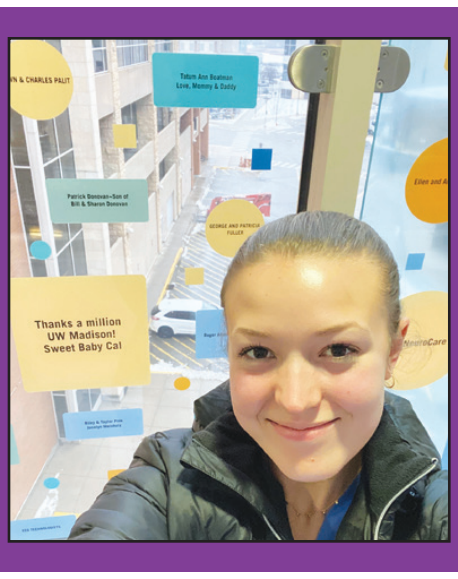
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Career-ready grads

More than 80 Mt. Horeb High School students earned CTE certificates

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Farmers market provides food for Neighbors Helping Neighbors

By Matt Geiger
Mount Horeb Mail

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is now able to offer fresh, locally-produced food to its clients thanks to a partnership with the Mount Horeb Farmers Market and $5,000 in grant money distributed by the Dane County Board.

The market is one of several agencies receiving funds through the Tamara D. Grigsby Office of Equity and Inclusion's 2025 Partners in Equity (PIE) Food Grant this year.

Ann Szalkowski, food coordinator for Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN), said the partnership was

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Sunny Summer Frolic

Festival was filled with fun for all ages

The Mount Horeb Summer Frolic took place Thursday through Sunday, July 12-15, featuring rides, games, music, food, fireworks and plenty more. Pictured above, the middle and high school bands provided plenty of tropical style in the Sunday parade. Photo by Casey McCoy. See two full pages of photos on pages 8-9.

CONGRATS, MOUNT HOREB HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

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PICKLEBALL WINNERS!

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Musicians Felcyn and Crolla are honored with Hanneman Award

Each year the Mt. Horeb Music Boosters recognize Mr. F.H. Hanneman's pioneering contributions to music in Mt. Horeb by honoring an outstanding musician in the eighth grade and the Senior Class.

To be considered for the award, interested students submit an application, then have their materials reviewed by a blind panel.

This year's senior recipient was Alexandra (Allie) Felcyn. Felcyn has been actively involved in a wide range of musical activities throughout high school. These include participation in band and choir, the Badger Conference Honors Choir, Solo and Ensemble festivals, madrigal performances, vocal jazz, chamber choir, jazz band, school musicals, and service on the choir board. Beyond the school setting, she has taken piano lessons and regularly volunteers to play piano at local nursing homes, bringing joy and music to residents. This lifelong connection to music has inspired her to pursue a double major in piano performance and biology at the University of Iowa. Looking ahead, Felcyn hopes to join extracurricular choirs and bands on campus, continuing to share her love of music with the community. Felcyn is also a repeat Hanneman award winner, having received the 8th grade award in 2021!

This year's 8th grade recipient was Liam Crolla. Crolla is an active and hard-working musician in all three curricular music ensembles: choir, band, and orchestra. He also participates in many co-curricular music activities at Mt. Horeb Middle School, including Fiddle Band, Jazz Band, and Chorale, all of which take place exclusively outside of the school day. Crolla was also recently seen on stage starring as Troy Bolton in MHMS's production of *High School Musical, Jr.*

The Hanneman award reads: "The recipient of this award has shown notable musical talent and accomplishments, and has brought honor to our school, and pleasure to the community by performance, perseverance, and constructive behavior regarding music, school activities, and scholastic achievement."

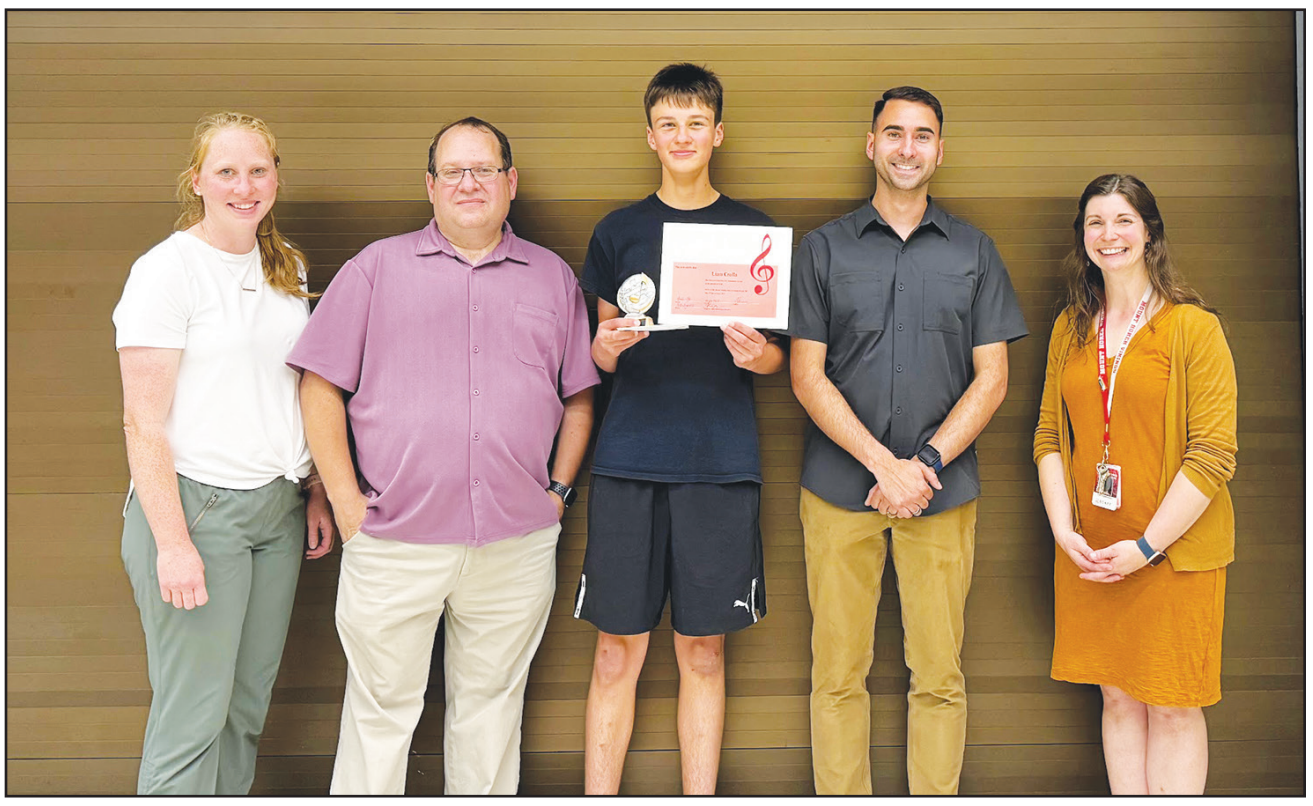
In 1917, Fredrick Hanneman moved to Mt. Horeb to direct the city band. He started the high school band in 1923, and by 1926, it was an academic subject earning full credit towards graduation at Mt. Horeb High School. Mr. Hanneman's influence also spread beyond Mt. Horeb; he started school bands in Dodgeville, Verona, Blanchardville, Middleton, Sun Prairie, and Barneveld. The Milwaukee Journal dubbed him a "musical circuit ride" in a 1963 newspaper article. At one point he was extremely ill and would rehearse bands in various schools by listening to the bands practice via telephone, offering comments afterwards.

In 1967, he was honored by the music parents at the high school spring concert, when an award was established in his honor.

In addition to his activities as a music teacher, Frederick Hanneman was an early member of the Mt. Horeb Chamber of Commerce and was one of the founding developers of Cave of the Mounds.



Above, Senior Alexandra Felcyn with her Hanneman award.



