/17)

Coding for Middle Schoolers – Session 2 (6/21

Summer Art Camp (6/27)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bargaining, literacy, eye exams

By Aynsley Hoelscher
Mount Horeb Mail

The Mount Horeb Board of Education met on the topic of bargaining with unions, reviewed changes in how reading is taught, made adjustments to policy on student examinations and reviewed changes from state legislators.

The board wrote into their policy how they will conduct bargaining sessions with employee groups like the MHEA teachers union. They included who will represent the board as their bargaining team, their definition of total base wage, how meet and confer will occur and which districts are considered comparable.

"We are trying to better articulate and communicate the process we have been going through in terms of negotiating," board president Jessica Aragoni said, "we're trying to eliminate confusion, and get us all on the same page so that we can be more efficient, effective and productive to address our mutual goals around employee compensation."

Two issues that continue to come up between the teachers union and MHASD are the definition of base wage and the terms of meet and confer discussions. Previously, the MHASD has been advised by legal counsel and the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission to define the base wage as last year's base wage plus inflation.

"I don't want people to come away thinking that this definition locks a person into a certain salary," Fisher said, "limits to a certain increase, that's not what it is."

Board treasurer Joel Craven said that the policy does not deviate from the way the board has previously dealt with bargaining and meet and confer, but codifies the way the board will continue to participate in the future.

The vote was a unanimous yes except for Sarah Sarbacker who abstained and Tom Schlimgen who could not participate due to a conflict of interest.

The board members and superintendent had a lengthy discussion about some of their reasoning and strategy for the changes. Look for additional coverage of that discussion next week.

Physical Examinations

The district policy on eye examination requests was changed to better reflect state law. Students are requested, but not required, to turn in eye examination evidence by December 31st of their kindergarten year.

There was a request for a dental examination, but nothing in state law reflected this so that section was removed.

The right for a building principal to require a medical appointment for a student to come back to school was added. This policy is meant to be used if a student has a very serious communicable disease that requires consultation with entities such as the county health department.

Literacy program

The district is changing the way they teach reading. The state passed Act 20 which aims to improve reading scores by moving away from balanced literacy to what is called science of reading.

It includes strategies like reading aloud, sight word memorization and guided reading with material for specific reading levels. The Science of Reading approach focuses more on sounding words out and learning spelling patterns.

Director of Curriculum Sarah Straka said the district started preparing for Science of Reading before act 20 was passed. In summer of 2022 they started drafting review activities and prepared to teach staff. They continued to research and run pilot programs until the first implementation of Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA), a content-based literary program. CKLA started with a small pilot in spring 2023, then it was rolled out the kindergarten in fall 2023. It is set to be implemented in grades 1-5 in fall 2024.

Third-grader proficiency in English Language Arts was 51.7% in the 2018-19 school year, falling short of the 65% standard goal. The average was even lower at 39.6%. There is no data in the 2019-20 school year as the pandemic interrupted testing, however the dip shows in 2020-21 with the district showing 41.2% proficiency.

"Our data around proficiency in English language arts in the third grade Forward exam wasn't too hot," Straka said, "we're higher than the state level, by about 10% throughout and we're gaining as well. Our hope is that with the training that staff has had as well as looking at our resources and approach we will be moving forward."

Changes from the State

Board member Carly Fisher gave an overview of some state decisions related to public education. These includes Act 20, and other curricular mandated like personal financial literacy courses. MHASD already offers this course as required by the law.

Driver education is now required to spend at least 30 minutes of instruction on work zone-related hazards and how to safely deal with them.

Fisher said there was a $3,500 increase in the per-pupil revenue limit over the next two years.

"Because revenue limits have not increased for so many years leading up to now, this is a great increase this is helpful," Fisher said, "but it's nowhere near what actual inflation has been over the years since about 2009."

"Obviously the legislature controls a lot of what we do, but I think there's more that we can and should look to do in terms of community outreach, education on these issues" Fisher said, "Whatever we can do to help improve those funding streams."

The board approved their strategic plan goals, which covered such topics as student academic achievement, participation in community service and school activities and advanced coursework. They also hope to increase students' reported sense of belonging, and better identify this in K-5-aged students.

OVERDOSE SPIKE ALERT

Increased risk of overdose in Dane County

Public Health Madison & Dane County is issuing an Overdose Spike Alert due to recent surge in drug overdoses in our community and reports of unusual symptoms after drug use.

This alert is based on data from hospitals and EMS providers. In the last 48 hours, at least ten people received treatment at local hospitals for suspected opioid overdose in Dane County. This is more overdoses than we usually see in our community.

Over the past week, first responders also treated seven others who reported a variety of unusual symptoms including drowsiness, nausea, sedation, and weakness after consuming crack cocaine.

"We are monitoring similar incidents reported by health officials in Milwaukee and Chicago linked to a synthetic drug called Medetomidine, a powerful animal tranquilizer. We often see drug traffic patterns in larger neighboring cities eventually affect Madison, so this is something we want our communities to know about," said Public Health Supervisor Julia Olsen.

First responders, healthcare providers, and people who use drugs and their families should be aware of the increased risk of overdose in our community. Sign up to get email or text alerts about overdose spikes on Public Health's webpage.

