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## Ballot questions would change Governor's power to spend

Local voters will see two questions that would amend Wisconsin's Constitution on the August 13 Primary ballot.

Both questions deal with the use of federal funds and remove the governor's ability to spend federally-allocated funds without approval from lawmakers.

The questions as they will appear on the ballot are:

QUESTION 1: "Delegation of appropriation power. Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?"

QUESTION 2: "Allocation of federal moneys. continued on page 8



## Kids and dogs have their day at the library

The Mount Horeb Public Library hosted its annual dog show Friday, June 21, giving kids and their pets a chance to show off an array of skills. At right, Quentin Klar and HooDoo compete in the spoon race. See more on page 10.



## Ziro's local heroes aim to save lives by providing in-home cancer screenings



A group of local teens are working together to start Ziro, a non-profit that provides free in-home cancer screening tests. Headquartered at 209 East Main Street (Suite D), the organization will host their first local event at Martinson Hall on July 11. Pictured above are members of the Ziro team, from left to right: Sophie Nelson, Zach Maguire, Griffin Hannah and Owen Preimesberger. Read more on page 3. Photo contributed.



# PERSPECTIVE

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PFLAG thanks church

Dear editor,

The PFLAG Mt. Horeb Executive Board thanks Brenda Martin and the Mount Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church Youth Group for having a car wash and raising \$369 for the PFLAG Social Justice Award. We appreciate their ongoing commitment and support of this important award.

Sue Huntenburg,  
President  
PFLAG Mt. Horeb

### White: Vote ‘No’

Dear editor,

Throughout Wisconsin, the August 13 election ballot has several primary races. In addition, the ballots have two legislative initiated ballot measures. This is the second election this year in which the Republican controlled legislature has chosen to legislate at the ballot box using confusing ballot questions.

*QUESTION 1: “Delegation of appropriation power. Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine*

*how moneys shall be appropriated?”*

*QUESTION 2: “Allocation of federal moneys. Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?”*

In the past, citizen-driven, clearly worded non-binding referenda, have been on Mount Horeb ballots. They were initiated by signature drives and meant to gauge citizens’ preference on specific issues. The Republican legislature killed this type of referenda. They really did not want to listen to the voices of their constituents who overwhelmingly endorsed getting money out of politics and drawing of fair maps.

However, if the legislative placed questions pass on August 13, they will amend our State Constitution. Both questions, if passed, would alter the balance of power,

and have the potential to make Wisconsin citizens less safe. Let me explain.

Imagine if you will, a disaster such as tornado, flood, major fire, or a viral outbreak in which the health of millions of Wisconsin citizens is at risk. These are scenarios in which the Governor may act immediately to start the process of dealing with a disaster. The Governor may act to declare a disaster and works to allocate federal funds to start the process of relief and of rebuilding. The point of the vaguely worded questions on the ballot is meant to ensure that the legislature, not the Governor, can appropriate funds.

In a disaster, Wisconsin does not have the luxury of waiting for the glacier-like actions of the State Legislature, especially this Legislature. This Republican-led legislature has been less than forthcoming in the allocation of funds. An example: because of Republican led State Legislature’s continued refusal to act on Medicare Expansion, Wisconsin has left up to 1.6 billion dol-

lars of federal funding on the table. These are our tax dollars squandered by those who put forth the August 13 ballot questions.

August primary elections are typically low turn-out affairs. School is out, families are on vacation. A primary election flies under the radar of many. However, democracy is not a spectator sport. It is incredibly important and exists because we, the people, show up.

I urge all to take a stake in Wisconsin’s future and VOTE NO on these ballot questions which would alter our Constitution and make our state less safe.

Tim White,  
Mount Horeb

### Will votes match voters’ beliefs?

On the August 13 primary ballot you will find two proposed constitutional amend-

ments that create a new section to the state’s constitution. The first one gives the legislature sole power to determine how monies are spent. The second one nullifies a state statute that allows the governor to accept and allocate certain federal funds such as disaster relief aid and gives that power to the legislature. In deciding which way to vote, consider these three questions:

**1. Do you believe a decision as important as amending Wisconsin’s constitution should be left in the hands of a small group of voters?** If not, ask yourself: Why did the legislature schedule a vote on the amendments for a *primary election*, which draws about 20 percent of eligible voters, instead of scheduling it for the November *general election* which draws about 70 percent of eligible voters?

**2. Do you believe the process for amending the constitution should be used as a vehicle for partisan political power struggles?** If not, ask yourself: If we had a Republican governor and a Democratic majority in the legislature (the opposite of our current situation) would Republicans still support these amendments if they

were proposed by a Democratic legislative majority?

**3. Do you believe the framers of our state constitution, who built checks and balances between the three branches of government, were mistaken by not giving the legislature sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?** If not, ask yourself: Would upsetting this balance of power be in the public interest?

If you answered NO to the above questions, then vote NO on these amendments:

Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?”

Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?”

Allen Pincus  
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# Ziro will offer free cancer screening

By Aynsley Noelscher  
Mount Horeb Mail

Four high school students and their mentors are marching towards zero cancer by providing at-home screening kits at “Ziro” cost.

Ziro runs fundraisers that fund screening kits that test for breast, prostate, and colon cancers. These kits are being distributed to community members.

“We just want to get as many people screened for cancer as possible, so they can detect it if they have it” youth apprentice Zach Maguire said.

Ziro is run by youth apprentices Griffin Hannah, Zach Maguire, Sophie Nelson and Owen Preimesberger. The students started this organization with their mentors Christa Olsen and Pat Preimesberger through

the Mount Horeb High School Youth Apprenticeship program.

“What we’re trying to do is remove the barriers to screening,” Pat Preimesberger said. They cover to cost of the test and provide at home screening kits. “We’ll take care of that part, just take the test.”

Pat Preimesberger said Ziro has been partnering with other local organiza-

tions, clubs and teams by helping them fundraise. Instead of asking people to buy something or donate, they ask them to get screened at no cost to them through Ziro. Then, the group will get a donation. The donations and screening kits are funded by events Ziro puts on such as the Screening for Hope Gala.