From left to right: MHMS music teachers Alyssa Thuli, John Mesoloras, 8th grade Hanneman Award recipient Liam Crolla, MHMS music teachers Dominic Leising and Calli Ingebritsen.

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Mount Horeb High School Band Board announces new members

The Mt. Horeb High School band members recently elected student Band Board members for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Band Board members perform many duties throughout the year; board members plan half-time shows for football games in October, decide on the theme for the Viking Band Show in April, select a new Drum Major for the next marching band season, assist in selecting songs for many performances, and provide general advice to band teacher Mr. Dorner.

Fellow students elect board members through the democratic process; typically, the president receives the most votes, and the vice president gets the second-most votes. From there, the outgoing president of each board speaks with the president-elect to discuss the essential duties of the president.

Band Board: 2025-2026

President:
Kait Green

Vice President:
Preston Braverman

Board Members:
Molly McCue
Clem Christian
Eli Dinh
Anna Tranel
Noah Koltz
Barrett Kreul
Kyle Frischmann

"This conversation helps ensure the future president understands the importance of their role and ensures a successful upcoming year," says John Malin, past board president.

Board members help the entire year run smoothly for all students; it's also rewarding and educational for the members. Of course, students also participate for the social aspect.

"I'm especially looking forward to working directly with other students about what they want to see in their events, and ensuring the whole board is not only efficient but also a family!" says Kait Green, an incoming senior saxophone player and board president for next year.

Newly elected members are incredibly excited about their roles, and they are looking forward to the next school year.

"I want to work more on getting all members of our high school band to interact musically and socially; seniors and freshmen can learn so much from each other, and we all function as a better musical ensemble when we form friendships," says Anna Tranel, an incoming senior percussionist and Band Board member.

Dane County Sheriff's Office Returns Cryptocurrency to Scam Victim

Dane County Sheriff's Office Detectives specializing in financial crimes have been working hard to combat and investigate the seemingly never-ending number of scams and fraud cases victimizing our citizens. On Monday, June 9, a detective, in partnership with the Wisconsin DOJ, Division of Criminal Investigations, recovered and returned a portion of the cryptocurrency used in the transaction, valued at more than $4,000.

In February of this year, the victim utilized a sponsored, third-party link on a search engine in what they believed to be a legitimate website for payment of a streaming service. In reality, this was link was a scam. The transaction compromised his bank account, and the scammer from overseas ultimately gained access to his cell phone and personal information. The scammer was to compromise the victims account and fraudulently transfer funds using cryptocurrency, resulting in a loss of thousands.

"We understand how devastating these scams can be—not just financially, but emotionally," said Sheriff Kalvin Barrett. "This case shows that even in the evolving world of cybercrime, we are adapting and working hard to recover what's been lost and hold scammers accountable."

This is an exceedingly rare feat due to cryptocurrency's anonymity and complexity. It is a first for the Dane County Sheriff's Office and one of only 10 instances in the entire state. In this specific instance, detectives were able to return some of the financial loss. In most cases however, once funds are sent using a cryptocurrency exchange, they are not recoverable.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office reminds residents to be cautious of unsolicited calls or emails demanding money, especially involving cryptocurrency or gift cards. In addition, "sponsored" links after using a search engine can sometimes be a front for illegitimate sites, such as this case. If something feels suspicious, trust your instincts and contact local law enforcement.

Letters to the Editor

After time in schools, Hook says thanks

I spent time in the schools in our Mount Horeb Area School District this past school year as a substitute and I would like to ask all parents and community members to reach out and thank our staff and teachers. We are so fortunate in our community, we have fantastic teachers who help our students grow and learn every day. To our teachers and staff, thank you for your hard work, and dedication to our students success.

Jerry Hook
Mount Horeb

Paul and Kathy Winters are good neighbors

If there was such an award there would be good reason for it to be awarded to our neighbors, Paul and Kathy Winters.

Thursday, 5 June was a busy day for me with running around Madison and Verona. And I was cutting it close to have my son-in-law's vehicle back home for him to make it to Machine Pitch Baseball with his equipment in the back of the vehicle! I barely made it in time and swapped the bags to the other vehicle he would be using. After he left for practice, I unloaded the vehicle, parked it in the driveway and rushed off with the family in a third vehicle, heading to the mid-week service at our church, not realizing I had left the other vehicle with the engine still running! It has one of those keyless, push-button starters, and when I parked the vehicle, I grabbed the keys and forgot to turn it off. It didn't help that I was not wearing my hearing aids or I probably would have heard the engine running, for sure.

When we arrived home some TWO HOURS LATER, Paul was in the vehicle, trying to figure out how to turn off the lights and shut the car down. (He and Kathy had seen the vehicle's lights on from their house and found that we were not home.)

Good neighbors are always looking out for each other and I hope I can return the favor someday!

Sincerely,
Paul W. Hutchins
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Gleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- June 17, 1885

Rev. Cowling and Gus Schneider were called upon by friends of the tender sex last Sunday.

Mrs. Ole Uldrikson breathed her last breath the 10th inst., at 3 o'clock p.m. Her death has been expected for some time, as consumption had laid its unrelenting hold on her unfortunate system. Having thus suffered for over a year, death was not unwelcome.

Tramps are getting rather numerous around Mount Horeb, more attention should be paid to these gents than has been done by the authorities.

It is annoying to many of our citizens to have horses and cattle running at large, which has been the case all spring at this place, and would be in order to have the resolution made at the town election followed a little closer.

A beautiful bouquet adorns this office kindly presented by Mrs. N. Golben. There is no one who appreciates the scent of flowers as the closely confined editors, so have pity on us and be sure every pansy is welcome.

130 Years Ago- June 20, 1895

Mrs. W.M. Curtiss is enjoying a companionship of a bicycle and the art of propelling same is about accomplished.

Prof. Berg is now residing in the Academy building and has plenty of elbow room.

Our band boys are at it, practicing up for the 4th, and with such musical talent as is now found among their number we are going to have the best music.

Henry Lewis has been in a critical condition from the effects of blood poisoning. His finger was amputated at the wrist but there is still enough poison left in his system to render it a question of life and death.

Miss Ella Dahle was able to take a buggy ride Tuesday evening. She is slowly recovering.

Of the many exciting races here the coming fourth, we predict with considerable confidence that the potato race will be the hottest one of the day, as they have been a very scarce article here for some time past.

Eldred S. Hale, now living at Mt. Vernon, Dane county, was the youngest surviving soldier of the Black Hawk war. He was drafted to guard the women and children at Fort Wyatt, and was then but 16 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Dahle of Daleyville have chosen Mt. Horeb for their home in their old age. They will build an elegant dwelling house on E. Main street. Ayen and Holum are at work on the foundation.

Last Thursday the depot and part of the lumber yard at Middleton was burned to the ground.

120 Years Ago- June 15, 1905

Ward & Finke have divided their industrial plant here. Mr. Ward takes the electric light plant and Mr. Finke the mill property.

It is among recent developments that Rufus Webber is gaining in avoirdupois and good looks.

Three innocent looking tramps were taken into custody last Monday night and kept in the cooler till morning, when they were allowed to go on their way rejoicing.

A couple of spry young girls arrived at Voien's last week direct from Norway and seem to make themselves right at home.

Tired out, worn out woman cannot sleep, eat or work; seems as if she would fly to pieces. Holister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes strong nerves and rich blood. 35 cents. Dr. Bancroft.

110 Years Ago- June 18, 1915

Carl Tollefson is drawing square timbers for his new barn.

Martin Spaanem with a crew of men and teams are grading the Hustad hill, which will greatly improve that thoroughfare where the traffic is so heavy.

John Ness carrier on Route No. 1 has been under the weather the past week suffering from lumbago, his son Albert who is his substitute has been going the duty on the mail route.

Alex Dopke is out from Milwaukee for the purpose of going after the mineral ore.

100 Years Ago- June 16, 1925

We are glad to announce that there will be a number of children from the slums of Chicago entertained for two glorious weeks in Mt. Horeb Homes. This paper will do the work of securing the hosts and hostesses for these little ones for who a trip to the fresh air of the country means so much.