"Even if this alert is only shared with one individual and it saves that one individual's life, this initiative will be considered a success," said Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway. "Every life matters and every drug overdose death is preventable."

"The County and the City are working together to build focused efforts to prevent and address the troubling increase in overdose deaths in our community," said Dane County Executive Jamie Kuhn. "Increasing awareness and communication about safer drug use is one of those strategies," she continued.

If you use drugs or know someone who does:

Know the signs of an overdose:

Pale, sweaty or clammy skin

Lips/fingertips turn blue

Slow or irregular breathing: gasping, gurgling, or snoring

Difficult or unable to wake

Always call 911 if you think someone is overdosing

Don't use street drugs alone; call Never Use Alone at 800-484-3731

Check in with your friends/family who use drugs

Test all drugs for fentanyl before using

Carry Narcan® (naloxone) and be prepared to use multiple doses when needed

Get safer use supplies, like fentanyl test strips and Narcan®, from the Syringe Services Program at Public Health Madison & Dane County: 2705 E. Washington Ave. or 2300 S. Park St. in Madison

Contact the Behavioral Health Resource Center of Dane County for treatment and recovery resources: (608) 267-2244

Share this alert with others.

CHURCH NOTES

Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church – ELC
315 E. Main St. 608-437-5012
www.elcmthoreb.org
5 pm Saturday Worship
9 am Sunday Worship

Mt. Horeb United Methodist
Corner of Hwy. S & Hwy. 78
Sunday Worship: 9am online and in person
umcmh.org
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New Hope Evangelical Free Church
639 S. Eighth St., Mt. Horeb
Phone: 608-437-3273
www.newhopeefc.org
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church
2962 Church St.,Blue Mounds
608-437-3493
Vicar: James Ranney
Worship: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, 10:00 am

Vermont Lutheran Church-ELCA
9886 Vermont Church Road
Black Earth, WI 53515
www.vermontlutheran.org
608-767-3312 (office)
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Mt Vernon United Church of Christ
693 Highway 92 in Mt Vernon
608-832-6677
www.mtvernonucc.org
Sunday Worship, in-person and on Facebook Live, 10:15 am
Email:
pastormtvernon@gmail.com
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Immanuel Lutheran- ELCA
310 W. Main St. Mount Horeb
608-437-8733
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www.immanuelmh.org/
1st Steps Childcare
608-218-4425

Springdale Lutheran Church
2752 Town Hall Rd. 608-437-3493
Vicar: James Ranney
Worship: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month at 10am
twosteeples.org

Perry Lutheran Church ELCA
1057 Hwy 78 S, Mt. Horeb
608-437-5294
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
www.perrylutheranchurchelca.org

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109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb
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Mass: Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday thru Friday - 8:00 am
Sat. 5:00 pm
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
10070 Spring Valley Dr., Mount Horeb
Mass: Sunday 8:00 am

BUSINESS NEWS

After a great run, McFee on Main closes



Lynn McFee opened her store, McFee on Main, at 400 East Main Street in 2016.



The popular store closed its doors on Friday. Photos by Matt Geiger.

"I didn't do this to make money," explains Lynn McFee. "I did it to prove I could do it. And to fulfill a dream."

Dream fulfilled, mission accomplished, McFee went out on top, closing her popular clothing boutique on Friday of last week in order to retire and spend more time with family.

McFee opened her store, McFee on Main, at 400 East Main Street on September 29 of 2016. Following a successful 30-year career with Ralph Lauren, she wanted to be her own boss and express her own unique sensibilities in what would become a magnet for shoppers. When she closed the door for the last time on Friday, it was the end of her 2,806th day there.

McFee on Main weathered an assortment of storms, from her cancer diagnosis in December of 2019 to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through it all, the shop became far more than a store, for her and many of her employees, customers and neighbors.

"It's just been a little gem," she says. "I had people tell me we'd never name it on this corner. But the corner turned out to be a blessing. I was very blessed and very fortunate."

The iconic white building, which was first constructed for a dentist named Clarence Gleason back in 1893, has been many things over the years, but McFee and her husband, John, made it their own. They painted, installed new windows and doors, updated the electrical systems and plumbing, among other things. The store started with a focus on home décor, but clothing soon took center stage. McFee curated a collection specifically for women between 35 and 85, an ever-rotating selection bringing people back again and again. Along the way, the store has won six Best of Madison awards (and is currently in the running for a seventh).

Partially because of her own victory over cancer, and partly because of the countless stories her customers shared over the years, McFee began to think of the store as something more than a place for buying and selling.

"Through my journey I found it was really important to give back, and this place became almost spiritual for some people. We tried to pass on the love and help people on their journeys."

In her eight years, she had 11 employees.

"The most rewarding thing for me was to know that I could do this, and to mentor my employees," she said. "I adore them."

Lynn and John are headed to a new home near Minneapolis, which will allow them to spend more time with her parents.

"The community we're moving to is beautiful, but it's not Mount Horeb," she says, pausing as her eyes briefly glisten behind stylish glasses. "It's not Mount Horeb."

"I'm going to miss it a lot," she concludes, "as I start another journey."