Their next event is the Screening for Hope gala on

July 11 at Martinson Hall above Buck and Honey’s.

“This is us trying to get out into the community, we’re going to invite a lot of the community members around and let them know what we’re doing and hopefully build off of that,” Maguire said, “basically to get our name out in the town.”

Those who would like to attend can register at giveziro.org. There will

also be opportunities to win prizes. Each ticket covers the cost of one screening test.

“All profits are going towards cancer [screenings] this is a non-profit organization and our main goal is to eliminate cancer and let others know that we’re not making money for profit,” Owen Preimesberger said, “we just want to make people’s lives better.”

# Plan commission backs mixed-use project

By Erin Herndon  
Mount Horeb Mail

The Mount Horeb Plan Commission is recommending the Village Board consider construction of a mixed-use building at 1881 Springdale Street. At their June 26 meeting, the Commission additionally moved to recommend a revised plan for townhomes at Valley Street and Adams Drive to the Village Board. They also heard a presentation on the proposed expansion of Brunsell Lumber to an adjoining lot.

Architect Matt Tills of Knothe & Bruce Architects, LLC originally presented the proposed three-story, residential and commercial space at the Commission’s

Jan. 24 meeting. Following feedback from the Commission and community, his team altered the planned structure to make it more cohesively fit the space. Tills said the main adjustment to the construction plans is the lowering of the building by a foot which brings it under the 45-foot height limitation.

“We did go back and make a few changes based on the feedback from our last meeting, with the principal change being the lowering of the height of the building,” Tills said. “I know that was a specific request from the neighbors. Other changes were the engineering plans for the stormwater management and in the site-lighting plan which includes

some on-building lighting. We’re also now including six bike stalls within the garage.”

Village Planner Ben Rohr was absent from the meeting, and Sonja Kruesel, associate planner for Vandewalle and Associates, provided information from a village planning report on his behalf. The report included the changes presented by Tills as well as Rohr’s recommendation.

“The Plan Commission has seen this a number of times. We’re at the final stage of the plan development process review, so we’re looking at the SIP (specific implementation plan), site plan, and design review,” Kruesel said. “The

changes from plan commission discussion addressed the roof height and providing pedestrian connectivity on the southside of the building.”

Kruesel said other changes provided in the report include tenant bicycle parking provided on the northside of the building, the addition of an electric vehicle parking space in the garage and a slight reduction in the commercial floor area.

“The recommendation is for the Plan Commission to send to the Village Board the SIP with the following conditions: the SIP is consistent with the GDP (general development plan) and the site plan is consistent with the requirements of site plan re-

view,” Kruesel said. “Three waivers are included in the design review which the Plan Commission has the authority to waive.”

According to the report, the waivers relate to the requirement of pavement to be located within five feet of the property line, non-decorative service and garage doors on the building’s western parking entry and accompanying metal awnings. Kruesel said other components listed will be handled by Village staff for the recommendation. These items include a revised landscaping plan with proposed ground-mounted mechanicals, required detailed signage plans for proposed signs and a floor plan up-

dated to include residential tenant bicycling parking spaces. Additional elements include an item regarding the level of staff approval to the change in building height, the addition of a cross-access easement for parking accessibility and a note that additional requirements may yet be required by Village leadership.

The Commission ultimately approved the motion that the updated project go before the Village Board at its next meeting, July 10.

*The Commission next meets Aug. 28. at 7 p.m.*

# Springdale tables talk of storage building

By Steve Matyas  
Mount Horeb Mail

Newly re-appointed Chair Amy Jester, members Jim Hanson and Denise Sullivan and the rest of the Springdale Plan Commission met on June 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss construction of a 50’x30’x25’ residential accessory building on land at 7959 Hamilton Meadows Road. At issue was the need for the land’s owner, Brian Knoche, to meet deed restriction requirements calling for the demonstrated approval of construction by other landowners in the area.

The presence of a temporary storage pod on the site led to questions from Jester and Town Board Chair John Rosenbaum concerning removal of the pod. Rosenbaum pointed out that the pod was discussed in the past, and Knoche said it would be removed in less than six months, and it is still present after two years. Knoche assured the Plan Commission that removal of the pod would occur quickly once approval of a permanent storage building is approved. He went on to state that his motivation is to “improve the site with a new building” and further stated

that, although he has not yet consulted his neighbors regarding his plans, he would do so in a timely fashion. He added that other landowners in the neighborhood had constructed new buildings without seeking approval. A resident of the area spoke in rebuttal, saying only one new shed had been constructed in that manner and calling on the commission to protect the “value of the neighborhood” by adhering to the deed restrictions guidelines.

The request was tabled pending verification of neighbor discussions by Knoche and the approval of five of the nine households in the neighborhood.

The committee also examined a request for a lot line adjustment and concept plan revision for property located at 8177 County Highway G owned by member Adam Carricio. The plan calls for the division of one four-acre lot into two two-acre lots and the conversion of two acres of land to farm land. Following Jester’s comments that the move would not violate the Springdale ordinance regarding lot line adjustments, which prohibits the creation of additional

lots, parcels reduced to a level under the Wisconsin minimum size statutes, the loss of agricultural land, transfer of development rights, or conflict with the town’s Land Use Plan, the proposal was recommended to the town board for approval.

Construction of a residential accessory building at 8586 Messerschmidt Drive was recommended to the board for approval without discussion. The building is to comprise two stories, one visible from the road and the other placed below the first on a hillside.

The previously submitted plan for plat revision in the Mount Vernon Hills area was also recommended for approval without discussion.

All items presented for approval were passed, with Board Chair John Rosenbaum pointing out that the new accessory buildings are not to be used for commercial purposes and that the approval of the Mount Vernon Hills plat “prevents all further division” of land in the area.

A concept plan for proposed new building sites at 2253 State highway 92 was discussed. At issue were the

possible need to consider more than one possible site due to the proximity of Deer Creek shore land to the site originally proposed and problems posed by the need for a driveway to cross low-lying areas of the plot “as quickly as possible.” Commission Member Carrico cited the possible need for a wetland designation of some portions of the land, and member Sullivan questioned

the need for an erosion plan to be in place. Chair Jester called the proposed plan “difficult but possible” and pointed out that it would call for “crazy engineering” of a driveway.