The American Legion Post No. 113 are planning big things for the 4th of July celebration.. The morning will be started with music by the combined Mt. Horeb Bands, followed by a talk by speaker of the day Mr. Albrecht. At noon the celebrators will enjoy a picnic dinner or eat at the lunch stand of our hotel or restaurants, then right after dinner the big fun will commence. The ball game will be a battle for supremacy between Belleville and Blanchardville, a preliminary "Kitten Ball" game will be played between the married men and single men. Following the ball game there will be a wrestling match. Plans are being made for a clay bird shoot. All these attractions will be absolutely FREE to everyone, as a small admissions fee will be charged to the grounds. After a full day of fun comes the best time of all, the big bowery dance and carnival, fireworks, confetti, streamers and fun galore.

Former Postmaster Alois Goebel, has purchased the Brattrud Filling Station and home of Adry Brattrud, and took possession of the same last Friday morning.

D.A. Stoner has painted the front of his store an attractive yellow and will now call his store the yellow front, Mr. Stoner has increased his stock greatly, added many new lines and now has a very attractive store.

Christ Zwettler had the misfortune Wednesday morning to cut off his third finger to the first joint on his left hand while hoisting ashes out of the basement. The member was cut completely off. Dr. Sporleder is caring for the wound.

Mrs. Mamie Hoff underwent an operation Tuesday at the Buckner Hospital. Dr's Buckner and Thompson performed the operation. Mrs. Hoff is slowly improving and her many friends hope for her complete recovery.

90 Years Ago- June 20, 1935

Parties now going west from Mount Horeb now use Highway 18. It's not open to the public, but is a better road than the detour.

The new Chevrolet belonging to Andrew Jacobson, which was stolen here Saturday night, was found deserted in Nakoma, on the outskirts of Madison.

Ruby Batker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Batker, Verona, and Glenn Thousand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thousand, Klevenville, were married Saturday, June 16 at the Little Brown Church in the Vale at Nashua, Ia.

Riley, the strongest baseball team in the Sugar River Valley League, has not lost a game this year.

80 Years Ago- June 21, 1945

Sgt. Otis Lund informs his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Lund, that he has arrived safely in the South Pacific.

Stockholders of the Mount Horeb Creamery and Cheese Co., Inc., Mount Horeb co-operative which was organized in 1901, voted 2-1/2 to 1 to sell the business and plant to Ryser Bros., Chicago, wholesale cheese dealers for $41,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Mickelson have purchased the former Lottie Lewis house on West Main Street.

60 Years Ago- June 24, 1965

Timothy John is the name chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gundlach, Mt. Vernon for their son, born Tuesday, June 15, at Madison General Hospital.

Two new teachers at Mount Horeb High School for the coming year will be Mary A. Ahrendt, who will teach sophomore English, and Wilbert Marty, who will teach social problems and coach football and basketball.

30 Years Ago- June 22, 1995

Karen Lee Brickner, age 55, died unexpectedly on Sunday, June 18, 1995 in a Madison hospital.

A son, Kyle James, was born to Scott and Wendy Zahler on Saturday, June 17 at Meriter Hospital.

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PERSPECTIVE

‘No Kings Day’ in Southwest Wisconsin

A firsthand account of Saturday’s protest

By Michelle Meyer
Special to the Mail

On Saturday, June 14 more than 5 million people participated in “No Kings Day” protests all across America. In over 2,000 cities and towns around the USA, Americas joined together to oppose the corruption of the Trump Administration, as well as a military parade held on his birthday costing $45 million dollars.

Southwest Wisconsin joined in the nation-wide protest as well. At 10 a.m. that morning, around 100 people gathered at the post office to begin Mount Horeb’s participation in “No Kings Day.” After some short speeches by leaders of SouthWest Wisconsin Area Progressives and other people, everyone Marched down Main Street with their protest signs. As the group marched along the sidewalk, they were greeted by honking and waving from those driving by. Once the short march down Main Street was over, Mount Horeb protesters drove to Dodgeville for the larger, Southwest Wisconsin “No Kings Day” protest.

The Dodgeville event started at Noon. In total around 600 people participated in a march to the Iowa County Courthouse. As in Mount Horeb, passersby hailed the marchers by honking their horns and waving. Live music greeted participants at the County Courthouse. Speakers included Myra Enloe (one of the Dodgeville event organizers), Ben Gruber (President of AFSCME Local 1215, WI Conservation Wardens), Steve Michek (Retired Iowa County Sheriff) and U.S. Congressman Mark Pocan as keynote speaker.



U.S. Congressman Mark Pocan, who represents Mount Horeb, speaks to the crowd at Saturday’s rally.

Congressman Pocan began his speech by contrasting the “No Kings Day” Dodgeville event with happenings in Washington, DC: “This is a great contrast right now. Dodgeville, WI to Washington, D.C. Today is Donald Trump’s birthday… for his birthday he wanted a dictator style military parade. And he is spending $45 million to have that parade in Washington, D.C.”

Pocan continued: “But I’ll tell you, there is no question I’d much rather be with you all today in Dodgeville, WI for this “No Kings Day” protest.”

The Congressman then talked to Dodgeville’s crowd about the $880 billion in spending cuts now going through the U.S. Senate legislative process. “… the problem with Donald Trump is almost everything he does is with one thing in mind, ‘Donald Trump.’ Right?”

“Donald Trump finds a way to enrich himself and his family in nearly everything that he does,” Pocan claimed. “And there is no question that this ‘Big Ugly Bill’, which is going to provide a giant tax break for Donald Trump and Elon Musk, this bill is his ‘holy grail’.”

“He doesn’t care that he’s going to add $5 trillion dollars to the national debt, and we’re all going to have to pay for it,” he continued. “He doesn’t care that 16 million people will lose healthcare. And millions more will pay more for healthcare.”

“He doesn’t care that 11 million people are going to lose food assistance. And millions more are going to be hurt by a half-trillion dollars in cuts to Medicare,” Pocan told the crowd. “That’s what’s in that ‘Big Ugly Bill,’ all so that Donald Trump and Elon Musk can get a big, big tax cut.”

After discussing the details of the so-called ‘Big Ugly Bill’, Pocan delved into other ways he believes President Trump is hurting America: “There’s a lot of other ugly things going on too. We’re watching the ICE raids that are happening across the country. Most recently in L.A., the firing of federal employees, the cuts to federal services…”

After outlining the problems before us, Congressman Pocan spoke with the audience about how to fight back effectively. “Litigation is our friend. More than 250 lawsuits have been filed against Donald Trump’s illegal actions. And we have had positive adjudications in over 184 of them already,” he said. “The founders of our nation did well by putting our Rule of Law in place. And by showing up today, we’re making sure that Rule of Law never goes away.”

He continued to discuss how elections are the best tool for making our voices heard: “Look, we sent the biggest national message with that April election. And it was heard around the country. It wasn’t just that we elected a great new justice to the Supreme Court. And it wasn’t that she won by 10 points in a purple state, where people usually win by one point. The message of that election was the turnout.”

“Everyone thought we would have maybe a little stronger than a normal spring election turnout. Well, you all didn’t listen to everyone’s projections,” he said. “Because the turnout was closer to a mid-level congressional election turnout than a nonpartisan April election. And that’s because people wanted to be heard. And heard you were.”

Pocan finished his remarks by thanking the crowd for calling and emailing their elected representatives: “Thank you for reaching out to your elected officials on a regular basis. Trust me, I’m hearing from you in record levels. Earlier this year we hit 300 calls a day in our local office, much less our D.C. office. That was a new record. But then, within a couple of weeks we were up to 500 calls a day.

“Keep it up,” he said. “The way we defeat the bad things Donald Trump is trying to do is with people power. It is by reaching out to your elected officials and making sure you’re heard. And I’ll tell you what, what you’re doing today just did that in volumes more than you can possibly imagine.”