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GLEANINGS

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40 Years Ago- June 14, 1984

A massive tornado struck without warning in the middle of the night on Friday, June 8, and in the space of three or four minutes, bulldozed the small community of Barneveld off the map. Mount Horeb Immanuel Lutheran Church is the center for Red Cross. Lyle Johnson has reopened Hoff's store for donated items of clothes, toys, furniture and appliance storage for the tornado victims. Area residents have worked long hours to provide food and clothing for displaced families in the Barneveld area.

Dr. and Mrs. John Gribb will mark their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, June 20, with a celebration at their home.

30 Years Ago- June 16, 1994

Deb Batton is the owner and proprietor of Trollway Printwear, a new business in the Paradise Mall, 209 East Main Street.

Mary Powell was the Grand Prize winner of the Summer Frolic raffle of a John Deere tractor.

Glenn and Sandy Stensby will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with an informal open house on Saturday, June 25 at their home in Blue Mounds.

Marny Skindrud, Missy Slinde, Anne Misky and Stephanie Hilbrand were recently selected by the Capitol conference coaches to the All-Conference team.

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Scenes from an unforgettable Summer Frolic!



Sharona Ann belts it out during the Foo Foo Dolls' performance.



Mount Horeb's "Troll Town" Vikings team member Jason Kuntz connects with the ball during the Youth Baseball Tournament.





Mr. Ed's Magical Midways brought large crowds to Grundahl Park during the four-day Mount Horeb Summer Frolic, which ran from Thursday through Sunday.



Mount Horeb resident Evan Leibfried wins big at bingo.



Mount Horeb resident Lyla Groy places her bingo marker. Photos by Ron Lutz II.

Summer Frolic



Saturday's Fun Run was a hit with people of all ages. Photo by Jason McMahon.



Jerry Hook was one of this year's parade marshals. Photo by Jason McMahon.



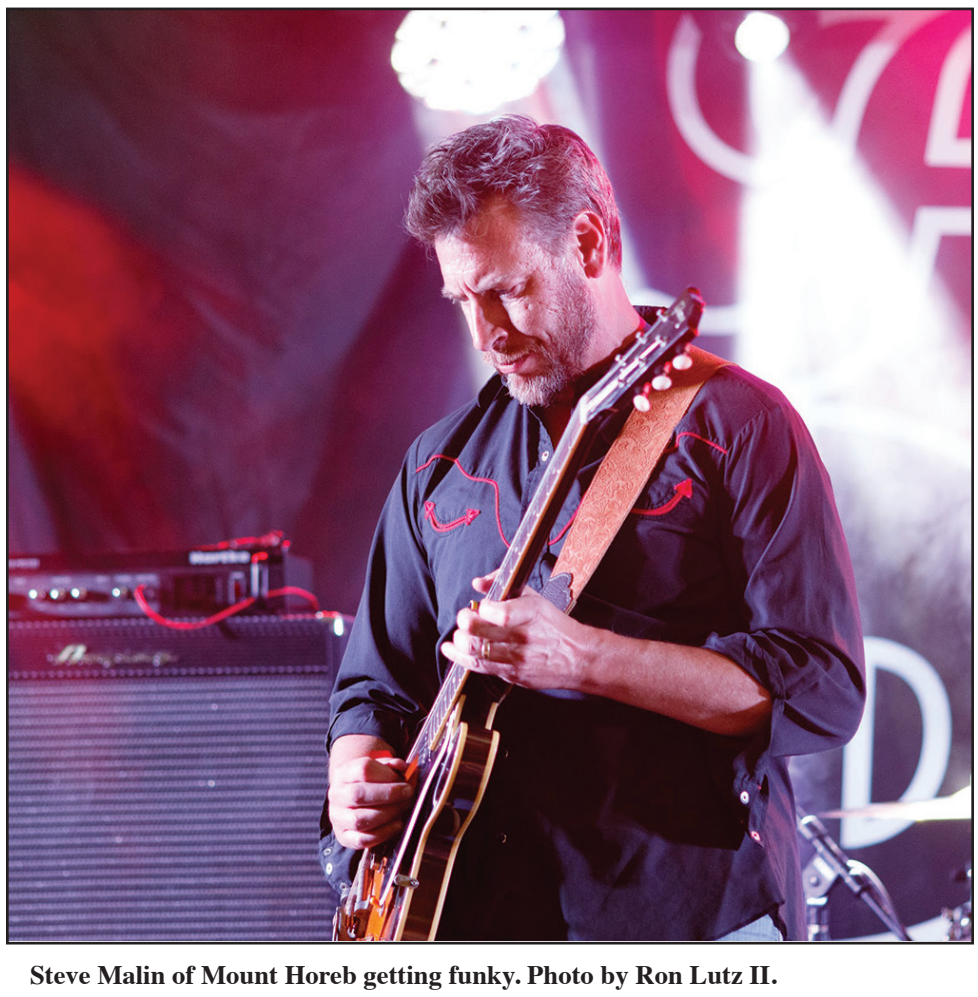
Singer and songwriter Elizabeth Mary fills the stage with her presence. Photo by Ron Lutz II.