The landowners agreed to have the land re-inspected before making a decision regarding possible location of a new building.

A lot line adjustment for property at 2249 State High-

way 92 was examined which would involve the transfer of 0.6 acres between adjoining landowners. The move would not affect the zoning of the transferring party, but does call for re-zoning of the transferee’s land from Rural Residence two to Rural Residence four.

The commission recommended approval of the plan at the next meeting.

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# Restoration Revives Wisconsin's Oldest Free Thought Hall

*Park Hall Restores its 180-Year-Old Charm During Pandemic Hiatus, Uncovering Hidden Murals and Historical Signatures*



The interior of Park Hall during the 2020-22 restoration project. Photo contributed.



Park Hall is located on roughly 2 acres of land at 307 Polk Street, Sauk City, Wisconsin. Photo contributed.

**By Joe Block**  
*Finger Publishing*

Sauk City, Wisconsin, the oldest incorporated village in Wisconsin and home to the oldest volunteer fire department in the state, houses a hidden treasure of equal stature in its tree-lined streets: Park Hall, a simple yet elegant meeting hall built in 1844 and home

to the Free Congregation of Sauk County, the oldest continuously operating *Frei Gemeinde* or Free Thought society in the country. The Congregation is the sole survivor of the liberal *Frei Gemeinde* religious movement that began in central Europe in the 1830's and 40's. The movement laid down roots in America soon after. The

Free Congregation of Sauk County was founded in 1852 under the name *Freie Gemeinde von Sauk County*, one of about twenty prominent Free Congregations in North America founded by political and religious refugees from central Europe who were escaping persecution from both state and church authorities in the aftermath of the failed liber-



A jubilant crowd gathered on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for the grand re-opening of Park Hall. Photo contributed.

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al revolutions of the 1840s. The congregation here in Sauk City--it had outgrown two previous locations prior to building Park Hall--was one of the most important in the United States, largely because of its renowned

leader, Eduard Schroeter (1811-1886).

Park Hall, or Freethinker's Hall, is on the National and State Registers of Historic Places, and was designed by Sauk City native son Alfred Clas at the precocious age

of 24. Clas was the son of a founding member of the congregation. An architectural retrospective states "though plain, the design incorporates attractive details, including a paneled

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frieze, interrupted at the center of the facade by a trio of tall windows and fish-scale shingles in the roof and dormer gables.” The commentary, by the author of the book “Buildings of Wisconsin,” continues: “Inside, the main hall is ornate yet restrained. The two-story space has a coved ceiling, made more dramatic by an elaborate floral pattern stenciled in tan, rose, and blue, colors that are repeated in the stained glass in the top sash of the windows and in the ceiling panels. Spanning the south end of the hall, one of the arched wooden ceiling ribs frames an elevated gallery.”

In 2020, the congregation set out to do a major restoration of the inside of the hall. Project Coordinator and congregation member since 1989 Michael Whaley reflects on how the Covid-19 pandemic was an opportunity.

“The idea of a major restoration has been percolating for years,” he explained. “In 2008 we completed a Historic Structures Report, which is required for a National Register of Historic Places building. Four years later we stripped and repainted the exterior of Park Hall following strict National Historic Preservation guidelines, but realized that an interior restoration effort would be a Herculean task that would confine us indefinitely to our basement on Sundays and rule out any use of the main hall by the community—for weddings, memorial services, meetings, holiday gatherings, theatre produc-

tions, etc. Then along came Covid-19 and its ongoing ravages; but with it came the opportunity to get inside a suspended-use building and accomplish major restoration work--without interruption. “I look at it as a once-in-my-lifetime opportunity,” said Whaley. “I’m convinced we would never have been this ambitious under ‘normal’ circumstances. I think, too, that our membership and our donors, from the beginning, have sensed that the time is now. Even given the downturn in the economy.”

The restoration came with discoveries.

While removing a fiberboard panel on the southeast wall the plastering team found a large signature and date, in pencil: “L. Pohlman 1911.” Whaley explained, “This might be telling us that the fiberboard was installed in 1911 and is therefore older than we thought it was.” The Historic Structures Report of 2008 had ‘guessed’ that it was installed in the early 1940’s. Another idea was that it might have been put up – perhaps to conceal smudging of the painted walls due the indoor use of wood-stoves and kerosene lamps – prior to the celebration of the opening of the Sauk City bridge in August of 1922, a celebration that lasted five days, was hosted by the Free Congregation, and featured former Wisconsin governor Emanuel Phillipp, during whose tenure the state legislature funded the bridge.

Later that day, just a dozen strides away, the same team removed the

fiberboard over the arched entry to the hall, revealing, underneath, an intricately designed and painted mural about ten feet in width and from two to three feet high. Whaley says “It’s the only ‘representational’ design in the entire building.

The restoration was completed two years later with a grand re-opening on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The congregation’s Restoration Project Description stated, “Park Hall is not the Sistine Chapel. The building was designed by and for free-thinkers, but not just for them. It was built to serve, as well, its neighbors, its community, and ‘the world we all live in’. The decorative elements are subtle and graceful; they have a quiet elegance that ‘frames’ rather than ‘competes with’ the human activity taking place within the hall. Nothing shouts at us for attention. It has stained glass windows that are simply that; there is no figural representation to instruct us. The wood floor (with the large open-space basement beneath it) and the curvature of the cornice are perfect sound enhancers, especially for piano, string and the ‘mellow’ reed or brass instruments, and the human voice. It is a meeting place where the focus is on human beings, the civil exchange of ideas, and the love of music and other performing arts.”

Detailed information and photos about the restoration process can be found on the Free Congregation’s website, here: <https://www.freecongregation.org/park-hall-restoration.aspx>



Park Hall seen here recently set up for a wedding is frequently used by the Sauk Prairie community. Photo contributed.



An overview of the mural discovered beneath old fiberboard in the 2020-22 restoration. Photo by Michael Whaley.