“We are not going to let this become a monarchy,” Pocan concluded. “This is a democracy and it’s going to stay one.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Mt. Horeb Seniors lunch outing to Sugar River Pizza, Verona, leaving 10:30am. RSVP at 608-437-6902, limited seating.

Premier World Discovery Tours, 1:00pm, Mt. Horeb Senior Center, to present upcoming travel ideas, first out of state travel to San Antonio, Texas, Dec.3, to see Riverwalk.

MT. HOREB FARMERS MARKET, front lawn of Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church, 315 E. Main Street, 3:00pm-6:30pm. Seasonal produce, flowers, etc.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry and clothes closet open 6:00pm-7:30pm. 102 E. Lincoln Street. To guarantee accommodating your shopping needs, you must be registered for your shopping visit at least 15 minutes before closing. If registering for the first time, please arrive at least 30 minutes before closing.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT, entitled "Roots Reimagined" showcasing works by Spring Arts Tour artists now thru July 14, at Mt. Horeb Driftless Historium.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, food pantry and clothes closet open 9:00am-10:30am (seniors preferred) and 3:00-4:30pm. 102 E. Lincoln Street. To guarantee accommodating your shopping needs, you must be registered for your shopping visit at least 15 minutes before closing. If registering for the first time, please arrive at least 30 minutes before closing.

Mt. Horeb Seniors, ice cream social to celebrate June Dairy Month. RSVP at 608-437-6902, Senior Center.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Mt. Horeb seniors Amish trip to Fennimore; visit Sugar and Spice with lunch at Fredricks. Call to reserve your seat at 608-437-6902.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry and clothes closet open 10:00am-11:30am. 102 E. Lincoln Street. To guarantee accommodating your shopping needs, you must be registered for your shopping visit at least 15 minutes before closing. If registering for the first time, please arrive at least 30 minutes before closing.

MONDAY, JUNE 23

Table Tennis, 10:00am-Noon - Mt. Horeb Senior Center

Presentation on POW (Prisoner of War) camps during WWII, by Bob Block of Oregon Historical Society, 1:00pm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

Tai Chi, 1:00pm. Senior Center

Ageless Grace, (seated exercise class). 2:00pm, Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

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

Fink's Cafe, serving senior meals, every Wednesday, 11:00-1:00pm.

Euchre, 12:30pm, Senior Center

PFLAG Pride on the Trollway, 10th anniversary celebration, Grundahl Park. 6:00pm, Pride walk around park; 7:00-9:15pm Concert with VO5. Food trucks, kid activities. Free fun stuff.

Little Free Pantries available at: New Hope Evangelical Free Church, 639 S. 8th St., Mt. Horeb; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 310 W. Main St., Mt. Horeb; 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.

Endvick Named Director of Farmers Union

Wisconsin Farmers Union (WFU) is proud to announce that Danielle Endvick has been named the organization's next Executive Director. Endvick will step into the role in mid-May, following the retirement of current Executive Director Julie Keown-Bomar, who has led WFU since 2017.

Endvick is no stranger to WFU or to Wisconsin agriculture. She joined the organization in 2014 and has served in several key roles, including Communications Director and most recently Director of Development. A graduate of UW–River Falls, Endvick grew up on a small dairy farm in northern Wisconsin and brings more than a decade of experience in agricultural journalism, nonprofit leadership, and rural advocacy. She now lives on her family farm—the Runamuck Ranch in Chippewa County—where she and her husband raise beef cattle, chickens, and their two sons.

"I'm honored to be stepping into the Executive Director role and to carry forward the incredible work that Julie, the staff, and the board have done to grow Wisconsin Farmers Union over the past seven years," Endvick said. "WFU's mission has always been deeply personal to me, and I'm excited to build on that strong foundation as we work to support family farmers and vibrant rural communities across the state."

Keown-Bomar's tenure marked a period of significant growth and transformation for WFU, including the launch of the Market on River project, expansion of membership and staff, and strengthened advocacy at both the state and national levels. She cited Endvick's commitment to the organization's grassroots mission and strong relationships across the agricultural landscape as key assets for the transition.

"Danielle brings deep knowledge of Wisconsin agriculture, strong connections with our members, and a passion for rural communities," said WFU President Darin Von Ruden. "She has played an essential role in shaping our voice and vision over the past decade, and we are confident she will guide Wisconsin Farmers Union with the same integrity, creativity, and tenacity that have made her a trusted leader within our organization."

Endvick will work alongside Keown-Bomar through mid-June to ensure a smooth leadership transition.

Wisconsin Farmers Union "is committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, rural communities, and all people through educational opportunities, cooperative endeavors, and civic engagement." For more visit: www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com.

Library Corner

Summer at the Library

We are gearing up for our summer reading challenge for all ages! We have endless options for everyone to get lost in a good book this summer, and we are here to encourage and cheer you on every step of the way!

Readers 0 to 12: Pick up a game sheet and complete challenges designed for each age level to earn Huebucks to use at the prize store (which opens in July)!

Reach out and Read: This challenge is for ages 6 to 18 who are interested in making an impact through reading. For every hour you read, you can earn .50 per hour which is donated to a local non-profit. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

Teen Summer Scratch-Offs: Teens ages 13 to 18, grab a scratch-off ticket each time you check something out or attend a library program! Some tickets are instant winners, others can be used as entries for the grand prize drawings (held at the end of summer). One ticket per person per day.

Adults 18 and up: Enter a raffle ticket for every book you read (audiobooks count too!) into the prize drawing box located at the checkout counter. Prizes are drawn at the end of each month (June, July, and August).

For more information about our summer library programs, please visit our website at mhpl.org.

Recreation Notes

Cookie Decorating Classes learn to frost, adorn, and embellish cookies in this Under the Sea themed class for beginners – no experience necessary! Each attendee will get to decorate and take home five (5) delicious cookies. All supplies will be provided. Registration deadline is June 20th. Mount Horeb Residents pay $60, Nonresidents pay $70.

Ages 6-9 (with a parent!) | Saturday, June 28th from 9:00-10:45 AM at the Recreation Department

Ages 5-10 | Saturday, June 28th from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM at the Recreation Department

Project Runway Sewing Classes Youth ages 9-14 will design, measure, cut, sew, and modify their very own sewing projects with both hand-sewing and machine-sewing techniques. All students make their own projects lead by a qualified sewing instructor including a swimsuit coverup, mini messenger bag, ear bud case, and your personalized sewer's handbook. On the last day students will showcase their work with a runway show for family & friends. All supplies and equipment are provided during this camp. No previous experience necessary! Registration Deadline is June 30th. Mount Horeb Residents pay $153, Nonresidents pay $163.

Session 1 | Mon, Tue, Wed, & Thur, July 7th-10th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Recreation Department

Session 2 | Mon, Tue, Wed, & Thur, July 7th-10th from 1:00-4:00 PM at the Recreation Department

Smiling Trolls Summer Camps strive to foster personal growth for children by providing fun & safe educational & recreational experiences. Each camp will have a unique theme and include crafts, games, snack, story, and free play. Program will be cancelled in the event of heavy rain or severe weather. All participants must be able to toilet independently. Sessions run Monday-Thursday and are held at Grundahl Park Enclosed Shelter. Mount Horeb Resident fee is $60 and nonresident fee is $70

Pool Opening - The Aquatic Center Pool opened **June 11th**! Pool passes can be purchased at the Recreation Department or online. The Pool is generally open from 1:00-6:00 PM Monday through Thursday and 1:00-7:00 PM Friday through Sunday. The changes to open-swim times are shown below.

June 30-July 6 | Open 1:00-7:00 PM (no swim lessons, happy week of the 4th!)