From left to right; Wayne Haskins, Cynthia & Charlie Jefko, Annie Beier, enjoy time socializing. Photo by Ron Lutz II.



The Viper was a thrilling ride - and a mighty challenge to the vestibular system - for midway-goers. Photo by Ron Lutz II.



Steve Malin of Mount Horeb getting funky. Photo by Ron Lutz II.

Summer Frolic



Volleyball was a hit on Saturday.



Russell Christian gets ready to grill a hamburger at the Rotary stand.



Riding on a fire truck in Sunday's parade.



Marny Skindrud waves to the crowd in the parade.



The Wednesday Night Live float.



The Sons of Norway on their viking ship. Photos by Jason McMahon.

Summer Frolic



As always, the Frolic was a great excuse for people to spend time together.



Jurgen waves to the crowd.



Enjoying the show on Sunday afternoon.



Marching in the parade.



The sun sets on this special summer festival.



A nice candy haul from the parade. Photos by Jason McMahon.

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Springdale continues rental rules debate

By Steve Matyas
Mount Horeb Mail

The Springdale Plan Commission met on June 3 to discuss finalization of proposals regarding short term rentals within the town.

Deciding that no need existed for implantation of a formal ordinance, the commission agreed to move forward by establishing a set of guidelines based on Chair Amy Jester's research of surrounding communities' regulations to be made available to all town residents. The guidelines would cover such areas as floor plans, parking availability, occupancy limits, access, possible age limits of renters and other issues. Some debate centered on the best method of presenting the guidelines to residents, with commission member Ellen Bunn proposing that the information be added to the town's newsletter or tax bills, and Jester suggesting a mass e-mail.

Concerns over current residents operating short-term rental units without "proper" Conditional Use Permits were addressed, with Jester questioning the need to proactively contact the landowners and press for compliance. Town Board Chair John Rosenbaum expressed concern over the town's seeming to be "heavy-handed" in approaching a limited number of residents in this way, to which board member Wayne Hefty responded that the move would be simply a means of "providing information" and "letting them know that we know." Plan Commission member Rami Aburomia added his concerns about the proposal, asking what would happen if a resident was contacted and failed to comply with the guidelines. It was determined that Jester is to submit a formal draft of guidelines and submit it to the town board for the ultimate decision as to how best to present the information to residents.

The commission also discussed a proposal for changes to be made to property at 2253 State Highway 92. Plans call for division of a current 35-acre parcel to allow construction a building on one of the two proposed new parcels, as well as a change of ownership of a .6-acre piece of land to an adjoining landowner. Chair Jester twice cited the need to proceed with the plans with an "abundance of caution" and consider all aspects of environmental impact, maintenance of agricultural integrity, the need to avoid clustering of residences, and driveway path viability before siting any new construction. She called for the drafting of a concept plan describing all aspects of the land's future usage and activities before proceeding with formal re-surveying and drawing of new boundary lines. A visit by the Town Board and Plan Commission to the site has been scheduled for June 10th.

A planned discussion of construction of a residential accessory building at 7959 Hamilton Meadows Road was re-scheduled for a later date due to the absence of landowner Brian Knoche.

PICKLEBALL & TENNIS

MOHOP celebrates new courts





The Mount Horeb Pickleball Association (MOHOP), in collaboration with the Village of Mount Horeb and the Mount Horeb Area School District, proudly celebrated the grand opening of the new Tennis and Pickleball Courts at Viking Park on May 4.

The Mount Horeb Pickleball Association (MOHOP), in collaboration with the Village of Mount Horeb and the Mount Horeb Area School District, proudly celebrated the grand opening of the new Tennis and Pickleball Courts at Viking Park. This highly anticipated event featured a ribbon cutting ceremony, attended by numerous community members eager to partake in the festivities and utilize the new facilities.

The ceremony commenced with speeches from local dignitaries and representatives from MOHOP, the Village of Mount Horeb, and the Mount Horeb Area School District. They highlighted the project's collaborative efforts and the positive impact the new courts will have on the community.

Following the ribbon cutting, attendees enthusiastically took to the courts with their gear, enjoying the fresh and modern space designed for both tennis and pickleball. The vibrant atmosphere was a testament to the community's strong support and excitement for the new recreational amenities.

"The new courts at Viking Park represent a significant investment in our community's health and wellness," said a spokesperson from MOHOP. "We are thrilled to see so many residents coming together to celebrate this addition to our local recreational infrastructure."

The new courts are part of a broader initiative to enhance community facilities and promote an active lifestyle among residents of all ages. The partnership between the Mount Horeb Pickleball Association, the Village of Mount Horeb, and the Mount Horeb Area School District exemplifies the community's commitment to fostering collaborative projects that benefit everyone.

The Mount Horeb Pickleball Association is dedicated to promoting the sport of pickleball and providing quality facilities for players of all levels. Through community engagement and collaborative efforts, the association aims to enhance recreational opportunities and foster a love for pickleball in Mount Horeb and the surrounding areas.

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I would like for it to raise funds and awareness for local non-profits, the first one being the Mount Horeb Community Foundation. I would also like to bring on more of a city-wide non-profit, Madison Reading Project, as part of it."