# There Are Worse Ways to Spend Tax Dollars

## Challenging the notion that every public amenity must turn a profit: Municipal golf courses can foster camaraderie and local tradition

**By BILL BARTH**  
*Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame*

It’s been about 40 years since a couple of friends dragged me to Beloit’s Krueger Haskell Municipal Golf Course for the silly purpose of whacking a stupid ball and then chasing it.

Little did I know. The hook was set. I know – mixed metaphor, about fishing, not golf, but it works.

I was pretty bad then. Not much has changed with time.

But scoring well was not our purpose. It was all about spending time together with close friends, in a beautiful space beneath blue skies – yes, even in Wisconsin, the sun shines occasionally. I confess, beer was usually involved. After a round, after settling bets, after some food and more beer,

a little liar’s poker marked a satisfying end to the evening.

Perfection.

This reminiscing comes to mind as the City of Beloit – which owns Krueger Haskell – once again has decided to take a look at farming out the venerable course to private management. I get it. The course, like most munis, usually loses money and sniffing around for a better deal amounts to due diligence for taxpayers.

Or so it seems.

There’s a reason Beloit has kept the track in-house despite repeated studies for privatizing course management. The existing arrangement seems to work in every way except turning a profit. Generations of golfers have loved the course. Regulars pony up for season passes and golf almost every day,

then idle away time in the clubhouse. It’s hard to find out-of-town golfers within driving distance who have not yet played Krueger, and usually have good things to say about upkeep at the course.

Still, it loses money. Not as much as it used to; the subsidy is around \$50,000 a year, sometimes less.

Here’s my thought – So what?

A good community subsidizes lots of amenities. Parks, pools, playgrounds, even cemeteries. What’s wrong with kicking in a little to bridge the gap between revenues and expenses for a people’s golf course?

Maybe it’s just me, but I have a theory. A lot of taxpayers don’t play golf, and golf often is stereotyped as a rich man’s game. There’s truth in that. Private golf clubs can be eye-popping-

ly expensive, allowing the well-heeled to avoid rubbing polo shirts with the common folks. Hackers like me won’t be playing the kind of courses shown on television during professional tournaments.

Most cities, though, offer public golf that meets an egalitarian need, allowing everyday adults and youth to play for modest fees. Extending relatively small subsidies to accommodate play for the working class seems worth the money.

That’s not to say City Hall is out of bounds – this one’s a golf metaphor – by taking a look. Taxpayers should expect occasional studies. But I’ll be surprised if the process results in a strong case for change.

I don’t play golf at Krueger very often anymore. That has nothing to do with the course. When I

do play there the course is well maintained and it’s a fun day. As my sons grew up and settled within an hour of home, it made more sense to travel for golf. Because it’s still not about scores, it’s about hanging with them. Golf, at its best, is a game that brings people together.

I still think of Krueger as the “home” course, though, filled with memories of good friends – some of whom have gone on to the big course in the sky – and

the place where I taught, sort of, my boys how to hit the ball.

I suppose generations of Beloiters – like muni lovers everywhere - feel the same way.

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THURSDAY, JULY 4 -  
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!!

2024 Student Spotlight Art Exhibition, Unraveling Reflections, featuring Mount Horeb High School artists Anja Rathje & Lizzy Helin at Driftless Historium, thru July 30, 2024, Fri-Tues., 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Free

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

FRIDAY, JULY 5

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

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Military Ridge Trail Scavenger Hunt, 8:30 to 12:00 noon, Waltz Park Shelter, 411 Brian St. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by Friends of Military Ridge Trail. RAIN DATE: JULY 7.

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

"Red Door Duo", Helen Avian and Dave Irwin, performing "new acoustic" songs and instrumentals, 6:00-8:00pm, free. Blue Mound State Park Amphitheater.

MONDAY, JULY 8

Tracking Trolls (and Underjordske) from Norway to the New World, a lecture presented by Dr. Jim Leary at the Driftless Historium, 6:00 p.m. Free

TUESDAY, JULY 9

Men's Story Telling Group, Senior Center, 12:00 noon. Lunch (optional) reservation due Friday at 608-437-6902.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Blood Pressure Check 10:00-11:00am, Senior Center

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 [mhclasses@fingerpub.com](mailto:mhclasses@fingerpub.com). We reserve the right to edit for length.

## COUNTRYSIDE NEWS

By JERRY DAVIS  
*Countryside News*

Tornadoes and trees don't usually get along.

"Twisters" attack trees taking advantage of the weaker links, which include the vertical structure of the bole, limbs, and twigs. Bur oaks along the main street stood the Barneveld, Wisconsin, June 8, 1984 F5 tornado as it was then called. The leaf veins hung on the trees, but the between tissues were ripped away. Had that storm occurred in October, there would not have been a leaf left on the bur oak because of weak petioles before normal leaf drop. None of the bark was ripped off these oaks in spite of the F5 storm, in part because the oaks were not twisted.

More important was the timing. Trees, of most species, put on lateral growth in



This UW-Madison campus bur oak was cut down at a time (late spring) when the wood and bark were subject to separating.

June and July. This growth originates and takes place between the wood and bark, making this region very weak. Bump a tree with a

lawn mower on the Fourth of July and the bark is likely to pop loose. Hit the same tree in September and the bark stays put.

We should expect the National Weather Service, who gives tornadoes ratings, knows this.

## LIBRARY CORNER

### By the numbers

By JESSICA GRETZINGER  
*Library Director*

Last week we had some masonry work done on the library's front columns. As the mason worked on the project, he commented, "I can't believe the number of people coming in and out of the library in a day! I think this is the most hopping place in Mount Horeb!" I

thanked him for sharing his observation and decided to share foot traffic numbers with the greater community. We love that the library is a busy place year round! However, we generally see a huge increase in visitors during our summer months.

For opening day of the summer library program, the children's department hosted an *Absolute Science Bubble Show*! This kickoff program had a turnout

of 455 participants! Two weeks later, the library held our Third Annual Dog Show in the yard! We had seven amazing dogs and 150 spectators turn out for the pooch parade and to see who would win the extremely competitive show categories of "Best Belly Rub," "Best Ears," "Best Speaker," and "Best trick," to name a few.