July 24 - Open 1:00-5:00 PM (Splash Bash Event)

Daily Admissions Fees

Mount Horeb Residents - $4

Nonresidents - $6

Children 1-year-old or younger - FREE

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

Cookie Decorating – Under the Sea | 6/20

Disc Golf | 6/24

Gymnastics | 6/24

Speedball Sessions 7-9 | 6/30

Smiling Trolls Summer Camps Sessions 3 & 4 | 6/30

Toddler Yoga (parent/child) Session 2 | 6/30

Kids Yoga Session 2 | 6/30

Local Government

Board of Education talks grading, firearms, gender in sports and more

By Aynsley Hoelscher
Mount Horeb Mail

The MHASD Board of Education heard comments against Evidence Based Grading (EBG), discussed the condition of district buildings, added a new statistics class, removed a math class and a policy on cable television. They also approved two letters in opposition of school staff carrying firearms and transgender athletes being treated as their biological sex.

Citizen Kelly Bronk made comments to the board again in opposition to Evidence Based Grading (EBG), bringing open records request results from the UW Madison admissions office.

"You might not be trying to intentionally take anything away from the students of Mount Horeb schools," Bronk said, "but you most definitely are."

Bronk cited multiple emails from over 200 pages of information he received. He claimed broadly that all discussions about EBG were negative or sarcastic, and UW was sending all EBG applications to special reviewers.

"You're taking away their ability to demonstrate the level of their skills and talents and abilities to admissions departments at universities," Bronk said.

Superintendent Dr. Steve Salerno responded to the comments, saying that the district has been studying the data to control grade inflation and hold students to a high standard. However, analyzing why there is such a high number of honor roll students would be part of that equation.

"We believe that it's not reasonable that out of 788 students we have what looks to be about 360 students that are on honor roll right now," Salerno said, "there's maybe an opportunity for us to go back and revisit that because that's not normal for a school district our size."

Salerno also said that data collected by the district is not through open records requests but conversations with universities.

In an email thread with Bronk, Salerno argued "cherry-picked, drawn out of context emails from unnamed sources lack legitimacy, especially when making sweeping conclusions."

Salerno invited Bronk to continue his dialogue with the district.

Letter opposing staff carrying firearms

The state legislature is considering a bill to allow school boards to give permission to certain staff members to carry firearms in school.

The board approved a letter opposing this bill, citing potential accidents and chaos introduced to a shooter situation where staff are also armed.

Letter opposing state control over gendered sports

The board approved a letter opposing a bill which would require sports teams and locker room access to be designated by sex assigned at birth and not gender identity.

The letter argued that such control should be left to athletic governing bodies. The letter also considered the vulnerable mental health of LGBTQ+ students and how athletic participation can help them.

Long range facility planning

The board heard a report on the current and future conditions of district facilities.

Although some areas scored quite low, like the primary center playground, they're slated for replacement soon so only strictly necessary repairs are being made.

Another area of improvement is the intermediate center HVAC system which had a boiler this winter. The boiler was over 20 years old and one of four with two typically running at a time.

Cable television policy change

The board removed the policy dictating how the district uses and broadcasts on cable television was removed. Everything in the policy is now covered by internet communication policies.

Replacing "Math Reasoning" with "Statistics"

The board removed the Math Reasoning course and replaced it with Statistics, which is more specific and complements the AP Statistics class.

Math reasoning had minimal enrollment.

Obituary

Marlene Benora Bridges

September 6, 1941 - June 6, 2025



MOUNT HOREB - Marlene Benora Bridges, age 83, of Mount Horeb, passed away on Friday, June 6, 2025, at St. Mary's Hospital. She was born on September 6, 1941, in Madison, the daughter of Glenn and Joyce (Disch) Helland.

Marlene graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1959. She was a clerical worker for Rayovac for over 25 years. She worked in the mini mart at Premier Co-op in Mount Horeb and was always known for the cookies that she baked.

Marlene loved to share her time volunteering at the Mount Horeb Senior Center, helping make meals and playing bingo with the community.

Marlene enjoyed knitting and quilting. She was passionate about making quilts for soldiers who had come home from overseas. She also knitted dish rags for the Mount Horeb Senior Center, donating over one hundred over the holidays. Marlene enjoyed spending time at their family cabin up north, especially the drive up which included many stops at quilting and antique shops.

Marlene is survived by her sisters, Sheila Helland and Greta (Dewey) Duerst; brother, Philip (Trish) Helland; stepdaughter, Valerie Bridges; stepson, Leon Bridges; and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Joyce; and brother, Craig Helland.

A special thank you to her nephew, Tom Duerst, and niece, Teresa Duerst, who took care of her the last few years.

Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Scenes from a fantastic Summer Frolic



Bucky Badger marches in the Sunday Parade.



Beloved educator Martha Pfaff was the Parade Grand Marshal.



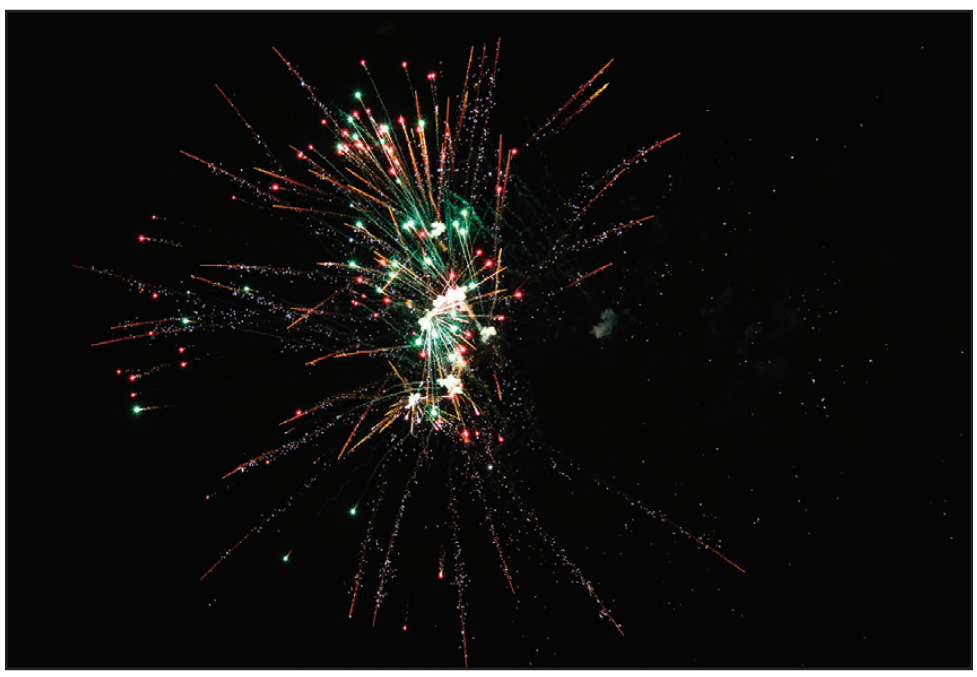
The popular Norsk Run/Walk on Saturday.



Dancers from Forte Studios are always a highlight of the parade.



The co-ed volleyball tournament at Grundahl Park.



Fireworks lit up the sky on Saturday night.



The Foo Foo Dolls play in the beer tent.



Local veterans were honored for their service in the parade.



It was all smiles in the Bingo tent.



As always, the midway offered rides that ranged from cute diversions to extreme tests of emotional and vestibular fortitude.



A Mount Horeb classic: the Sons of Norway float.



Catching a ride on a fire truck in the parade.



State Senator Howard Marklein walks in the parade.



The men's softball on Saturday morning. Photos by Casey McCoy.

Quilters unveil 'Kaleidoscope Blues'



"Kaleidoscope Blues" has been the winter project for Hands All Around Quilters seen here with a few of the club's club members. The quilt is queen sized and will be displayed at Miller and Sons from 9-5 July 2 and from 9-5 July 12 with tickets available. And of course tickets to win this fabulous quilt will be available at the Art Fair July 19 and 20.

Proceeds from the raffle will be distributed to local charitable organizations and community projects. In the past, among others, this has included Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the Driftless Historium, the MH Senior Center, the MH Police Department towards a service dog, mental health organizations and the Giving Tree.

The drawing for the quilt will be at the end of the fair, 4 p.m. Sunday, July 20 at the Hands All Around booth on the corner of Second and Front St. next to the Duluth building.