Keene said that 15 percent of the net revenue from sponsorships and ticket sales will be split between the two non-profits. He said he would like this amount to increase every year of the faire before eventually maxing out at 40 percent by its tenth year.

"I would like this to be an annual event, so that we can raise more money and hopefully allow it to grow over time."

Keene said he also aims to use the faire to highlight the Mount Horeb community and its small businesses and that an area will be reserved for such entities separate from outside vendors.

"One of my big pushes for this event is to really showcase Mount Horeb and what we have to offer to people who are going to purchase these tickets from far west into Iowa, down south into northern Illinois, and all the way out towards Milwaukee," Keene said. "I'm doing this for our town, because this has become our home, and why not do something fun like this in our own backyard."

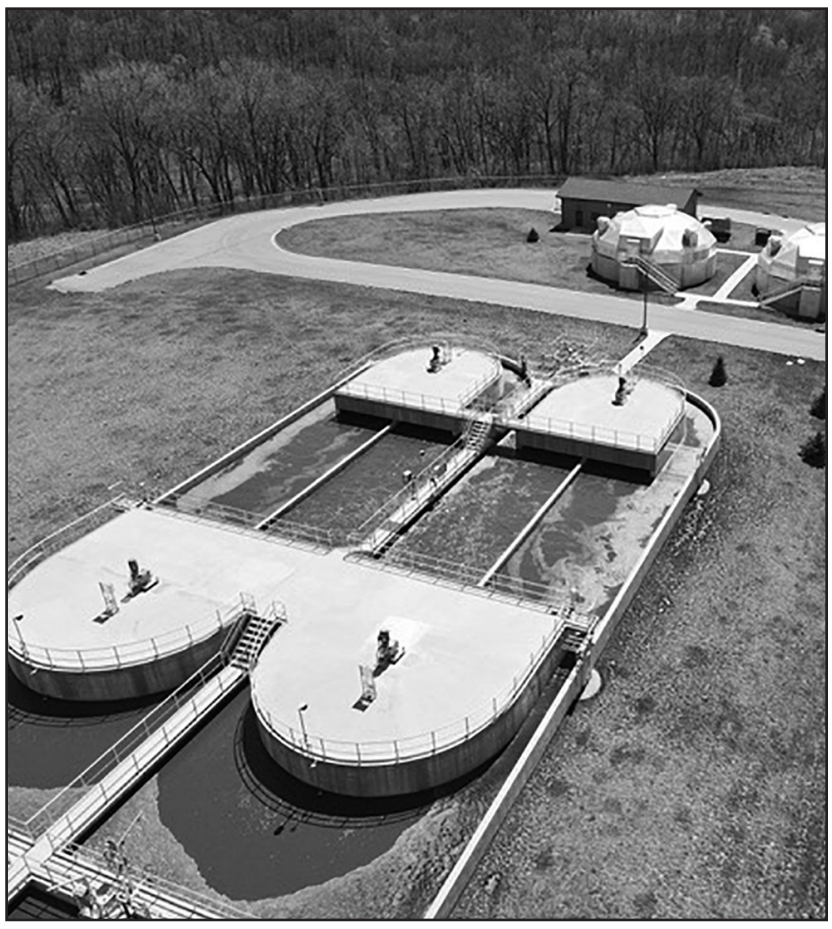
Village Administrator Owen said the Board plans to vote on whether to move forward with the faire at their July meeting.

The Village Board next meets July 10 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH

A closer look at water pollution control in Mount Horeb





The current primary wastewater facility was constructed in 2019 at 2450 Sand Rock Road, just across from the old one. Photos contributed.

By Jack Saltes, Sustainabilty & Natural Resources Committee and John Klein, Wastewater Facility Superintendent

Did you know that Mount Horeb has been collecting and treating wastewater for over 100 years?! The first sewer lines and wastewater facility were constructed in 1915-1916 and upgraded in 1957. The original wastewater treatment plant was located where Grundahl Park is now. In 1978, a new wastewater facility was built at 2447 Sand Rock Road and was later upgraded in 1989. The current facility was constructed in 2019 at 2450 Sand Rock Road. At the same time, there were many updates to the 2447 location as it is still in use. The Water Pollution Control Facility is required to meet many discharge limits and other requirements through a permit issued by the Wisconsin DNR. The facility is also operated, maintained and managed by an advanced certified wastewater treatment plant superintendent and three advanced certified wastewater operators. Operating an advanced treatment facility takes knowledge and experience in microbiology, chemistry, mathematics, hydraulics, electricity and many different types of wastewater treatment unit operations and processes.

We often take for granted when we take a shower, flush the toilet, do the laundry or wash the dishes that the dirty water goes down the drain and goes away.