Thus far in 2024, the library has averaged approximately 9,300 visitors

per month. At not quite the end of June, the library has 9,671 visitors for the month for an average of 460 visits per day. At this rate, we are on pace to have 11,500 visitors for June alone!

*Numbers aside, library staff love seeing the familiar faces of our community. If you've not made the trek to the library recently, we want to see you!*

## RECREATION NOTES

**Adult Ballroom Dance – Waltz & Swing** – Learn your way around the dance floor while having fun! There are two class options in this program. The waltz class introduces the 6-8 most important figures to prepare you to look great at any wedding, reunion, or social dance. The swing class will teach the basics along with some fun new moves! For all classes, you must have clean, dry shoes on the dance floor. Partners are preferred though not required. All classes are taught to American International Dance Association syllabi. Both classes meet on Mondays from August 5<sup>th</sup> – August 26<sup>th</sup> and are for ages 16 and up. The swing class will meet from 6:30-7:30 PM and the Waltz class will meet from 7:30-8:30 PM. John Curran will lead the class in the Senior Center. Resident fee is \$40 and non-resident fee is \$50. Registration deadline is July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Cookie decorating classes – Sessions 3&4** - Learn how to decorate themed cookies in a fun atmosphere! This is a beginner cookie decorating class, no previous experience required. Each attendee will get to decorate and take home five delicious cookies. Sessions three and four will be centered around summer sweet treats. In session three, there must be

a guardian attending with the child. All supplies are provided. Courtney with Courts Cookies will hold the classes in the Rec Department Multipurpose Room. Session three will be held for ages 6-9 on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 AM. Session 4 will be held for ages 10-15 on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. The resident fee is \$50 and the non-resident fee is \$60. Registration deadline is July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:mhrec@mounthorebwi.info)

**UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES**

Gymnastics – Level 3-4 (7/8)

Cheer Squad (7/15)

Smiling Trolls Summer Camp – Sessions 5&6 (7/15)



# COMMUNITY

## GLEANINGS

By **BARB JOHNSON**

Mount Horeb Mail

### 140 Years Ago- July 4, 1884

Friday night, No. Fourteen was added to Amos Lowe’s family.

John Ward and W. Curtis have been initiated into the mysteries of Masonry.

Herman Torson received severe and probably fatal injuries by being kicked by a horse recently.

Fred Ottice has erected a large and commodious barn on his farm, which indicates Fred’s doing well.

Many a mother’s earnest advice will be given to her turbulent son on the Fourth.

Doctor Evans has located his offices above P. Sletto’s shoe store. The young doctor has had good success in his practice hitherto and has had a number of difficult cases to attend to since his location here.

Ole Rockstad’s aged mother arrived recently from Norway. The old lady has just turned eighty and made the entire trip alone and was set down in Springdale hale and hearty. She became tired of living alone in the old country, and although she was well provided for yet she determined to make the journey so as to spend her remaining years with her family, all of whom are in this country.

### 120 Years ago- June 30, 1904

At 9:30 the game on the racetrack diamond will be called on the 4th. You will miss a real treat if you miss this event.

It is Grimstad now in place of Grimstvedt. A. K. was in the village Monday and expressed himself in a way indicating that it was not altogether desirable to let go the old farm name.

O.P. Berg scored highest at the last gun club shoot, breaking 10 out of a possible 12. J.L. Weltzin was second with 9 out of 12.

I warn boys from the village not to trespass on my land. Will prosecute the first one found loitering on my farm, and I wish to give his warning publicly. Fred Luhman.

Three burglars broke jail at Madison Sunday night. The county sheriff ordered all deputies to arrest all suspicious individuals found throughout the county. Dep-

uty Scott at this place run in a couple of mysterious looking fellows but they proved their innocence and were allowed to proceed.

The dread of paralysis or loss of muscular power is sufficient warning of the danger following a torpid liver or constipated bowels. When these disorders occur take Camp’s Curative Powder or tablets, that all the secretions may be opened and circulation made warm, natural and free. \$1, 50¢, 25¢.

Ice cream will be served on the 4th at the New Store of S. Sylvester.

### 110 Years Ago- July 2, 1914

The Chautaugua begins July 14 and closes the 20th. Much good to be had between those two dates.

Alva Malone went to Madison Tuesday to consult Judge Zimmerman in regard to his mother, who is detained at the Mendota hospital.

A. F. Gramm and son Anthony and James Brown and son William went to Madison last Friday to see the famous Topperwines give their exhibition of fancy rifle and shotgun shooting, and they pronounced it great.

We could spare the drought districts of Indiana and Missouri some of our superfluous moisture and profit thereby.

Let every reader of this column plan for a jolly time on the Fourth. We live too fast in America. We have not enough holidays-not enough resting places-not enough intermission in our work-day world. It were better if oftener to have laid aside its tools-traffic and trade stopped, now and then, and to consider its aim and end.

### 100 Years Ago- July 1, 1924

The blanks for the soldiers’ bonus have arrived and you can get the same at the Times office, the post office or from Adjunct of the local Legion Post, Ollie Statz. Every ex-service man is entitled to this compensation and so should fill out their blanks and send them in as soon as possible.

Mt. Horeb is not going to celebrate the 4th of July with a big picnic, ball games, an areoplane, ice cream and pop stands, bands playing, etc., but we are going to celebrate in a manner that is perhaps just as enjoyable.

The big Travers Chautauqua will do the entertaining. Why not drive to Mt. Horeb, bring picnic basket full of eats and have dinner and supper in our park, eat ice cream in our ice cream parlors, attend the afternoon and evening entertainment at the Chautauqua and you will be surprised what a really good time you can have in Mt. Horeb. The afternoon will be for ladies principally. A Style Show will be put-on especially for the fair sex. However, men will not be barred.

Dr. B. J. Jones, our chiropractor, who recently sold his practice to C.S. Gonstead, has decided to practice his profession again and so has purchased a half interest in his old business.

The Mt. Horeb Garages are displaying a road map which shows the condition of roads all over the state. By consulting their map you can plan any trip you wish and know if you will have to detour or travel roads under construction. The map will be changed each week and we understand that you can obtain extra copies of it.