Alcorn and Oglsebly win Pickleball tournament





MOHOP (Mount Horeb Pickleball) group sponsored their first local tournament on Friday, May 30, 2025 from 6:00-8:30 pm at Viking Park in Mount Horeb. Twenty six MOHOP members participated in the round robin tournament. Pictured at left are the four players who played for the championship in the final match. Winning the tournament were Mandy Alcorn(2nd from left) and Ken Oglsebly (3rd from left). They defeated Erika Wright (far left) and Sam Alcorn (far right) in the finals. The group photo is of all of the participants in the tournament. MOHOP is a group of pickleball enthusiasts whose mission is to promote pickleball in the Mount Horeb community.





These Mount Horeb graduates left high school career-ready



Mary Meyer worked with BioPharmaceutical Technology Center Biotechnology



Samantha Buechner worked with Mound City Bank



Tate Boatman worked with UW Health.



At right, Zach Maguire, Owen Preimesberger, Sophia Nelson, and Griffin Hannah worked with Ziro.



At right, Clara Lindley worked with the MHASD Intermediate Center.



Olivia Parks worked with the BeeHive Homes.

Two Sundays ago, more than eighty proud Mount Horeb High School (MHHS) students who walked across the stage at the Alliant Energy Center to receive their diplomas are graduating with Career and Technical Education certifications. For many, this moment represented more than the end of high school—it marked the launch of career-ready futures already in motion.

Through Mount Horeb Area School District's innovative Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, these industry-recognized certifications, from "Concepts of Finance" to "Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)," developed by leading companies and validated by employers, reflect real-world workforce demands, enhance graduate employability, and give students a competitive edge in job markets and college admissions.

"These certifications demonstrate our students' commitment to excellence and real-world readiness," said Jodie Baber, Business Education Teacher and Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator. "They don't just graduate with knowledge—they graduate with proof they're prepared to contribute."

In addition to earning certifications, many students also participated in the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program, where they gained hands-on experience with local businesses across industries, including healthcare, agriculture, finance, engineering, and more. This year's Youth Apprenticeship placements included Eli Ahrens at The Electrician, Mason Albrent at Premier Cooperative, Tate Boatman at UW Health, Benjamin Brohn at Helwig Auto, Abbey Brummer at Viva Infusions & Wellness, Samantha Buechner at Mound City Bank, Meredith Cowden at Mt Horeb Animal Hospital, William Cox at KL Engineering, Molly Erickson at Single Oak Farm, Logan Ford at JG Development, Alexandria Grundahl at Elevate Events, Colin Haag at Ron Haag, Griffin Hannah at Ziro/Exact Sciences, Elise Hazlewood at Mt Horeb Area School District, Sawyer Helgesen at Ritchie Implement, Mason Hellenbrand at DRH Fencing, Mikayla Holler at Four Winds Manor, Daphne Hughes at Natural Wisdom Counseling, Carter Kolb at Plastics Ingenuity, Nathan Lacy at ACS, Colin Larson at Stagecoach Plumbing, Cy Lawry at Viva Infusions & Wellness, Clara Lindley at Mt Horeb Area School District, Zach Maguire at Ziro/Exact Sciences, Zelma Marohn at Biotechnology, Zeva Melka at UW Vet Clinic, Mary Meyer at Biotechnology, Benjamin Mieritz at Mt Horeb Animal Hospital, Thomas Miller at Norsk Golf Club, Sophie Nelson at Ziro/Exact Sciences, Parker Nihles at B&B Trucking, Noah Olmsted at Dave Jones, Rowan Padden-Lechten at Mt Horeb Area School District, Olivia Parks at BeeHive Homes, Owen Preimesberger at Ziro/Exact Sciences, Porter Retzlaff at Plastics Ingenuity, Emma Ringgenberg at Farmers Savings Bank, Theodore Rogers at WI Surplus, Savannah Schlimgen at Upland Hills, Lucas Schultek at Helwig Auto, Kynley Schwake at Azura Memory Care and Assisted Living, Logan Schwoerer at Symdon, Devin Shelstad at Fertile Ridge Dairy, Ryan Skogen at Harker Heating and Cooling, Spencer Stadele at Mt Horeb Utilities, Talon Stoenner at Lake Ridge Bank, Calton Thomas at Garfoot Farms, Waylon Tollefson at Blue Line Designs, Taytem Zander at Ope Haus.

"These apprenticeships are about more than work experience—they're about empowering students with clarity, skills, and confidence," Baber added. "It's a testament to our community's commitment to helping students thrive both in and beyond the classroom."

Further advancing its mission to prepare students for a globally connected world, Mount Horeb High School proudly launched the International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (IBCP) this year. The IBCP blends rigorous academic coursework with practical career experience, offering students the opportunity to explore fields of interest while developing transferable skills, global perspectives, and real-world expertise.

"The IBCP adds a powerful new layer to our career readiness work," said Craig Smith, MHHS School to Career and International Baccalaureate Coordinator. "It allows students to dig deep into career fields while engaging in high-level academic study and personal development."

For more information about the IBCP or other career readiness opportunities, email Craig Smith at smithcraig@mounthorebschools.org.

With a deep commitment to real-world readiness, the Mount Horeb Area School District continues to build partnerships with businesses, industry leaders, and higher education institutions to bridge the gap between education and employment.

Whether students graduate with certifications, apprenticeship experience, or International Baccalaureate credentials, they leave MHHS prepared not just for what's next—but for whatever comes next.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025—for all you've achieved and all that lies ahead.



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Carr named Vikings' new A.D.

Former Mineral Point A.D. replaces Nesheim

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Chris Carr had a birthday Sunday, turning the ripe old age of 26.

The real celebration came on Monday, though, when Carr was approved as Mount Horeb's new athletic director during a Board of Education meeting.

Carr, who spent the last two years as the athletic director at Mineral Point, emerged from a group of 30 applicants. Carr replaces Kolleen Nesheim — who resigned last month — and will begin his new role on July 1.

"I couldn't be more excited," Carr said Monday. "Not to sound too cliché, but I definitely see Mount Horeb as a dream job.

"I have a great passion for sports administration and building relationships, and when I saw Kolleen had stepped away, it really peaked my interest. I'm just honored to get the job and I hope to be here a long, long time."

Mount Horeb Superintendent Steve Salerno was excited to have Carr leading the athletic department.

"His strong background in education and athletics, along with his passion for student success, makes him a great fit for our Viking community," Salerno said of Carr.

Carr, a 2017 Darlington High School graduate, played baseball, basketball and football growing up. He received Physical Education and Health degrees at UW-Platteville, was a student teacher back in Darlington, then spent a year teaching at Monroe High School.

Carr's first love has always been sports administration, though. So when the athletic director job at Mineral Point — a school of about 240 students — became available, he pursued that.

"Sports administration was always my long-term

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Chris Carr was approved as Mount Horeb's new athletic director by the school board Monday evening. Photo submitted

Diamond dogs

Six Mount Horeb baseball players named all-Badger Small Conference team

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's baseball team heated up this season when it mattered most.

The Vikings went 8-2 down the stretch. They upset defending state champion Madison Edgewood in the regional semifinals. And they reached a WIAA Division 2 regional final before falling to Lodi.

Mount Horeb's successful group, which went 17-12 overall, also landed six players on the all-Badger Small Conference team.

Junior pitcher/right fielder Jaxen Finley was named first-team all-conference, while junior pitcher Brooks Hendrickson, junior center fielder Josh Kuntz and junior left fielder Logan Ford all received second-team all-league honors. In addition, senior designated hitter Talon Stoenner and junior catcher Jackson Myers were named honorable-mention all-conference.

Finley led the Vikings with a .333 batting average and a remarkable .509 on-base-percentage. Finley was also second on the team in runs scored and RBI's (six).

On the mound, Finley pitched 28 innings in conference games and had a 2.47 ERA.

Finley also had walk-off, game-winning hits against both Stoughton and Baraboo, and a game-winning, two-run single in the top of the ninth at McFarland.