It flows through the plumbing, then the building sewer pipe out into a bigger sewer pipe in the street. It is then conveyed through a network of sewer pipes and pump stations to the village's Wastewater Treatment Plant at 2447 and 2550 Sand Rock Road. Wastewater treatment is one of the largest investments in our community. The current state-of-the-art facility, completed in 2019, cost $20 million. The village also operates and maintains a wastewater collection system of 46 miles of gravity sewers, 1204 manholes, 9 lift (pump) stations and 4.6 miles of forcemain (pressure sewers). The wastewater treatment facility was designed for the next 20 years and constructed to treat 790,000 gallons per day. The facility currently receives and treats an average of 475,000 gallons of wastewater per day. If you would like to learn more, request a tour of the treatment facility, see it in action as some members of the Sustainabilty and Natural Resources Committee did on March 13, 2024. The community can take great pride in this facility and the personnel who run it.

Wastewater treatment systems can use a lot of energy. During the design phase, the Village worked with Focus On Energy and their engineering consultant to make it as energy efficient as possible. The plant uses all LED lighting; pumps and blowers can vary their speed to deliver flow or air only as demand requires; and dissolved oxygen monitoring meters in basins regulate oxygen levels at the most efficient level.

So what can residents and businesses do to help keep our treatment plant operations running as well and as trouble-free as possible?

Do NOT use the toilet as a wastebasket for garbage, medications or chemicals. And flush ONLY toilet paper, no other paper products or wipes of any kind.

2. Keep fats, oils and grease out of the drain and pipes. They clog pipes and effect treatment.

3. Dispose of chemicals, hazardous materials, infectious wastes and medications properly, not down the drain.

4. Compost as much organic materials and food wastes as possible instead of grinding and flushing them down the kitchen sink.

5. Disconnect any sources of clearwater from your building sewer, such as sump pumps, roof drains and foundation drains. Clearwater adds to pumping and treatment energy use and extra unneeded flows to the plant.

6. Install on-demand softeners to reduce the amount of salt (chlorides) at the treatment facility.

7. Reduce your own water use and cost through water saving fixtures and energy efficient appliances.

8. Maintain, clean and inspect your own building private sewer lateral on a periodic basis.

Other useful information about private building sewers and how to prevent problems can be found in the following brochure on the WDNR website: https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/Wastewater/BuildingSewerBrochure.pdf

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tee, and they don't have a committee in Baraboo, but they have a green team," citizen member Jack Saltes said. "If you read their mission and their goals, I think it reflects a green team and what they would like to accomplish."

According to the meeting's agenda packet, a green team is a group of dedicated individuals who come together to promote, identify, and implement specific solutions to help their organization operate more sustainably. These participants were noted to be individuals interested in civic engagement and sustainability who may have expertise in a specific topic or field.

"Right now it's just this preliminary idea of a group that could help us do the things we're hoping to do," citizen member Tom Butusov said. "Because we're a government committee, we're kind of shoehorned into some things we can and can't do. A green team would be a really nice arm of ours or a group that could collaborate on different activities and different things we want to do."

Butusov said he created a community survey to gauge community support for the potential creation of a Green Team.

"We were just wanting to put feelers out to see if there'd be enough support," Butusov said. "One of the conversations we'd had was making sure it wasn't just us [the Committee] in the Green Team trying to do two things then. We wanted to know if there was going to be enough community support to support some of the initiatives or educational things we want to do."

Citizen member Jennifer Gottwald said the creation of a Green Team would allow village leadership to be more in tune with the sustainability goals of Village residents.

"We're more concentrating on what the Village can do as a municipality, but we want to get some other people who can reach out more to the community, get more excitement, and find out what the community wants."

The Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee next meets June 25 at 7:00 p.m.

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Josh Kuntz (left) and Josh Manchester (below) were both named first-team all-Badger Small Conference, while Drew Preimesberger (above) was named second-team all-league. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Six Vikings named all-conference

Baseball Vikings rewarded for big year

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's baseball team had a terrific year, going 16-10 overall and reaching a WIAA Division 2 regional final.

So it came as no surprise the Vikings were well represented on the all-Badger Small Conference team, with six players earning all-league honors.

Sophomore shortstop/pitcher Josh Manchester and sophomore center fielder Josh Kuntz were named first-team all-conference.

Senior first baseman Drew Preimesberger and sophomore outfielder Logan Ford were named second-team all-league, while junior third baseman Colin Larson and sophomore outfielder/pitcher Jaxen Finley were named honorable-mention all-conference.

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All-Badger Small Conference Golf

First Team

Name	School	Yr.
Drew Bindl	Edgewood	10
Sam Hjortland	Stoughton	12
Tyler Poker	Baraboo	12
Addison Pennekamp	McFarland	10
Garret Mittelstaedt	Sauk Prairie	12

Second Team

Name	School	Yr.
Jack Vesperman	**Mount Horeb**	**12**
Jude Young	**Mount Horeb**	**10**
Colin Quam	Stoughton	12
Graysen Dunn	Sauk Prairie	10
Jack Brinker	Baraboo	9

Player of the Year — Drew Bindl, Edgewood
Coach of the Year — Stephen Ketelsen, Stoughton

Vesperman, Young earn all-Badger Small honors

Mount Horeb standouts both enjoyed stellar seasons

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's boys golf team landed two players on the all-Badger Small Conference team.

Senior Jack Vesperman and sophomore Jude Young were both named second-team all-conference.

Vesperman's nine-hole average was 40.5 overall and 41.3 in conference meets.

His low round of the year was a 75 at the River Valley Invite.