The little son of Arthur Swiggum while playing around Sunday morning, stepped on an upturned rake running a tooth clear through his foot. He was immediately brought to Dr. Sporleder who dressed the wound and the lad is doing nicely.

### 90 Years Ago- July 5, 1934

The State Bank of Mount Horeb now has Federal Government insurance on deposits up to and including \$5,000.00. When this insurance first came in force here it covered deposits up to and including \$2,500.00.

Charles Pfister, Blue Mounds, called at our office Monday and treated our office force to cigars. “It’s a girl,” said Mr. Pfister, “and she was born Sunday, July 1, and weighs 8 pounds.”

Mrs. John Engeseth took a load of ladies to the Primrose Ladies’ Aid at the Clarence Topper home Wednesday.

Canton Paulson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Paulson, Perry, was truly surprised last Saturday afternoon when some of his schoolmates and neighbor chums came and gave him 14 sound raps reminding him of his birthday.

A pair of twins, a boy and a girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Volquar Jenson, town of Primrose, Saturday, June 30.

### 70 Years Ago- July 1, 1954

Burglars looted the “Wishing Well” and office of the Cave of the Mounds Monday night, stealing about \$600 in cash.

Installation services for the Rev. O.S. Solberg, formerly of Crystal Lake, IA, recently named pastor of the parish of the Vermont, Black Earth, Springdale and East Blue Mounds Lutheran churches, were held at the Vermont church Sunday.

Cpl. Wayne Wirth arrived in the U.S. June 23 from Korea, where he had been stationed for 16 months. He will receive his discharge today at Fort Sheridan, Ill. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter With, Blue Mounds, went to Fort Sheridan to accompany him home.

Lucille Field, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Field, and August John Goebel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goebel, all of Mount Horeb, were married in the rectory of St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Mount Horeb, Saturday, June 26, By the Rev. Fr. Andrew Breines.

### 50 Years Ago- July 4, 1974

The Herman’s Hermits from England, on stage live at Club 18, attracted around 1,200 fans. Club 18’s new owner-manager is Phil Espeseth.

Ben and Darleen Goebler have returned to the retailing business in Mt. Vernon with the purchase of Disch’s Grocery this week. The store will be called “Sham-Rock Quick Stop.”

Mr. and Mrs. David Disch announce the birth of a son, Jason David, born July 1 at the Madison General Hospital.

The wedding of Miss Janet K. Hanson and Stephen P. Narveson took place on Saturday, June 15, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

### 20 Years Ago- July 1, 2004

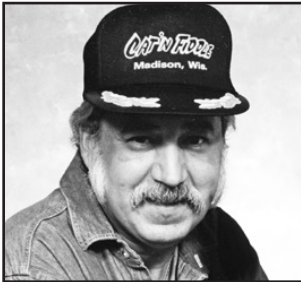
Jesse and Shawna Drager of Mount Horeb are proud to announce the birth of a son, Wesley James, born Saturday, June 26, 2004 at St. Mary’s Hospital, Madison.

Thea Odegaard will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 14. She was born in Vermont Township and was a triplet along with sister Thora and brother Thorvald.

## OBITUARY

### John Patrick O’Bryan

September 4, 1946 -  
June 20, 2024



MOUNT HOREB - John Patrick O’Bryan, age 77, of Mount Horeb, peacefully passed away on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at his home. He was born on Sept. 4, 1946, in Moberly, Mo., the son of Aubrey and Mary (Tymchuck) O’Bryan.

John grew up in Florissant, Mo., and graduated from Hazelwood High School in 1964. He served in the U.S. Army from 1964-1966. In February 1987, he married Anne (Schultze) O’Bryan in their home.

Prior to retirement, John held a clerical position at the State of Wisconsin. He was a lifetime member of VFW

Post No. 9511. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time with friends, singing karaoke, playing cards and watching the Packers.

John is survived by his son, Jack Redick O’Bryan; and daughter, Shirley Handy. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Anne M. O’Bryan; son, Jonathon O’Bryan; daughter, Evonne O’Bryan; and in-laws, Jack and Marjorie Schultze.

A Visitation was held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth St., Mount Horeb, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2024. Burial was at Mount Horeb Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to VFW Post No. 9511, 2787 Erbe Road, Blue Mounds, WI 53517. Online condolences may be made at [www.gundersonfh.com](http://www.gundersonfh.com).

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## CHURCH NOTES

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Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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**Immanuel Lutheran- ELCA**  
310 W. Main St. Mount Horeb  
608-437-8733  
10am Sunday Worship  
[www.immanuelmh.org/](http://www.immanuelmh.org/)  
1st Steps Childcare  
608-218-4425

**Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church – ELC**  
315 E. Main St. 608-437-5012  
[www.elcmthoreb.org](http://www.elcmthoreb.org)  
5 pm Saturday Worship  
9 am Sunday Worship

**Mt. Horeb United Methodist**  
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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

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

**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



# ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

## Patty Klarer

This week we spoke with Patty Klarer of Precious Metal Kreations. Klarer creates unique and durable jewelry, working side-by-side with her daughter, Ivy.



What kind of art do you create?

Jewelry. The jewelry that I create is wearable and durable using golds, silver and gemstones. When I am in the process of making pieces I keep in mind that I do not want to have to repair this piece of jewelry down the road. When it is out my door I want it to stay out there. My creations do not follow

what's in the mainstream market but are pieces designed for the individual.

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

Ha, I like that! I have been an artist all my life along with a few other mainstream jobs so it has been easy to stay an artist for it is how I support myself. I am a very energetic and playful person who knows when to take breaks so I don't burn out and that I need to be mentally healthy to be creative so I take care of my body and mind. I can only sit for so long at my bench. When



Patty Klarer, of Precious Metal Kreations, works alongside her daughter, Ivy, creating an assortment of jewelry.

my creative juices stop flowing or my body aches I know it's time to shake a leg!

What/who are some of your most important influences?