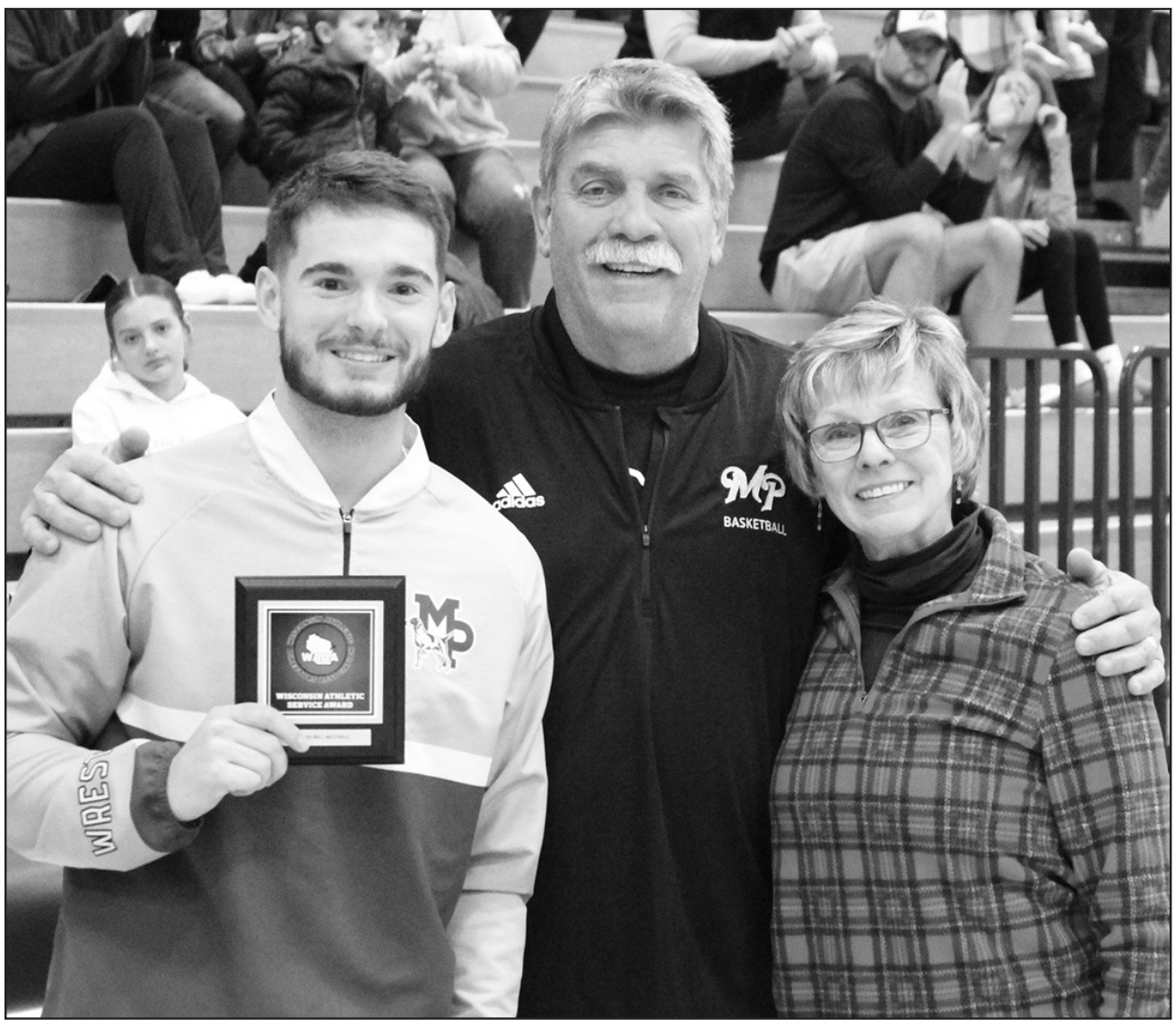
"Jaxen had a great conference season for us and played a key role in a lot of our conference wins," Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said. "He had a four game stretch against Reedsburg and McFarland where he hit .625 with an on-base percentage of .812 and pitched eight innings with a 1.68 ERA. Those two teams were leading the conference at the time. Reedsburg went on to win it and is heading to state."

Hendrickson was also terrific on the mound and led the Vikings with 36.2 innings pitched during conference play. Hendrick-

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Mount Horeb junior Jaxen Finley was named first-team all-Badger Small Conference. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



CARR

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passion," he said. "I do love teaching, and the relationships I built with the high school kids were great. But I knew I didn't want to teach forever, and lo and behold, the Mineral Point job opened up."

The Pointers enjoyed some memorable moments during Carr's time as A.D.

The boys basketball team won the WIAA Division 4 state championship in 2024 and reached the state tournament again in 2025. Mineral Point played at the state softball tournament just last week. And the football team qualified for the playoffs both of Carr's years and won a postseason game in 2023.

Carr — who lives in Monroe with his wife, Sara — was also being asked to teach five classes a day at Mineral Point. And that grind became a lot.

"I loved my time in Mineral Point," Carr said. "We had tremendous success and I'm really grateful for that opportunity.

"But one thing that really excited me about Mount Horeb is it's a larger job. I'll have more time in the (A.D.) position. I can't wait."

Carr interviewed for the position on June 2 with principal Cody Lundquist, A.D. assistant Kelly Richardson and H.R. Director Erin Eslinger. Carr was offered the job on June 3, quickly accepted and was officially approved as the new A.D. Monday.



New Mount Horeb athletic director Chris Carr held that position the last two years at Mineral Point. Photos submitted

Nesheim announced her resignation in mid-May after a memorable 10-year run as the Vikings' A.D. She accepted a job with M3 Insurance where she's now a workplace experience manager.

Nesheim helped lead Mount Horeb to new heights in several sports such as football, gymnastics, boys basketball, softball and wrestling. And Carr said he's certainly not going to try fixing what isn't broken.

"I think from my experience, it's not wise in Year 1 to come in with the wrecking ball and try re-inventing the wheel," said Carr, who will also oversee all clubs and activities at the school. "This is a well-oiled machine. I'll work hard, make some observations and see what small things we can do to make improvements."

One thing Carr wants to do immediately is have all Mount Horeb sports teams use the sportsYou app, which will streamline communications throughout every program. He's also excited to meet all of Mount Horeb's coaches, gather their feedback, and find as many ways possible to help their programs.

"I think one of my biggest strengths is in building relationships, and that's been true at every stop along the way," Carr said. "I've formed tremendous relationships with students, staff, advisors, and got to know and build that trust with people. I think the proof is I've had great people in my corner as I went through this process."

Carr plans to keep living in Monroe, but is excited to be 15 miles closer to his office than he was while working at Mineral Point. Those that know Carr best rave about his passion and work ethic, and he's anxious to display those qualities at Mount Horeb.

"I have a lot of energy," Carr said. "And I've heard wonderful things about the Mount Horeb district, nothing but great things. I can't wait to get started."

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Clockwise from top, Mount Horeb baseball players Logan Ford, Josh Kuntz and Brooks Hendrickson were each named second-team all-Badger Small Conference. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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son had 48 strikeouts in that time and a 2.48 ERA.

"Brooks had a dominant season on the mound for us," Ryan Finley said. "His won/loss record wasn't what it should have been during conference play as we just didn't give him much run support. Had we helped him out a bit more his pitching was worthy of being on the first team."

Kuntz was also named second-team all-conference after hitting .271 in league play with a team-best 11 runs scored. In addition, Kuntz was one of the top defensive center fielders in the state.

"Josh is without a doubt a first-team caliber player who ended up hitting a lot of 'At'em' balls this year season," Ryan Finley said, referring to balls hit right at someone. "He's one of the kids that made opposing kids nervous when he was at the plate because he has the ability to make so much happen. Defensively he's as good as they come in the outfield and plays a huge role in our pitching staff's success."

Ford also had a terrific year batting .319 with a .396 on-base percentage.