"Jack earned medalist honors with the lowest scoring average on our team this year," Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said of Vesperman. "He was a second-team all-conference performer last season and was able to match that again this year.

"Jack led our team in scoring in seven meets this season and his presence in our lineup the past few seasons will definitely be missed next year."

Young's nine-hole average was 42.2 overall and 41.3 in conference play. Young's low round of the season in an 18-hole match was a 77 at the Mount Horeb mini-meet.

"Jude had the second-lowest scoring average on our team this season and earned the distinction of our Most Improved Player after improving his nine-hole average by 4.3 strokes from last season," Krentz said "He was a steady presence in our lineup this year after playing mostly JV last year.

"Jude led or co-led our team in scoring in five meets this season and we will be counting on him to be one of our team's leaders next year."

Edgewood sophomore Drew Bindl was the league's Player of the Year and headlined the all-Badger Small Conference's first-team.

He was joined on the first team by Stoughton senior Sam Hjortland, Baraboo senior Tyler Poker, McFarland sophomore Addison Pennekamp and Sauk Prairie senior Garret Mittelstaedt.

Joining Vesperman and Young on the second team were Stoughton senior Colin Quam, Sauk Prairie sophomore Graysen Dunn and Baraboo freshman Jack Brinker.





Mount Horeb golfers Jack Vesperman (top) and Jude Young (above) both earned second-team all-conference honors. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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Kuntz hit .326, scored 16 runs and had nine RBI during conference games. He also had three doubles, two triples and stole nine bases.

"Josh Kuntz played a great center field and did a fantastic job in the lead-off position in the lineup this year," Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said. "Josh is a great all around baseball player.

"He covers so much ground in the outfield and

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Mount Horeb's Logan Ford was named second-team all-Badger Small Conference. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

All-Badger Small Conference Baseball

First Team

Name	School	Yr.
Peyton Poker	Baraboo	10
Henry Bishop	Edgewood	12
Bennett Cagle	Edgewood	11
Seth Myers	Edgewood	11
Braylan Roder	McFarland	12
Josh Manchester	**Mount Horeb**	**10**
Josh Kuntz	**Mount Horeb**	**10**
Keagan Hooker	Portage	12
Winston Alonso	Reedsburg	10
Aden Edwards	Reedsburg	12
Alek Southworth	Reedsburg	11
Jack Fenwick	Reedsburg	11

Pitcher of the Year — Henry Bishop, Edgewood
Player of the Year — Winston Alonso, Reedsburg
Coach of the Year — Chris Hahn, Reedsburg

Second Team

Name	School	Yr.
Steffen Mello	Edgewood	12
Preston Yaucher	Edgewood	11
Grayson Gauwitz	McFarland	9
Will Steinke	McFarland	11
Drew Preimesberger	**Mount Horeb**	**12**
Logan Ford	**Mount Horeb**	**10**
Kane Chappell	Portage	11
Haakon Johnson	Portage	12
Mark Othmer	Reedsburg	12
Austin Pagel	Sauk Prairie	12
Marty Hanna	Sauk Prairie	10
Thor Armstrong	Stoughton	12

Honorable Mention

Baraboo – Burke Schweda, Trayton Lapacek
Edgewood – Jack Halloran, Carson Jesberger
McFarland – Dylan Schaefer, Adam Stephany
Mount Horeb – Colin Larson, Jaxen Finley
Portage – Trevor Brouette, Griffin Garrigan
Reedsburg – Luke Verch, Beau Molitor
Sauk Prairie – Bryan Breunig, Boden Frosch
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makes many of the difficult plays look easy. Offensively he is constantly putting pressure on the defense with his ability to make consistent hard contact and his speed."

Manchester batted .382, scored 16 runs, and belted two home runs in 13 conference games. He also added four doubles and was walked 15 times.

On the mound, Manchester went 3-2 with a 2.81 ERA. Manchester was also one of the elite defensive shortstops in the area and finished the year with just one error.

"Josh does so many things well," Ryan Finley said. "It's awesome to have a front row seat to watch him play this game.

"His hands are quicker than anyone I've ever coached in the field. He's a great pitcher on the mound — he has a plan and hits his spots.

"And offensively he hits for a high average, rarely strikes out and adds power to all fields."

Preimesberger batted .371 during conference play and had 15 RBI. He also scored 10 runs, had four doubles and two home runs.

"Drew has had a tremendous bounce back season after being hampered with a severe shoulder injury his junior season," Ryan Finley said. "Offensively he's been great in the clean-

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Mount Horeb's Colin Larson was named honorable-mention all-Badger Small Conference. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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up spot all year for us as he constantly hits the ball hard.

Besides his great play for us in the lineup, he's been a tremendous leader for the team. He definitely deserved this honor, although selfishly I thought he was first teamer."

Ford led the Vikings with a .400 batting average during conference play. He also scored 10 runs, had three doubles and seven RBI.

"Logan had a tremendous conference season for us," Ryan Finley said. "He led the team with a .400 batting average, scored a bunch of runs, provided some power at the plate and made huge strides in the outfield defensively for us.