My daughter Ivy has been a big influence in the past five years. We have been creating jewelry side by side, doing art shows together and sharing the workload. Her youth, creative mind and mostly the big loving beautiful soul she is to me really has inspired me to continue making jewelry for a few more years. I was burning out before she started sharing a studio space with me. I learn from her everyday and I don't say this lightly. We all need people in our lives that influence us, light our fire,

help us to want to do better and see the beauty in life. When I work directly with someone to create a personal piece for them I get very inspired to give them just what they are wanting, something that they helped create and bring it all to life for them. It is satisfying for me and them as well. I have a friend, Jeremy Hollfelder, who is a talented lapidarist from the area. He tries to invest in American gemstones and many of his specimens are found in mines in Oregon in which he dug. He cuts them on state of the art American lapidary equipment. This is just so cool to me. I purchase many of his beautiful gems and just the authentic cuts and the beautiful colors of them have inspired many one of a kind creations through my hands.

How can people find out more about your work?

When we are not participating in an art fair all of our work is for sale and on display at Bergey Jewelry in Mount Horeb. You may also contact me directly through my Facebook page/messenger as well as Instagram. Check here to see listings of 2024 Art Fairs we will be participating in. pattyklar-erpmk

Anything else?

Thank you for bringing such a big awareness to the amazing art right here in our community. It is very thoughtful of you to connect local art to the people.

If you want your art featured in this series, contact mgeiger@fingerpub.com



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## BALLOT

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Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor ac-

cepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?"

Republicans in both the state assembly and senate support the measures. Many Democrats oppose them.

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# Deer Creek shooters shine



Deer Creek Clay Busters once again made a trip to the 2024 WI State SCTP Championship. This year’s team consisted of John Henery-Lee, Emma Nelson and team seniors Karlei Droster and Delaney Chronister. Emma Nelson placed 30th overall in her age group. First timer John Henery-Lee placed 145 out of 286 in his respected age group. Karlei placed 154 and Delaney placed 156 in the women’s senior group. The club would like to thank its seniors for their many years of memories, leadership, guidance and mentoring to the younger team members. Sponsors included ABC Builder’s, Hefty Construction, Judd’s Woodshop, Kittleson Landscape, Mark It, Hickory Ridge Log Homes, Symdon Motors, Miller and Sons, Finks Paving/Excavating/Concrete, Walton and Associates Inc, Mt. Horeb Chiropractic and Deer Creek Sportsman’s Lodge and Conservation. Deer Creek offers a fall adult and youth trap league and youth league only in the spring, which runs from April to June. Pictured are Coach Andrew Judd, Emma, Delaney, Karlei, John and Coach Royce Nelson.



## Large crowd attends Pride Walk

Despite Friday’s rainy weather, more than 120 people joined PFLAG Mount Horeb’s third Annual Pride Walk. On June 28, a day commemorating the Stonewall uprising anniversary, families and friends gathered at Liberty Park.

Attendees took advantage of both short and long walking routes and relaxed at the park’s shelter and playground. Other activities included bracelet making, coloring, and applying temporary tattoos.

Along with snacks and water, participants enjoyed brats, hotdogs and cupcakes donated by the Mount Horeb’s Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Proceeds from this year’s Pride Walk t-shirt sales, along with participant donations, add to PFLAG’s social justice award. The award is provided annually to a Mt. Horeb High School graduating senior.

PFLAG Mount Horeb’s goals are “to support, educate and advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community, making the world a more kind, just, inclusive and loving place for all.”

## Hook highlights Wall of Remembrance



Back Row: Phil Haas, Dane County Commander Scott Klassy, Past Department Vice Commander and current Iowa County Commander Harold Rihn, Department of Wisconsin Chaplain Virgil Smith, and Grant County Commander Alan McCormick; Middle Row: Richland Center Post 13 Commander Dan Kramer, Richland County Commander Sandy Kramer, Past Department Vice Commander Jim Hying, Past National Commander Denise Rohan, District Commander Jerry Hook, Past Department Vice Commander Rich Ruland, Joe Hodgson; Kneeling: District Vice Commander Roger Hooker, and 1st Vice Commander Dan O’Brien.

The Department of Wisconsin American Legion, 3rd District met in Mount Horeb 25 June.

The 3rd District includes

over 5,000 Legion Members from seven counties; Dane, Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland Counties. This was

Jerry Hook’s last meeting as District Commander and he is very proud of our schools and the Wall of Remembrance. He hoped others

would spread the word about the Wall of Remembrance at Mount Horeb High School and maybe other schools would do something similar.



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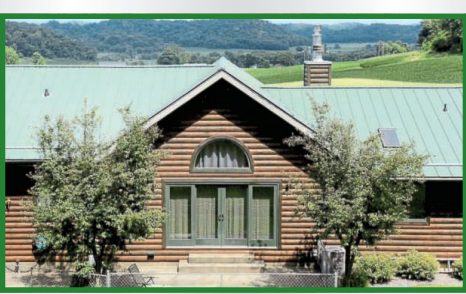
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# Highlights from library dog show!



“Best Costume” was awarded to Olivia Lancaster and Bruce, who dressed as a skunk. “They also won “Most treats in 60 second.”



“Best trick” was awarded to Camille Bednarek and Rusty.



“Best ears” was awarded to Celia Klar and Hoodoo.



“Best belly rub” was awarded to Eoin Mullarney and Norman.



“Human dog look-alike contest” was a tie between Addie Dolfin and Jack, Stella Boatman and Hobbs.



“Best speaker” was awarded to Camille Bednarek and Rusty.



Above, Hannah Klapperich-Mueller, Youth Services Librarian, runs the event. The judges were Sarah Goldsmith, David Gobeli and Jessica Gretzinger. Photos contributed.



“1st place in “spoon race” was awarded to Quentin Klar and Hoodoo.



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## Mount Horeb's 'Best of the best'

### Vikings' boys had another terrific year

The football team got things rolling with a fall for the ages.

The basketball team had a winter to remember and the baseball team enjoyed a sensational spring.

In between, several other athletes and teams excelled inside Mount Horeb's boys sports programs.