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All-Badger Small Conference Baseball

First Team

Name	School	Yr.
Peyton Poker	Baraboo	11
Carson Jesberger	Edgewood	12
Preston Yaucher	Edgewood	12
Bennett Cagle	Edgewood	12
Mason Roe	McFarland	12
Grayson Gauwitz	McFarland	10
Jaxen Finley	**Mount Horeb**	**11**
Matthew Simonson	Portage	11
Winston Alonso	Reedsburg	11
Jack Fenwick	Reedsburg	12
Alek Southworth	Reedsburg	12
Marty Hanna	Sauk Prairie	11

PITCHER OF THE YEAR: Jack Fenwick, Reedsburg
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Winston Alonso, Reedsburg
COACH OF THE YEAR: Chris Hahn, Reedsburg

Second Team

Name	School	Yr.
Owen Rogers	Baraboo	10
Davis Halbleib	Edgewood	12
Seth Myers	Edgewood	12
JJ Blattner	McFarland	11
Logan Ford	**Mount Horeb**	**11**
Josh Kuntz	**Mount Horeb**	**11**
Brooks Hendrickson	**Mount Horeb**	**11**
Trevor Brouette	Portage	12
Luke Verch	Reedsburg	11
Graeme Pelton	Reedsburg	12
Parker Frosch	Sauk Prairie	10
Saxton Wiest	Stoughton	9

Honorable Mention

Baraboo — Brody Bjorklund, Brady Bauer
Edgewood — Jack Bishop, Jack Halloran
McFarland — Brody Samuel, Aaron Nale
Mount Horeb — Talon Stoenner, Jackson Myers
Portage — Garrett Ashbrook, Aidan Warfield
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Ford led the Vikings with 15 hits during conference play had five stolen bases.

"Logan is a triple threat type of player with his ability to hit at the plate, create problems for opposing teams on the bases and the way he plays defensively in the outfield," Ryan Finley said. "He's a tremendous athlete with a huge senior season ahead of him."

Stoenner batted.279 in conference games and led the Vikings with seven RBIs in league contests.

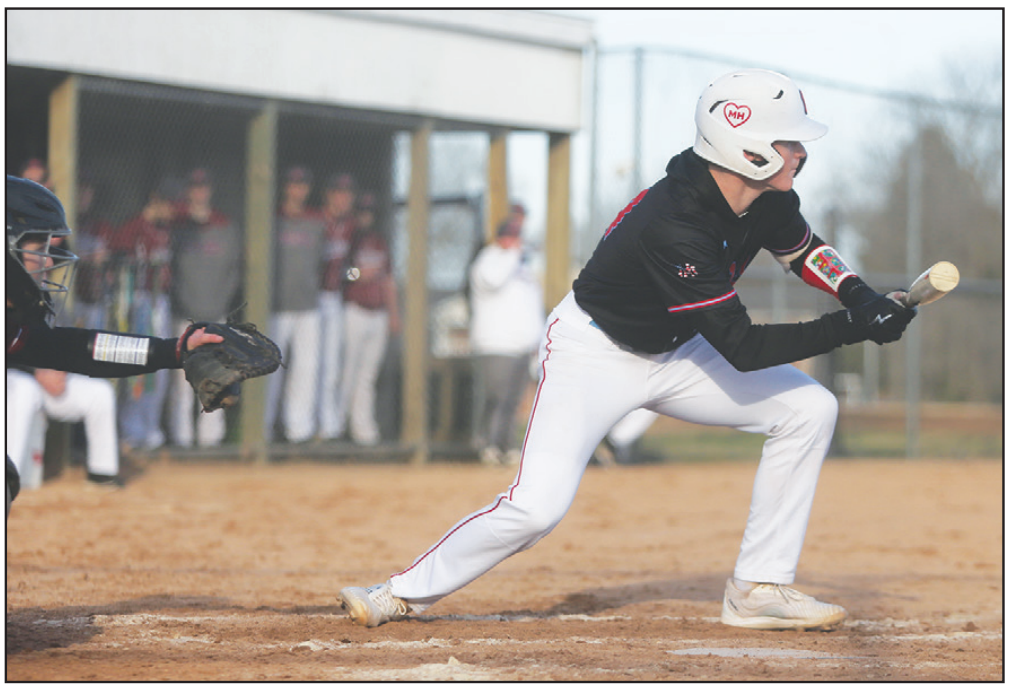
"Talon had a great season for us at the plate hitting in the (No.) 4 hole all season," Ryan Finley said. "He provided a lot of power for us and came up with a lot of big hits throughout the season.

"Not surprisingly for Talon, he had a walk-off winner against Portage with the bases loaded and a pitcher hit him to win it for us. His leadership all year was just as important for us as his on-field contributions."

Myers hit .278 during conference play and tied for second on the team with six RBIs.

"Jackie was great behind the plate all year as he caught a staff that was one of the best we've ever had," Ryan Finley said. "And Jackie's work behind the plate was a big reason for that. Offensively, Jackson made huge strides for us from a year ago and is poised to have an even bigger year next year for us!"





Talon Stoenner (top) and Jackson Myers (left) were both named honorable-mention all-Badger Small Conference. File photos

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spearheaded by Rami Aburomia, owner of Atoms to Apples. Aburomia is a vendor at the Mount Horeb Farmers Market and is also the newest member of the market's board of directors.

"When applying for the grant, the organization must choose a recipient," said Szalkowski last week. "In our case, the Mount Horeb Farmers Market chose Neighbors Helping Neighbors as their recipient. We will be receiving food from various vendors over an 18-week period starting this week."

The funding essentially replaces money that was previously available through the Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA), but the PIE funds have an added benefit: they allow the NHN Food Closet to select whatever items clients need or want each week, from fresh fruit and vegetables to maple syrup, meat and beyond.

"Food insecurity touches every corner of our community, and we must be bold and creative in how we respond," said Dane County Executive Melissa Agard. "The PIE Food Grant program uplifts grassroots solutions and empowers local leaders to build a more just, sustainable, and accessible food system. These investments reflect our shared commitment to equity and community well-being."

The PIE Food program "encourages the development of projects that advance equity and access in local food systems across Dane County. Recipients were selected among proposals addressing increasing food access, strengthening regional agriculture, decreasing food waste, and enhancing community voice in local food system development."

In total, $41,345 was awarded to recipients of the 2025 PIE Food Grant. Recipients were selected based on proposals intended to address issues related to healthy food access, access to land for growing food, or issues related to food waste and recovery.

"The PIE Grants provided a unique perspective on challenges within our community's food system and the collaborative efforts to address them. This invaluable experience brought me closer to my community and I'm grateful to be a part of this. These PIE Grants work to strengthen Dane County as a whole by tackling problems in a practical and meaningful way." Radhika Gupta, member of the high school Youth Governance Program Dane County Food Council.



A Partners in Equity (PIE) Food Grant is funding a partnership between Neighbors Helping Neighbors and the Mount Horeb Farmers Market.

The 2025 grants fall in one of two categories – small grants (applicants requesting $2,000 or less) and large grants (applicants requesting $2,001 to $4,000). The twelve 2025 grant recipients are the Allied Food Pantry ARC – Community Services Inc./ARC Outpatient Services, Horizon High School, Lakeview Community School, Marshall Public Schools, Mount Horeb Farmers Market, Native Food Network, Project Home, Inc., REAP Food Group, Sunshine Place, Sustain Dane Inc. and Waunakee Neighborhood Connection.

"We are so excited to be the recipients of the grant," said Szalkowski.

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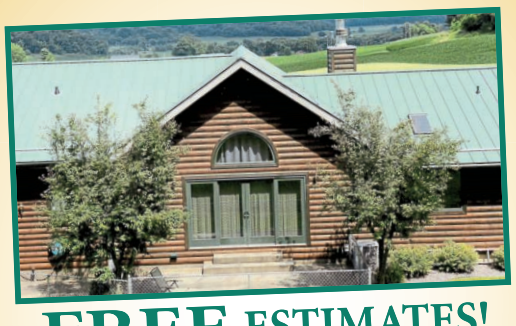
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