"I knew he was a talented player that would do a lot of great things for us in his career, but I was pleasantly surprised to see him put such a great season together so quickly. The best thing is he's only going to get better."

Larson hit .364 in conference play, scored 10 runs and had 14 RBI.

"Colin had another great season at the plate for us after having a great sophomore season," Ryan Finley said. "He's a hard working kid and has really stepped up in his leadership role for us.

"He does a lot of good things at third (base) and provides great protection for Manchester and Preimesberger in the lineup. He's in line for a great senior season."

Jaxen Finley went 3-0 on the mound with a 2.42 ERA during conference play. He also hit .282, scored seven runs and had seven RBI.

"Jaxen had a great sophomore season this year after an injury plagued spring and summer last season," Ryan Finley said. "He's a fiery competitor on the mound that attacks hitters and changes speeds well.

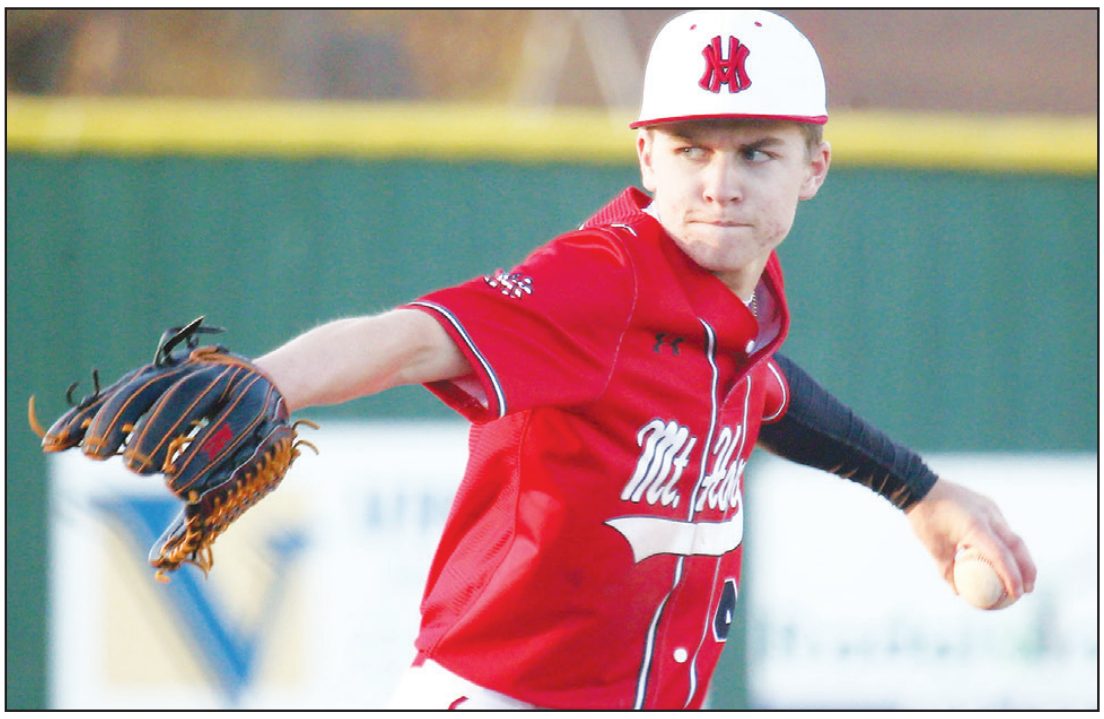
"He's had to step up more than anticipated on the mound and has done just that. He also does a great job in the (No.) 2 spot in our lineup that helps set the table for the power hitters that follow him."

Reedsburg sophomore Winston Alonso was the conference's Player of the Year, while Beavers manager Chris Hahn was named Coach of the Year.

Madison Edgewood's Henry Bishop was named the league's Pitcher of the Year.

The rest of the first-team all-conference selections included Baraboo sophomore Peyton Poker, Madison Edgewood juniors Bennett Cagle and Seth Myers, McFarland senior Braylan Roder, Portage senior Keagan Hooker, Reedsburg senior Aden Edwards and Beavers' juniors Alek Southworth and Jack Fenwick.

Reedsburg won the conference championship with a 12-2 record, while McFarland was secobd at 10-4.



Mount Horeb sophomore pitcher/outfielder Jaxen Finley was named honorable-mention all-Badger Small Conference. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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June 12 - Wednesday - Kids Day!
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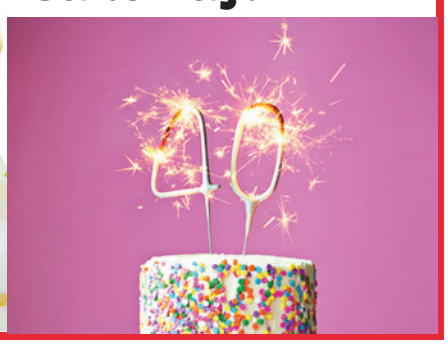




Bounce House!

June 13 - Thursday - Cake Day!
SERVING FROM 2PM UNTIL GONE!





June 14 - Friday - Random Discount Day
Choose your discount from 10% to 40% off. Regular priced items only, no power tools.



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Customers can sign up for prizes all week and pick them up later.
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