Per usual, the Mount Horeb Mail picks the 'Best of the Best' from the year that was. This week, we'll honor the Vikings' boys, and next week we'll recognize the top girls.

#### Team of the Year Football

There was an 11-0 start that included eight wins by 20 points, or more.

There was an unprecedented third straight Badger Small Conference title.

And a disciplined defense complementing a prolific offense had everyone



inside the Mount Horeb/Barneveld football program believing that anything and everything was possible.

It felt that way, too, until the final play of the season, when quarterback Kasey Helgeson's pass in the endzone was batted down and Green Bay Notre Dame edged the Vikings, 26-21, in an epic WIAA Division 3 state quarterfinal game that carried colossal intensity on every snap from start to finish.

As it was, MH-B finished its brilliant season 11-1 and captured the hearts and imagination of the community during its thrilling, three-month joyride.

"I wouldn't do it with anyone else. I love these dudes," senior LJ Ellestad said. "It was a hell of a season. We made history. We continued on page 12



The Mount Horeb/Barneveld football team went 11-1, won the Badger Small Conference title and was named the MHM's Team of the Year. File photos



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just couldn’t pull it off.”  
Junior wideout Chris Kiel agreed.

“We put so much time into this season, before the season, during the season,” Kiel said. “We were together at 5 a.m., 12 p.m., 12 a.m., working together all the time. So much heart. I’m so proud of everyone here. We just unfortunately didn’t come out with it.”

A win over Notre Dame was about the only thing MH-B didn’t come out with during its run to glory.

MH-B outscored its first 11 foes by an average of 41.5-18.2 and had just one contest decided by single digits. The Vikings also went a perfect 7-0 in the Badger Small, extending their winning streak in the league to 18 straight games.

“Conference championships are really nice obviously,” MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld said. “They give you a sense of accomplishment and a piece of this class will always be in the trophy case.

“I would be lying to you if I said it was our number one goal. This group has been special since they were sophomores, and continued that as juniors, and now as seniors the aspirations are much larger. So although I would love to celebrate this part, we still have work to do.”

MH-B continued doing work in the postseason.

The Vikings rolled past Seymour, 41-20, in their playoff opener. MH-B then toppled Baraboo, 38-13 in a Level 2 game and reached the state quarterfinals for the eighth time in school history.

“Bring whoever,” Ellestad said. “Bring the best team in the state. Bring the Packers.”

Instead, Notre Dame — which has won two state titles and been to the state semifinals six times since 2003 — came to town. And the Vikings and Tritons engaged in one of the better football games you’ll ever see.

The Vikings rallied from a 12-point second-half deficit, producing a pivotal fourth-down stop deep in their own territory midway through the fourth quarter and marching 83 yards to take a 21-20 lead with 2 minutes, 58 seconds left on a 3-yard touchdown run by Trenton Owens and extra point by junior Zach Maguire.

But the Tritons put the game on the back of ju-

nior running back Christian Collins, one of the state’s most accomplished running backs, and the Tritons’ workhorse delivered. After returning a squib kick to the Notre Dame 42-yard line, Collins ripped off a 40-yard run and later scored the go-ahead touchdown with 51 seconds left.

“You don’t want to put that much pressure on a kid, but you expect him to do what he’s done all season,” Green Bay Notre Dame coach Mike Rader said of Collins, who finished with 262 yards and three touchdowns to boost his season total to 2,337 yards and 39 scores.

“We were fortunate we had all three timeouts, so everything that’s in our playbook was still available at that point. We’ve shown that when we run the ball well, that can be a 2-minute offense. And it worked for us tonight.”

The Vikings took possession at its own 20-yard line with 51 seconds left, knowing a touchdown would win them the game outright. Helgeson drove MH-B to the Notre Dame 22-yard line with 5.1 seconds left, giving the Vikings one final chance to keep its dream season alive.

On the game’s final play, MH-B split a trio of trusted receivers to the right, and sent them to the back corner of the end zone. Helgeson lofted a ball that Notre Dame cornerback Charlie Hornacek was able to swat down before it got behind him to Ellestad and Kiel. Owen Preimesberger — trailing those two slightly — dove to catch the deflection, but it was just out of his reach.

“I don’t think we lost. I think we ran out of time,” Owens said. “Twenty more seconds and we’re playing next week with a shot to go to the championship. We left it all out there. I don’t regret anything.”

There was nothing to regret.

The Vikings gobbled up 18 spots on the all-Badger Small Conference teams, including seven first-team all-conference selections.

Helgeson, Owens, Kiel, Ellestad, as well as senior offensive linemen Austin Leibfried and Braylon Leahy, and junior linebacker Zach Maguire were all named first-team all-conference.

Ellestad, who also played wide receiver, junior offensive lineman Matthew Mahoney, junior linebacker Talon Stoenner, junior cornerback Kiel, and senior



safety Brooks Pernot were all named second-team all-conference.

The Vikings’ honorable-mention selections included senior tight end Gavin Rick, junior wideout Owen Preimesberger, Leibfried on the defensive line, senior defensive lineman Drew Preimesberger, junior defensive back Owen Aeschlimann, and senior defensive back Tucker Shipman.

In addition, Helgeson was named the league’s Offensive Player of the Year, Leibfried was named the Offensive Lineman of the Year and Bret St. Arnauld was named the league’s Coach of the Year.

Overall, the group had one of the most dominant years in school history and continued to raise the bar for future MH-B teams.

“This is the biggest family I’ve ever had, and the brotherhood is second to none,” Owens said. “I think everybody on the team would attest to that. I’m going to miss it so much. Everything about it. There’s just something about this team, about football. This is something I’ve never felt before, and I’m never going to feel again.”

### **Coach of the Year Bret St. Arnauld, football**

When Bret St. Arnauld took over the Mount Horeb-Barneveld football program back in 2018, he knew he was filling enormous shoes.

Travis Rohrer built the



**Kasey Helgeson (top) helped the Mount Horeb/Barneveld football team have a year to remember, while Bret St. Arnauld (above) was chosen as the MHM’s Coach of the Year. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld**

Vikings into a state power during his eight year run between 2008-15. In that time, MH-B won at least one playoff game all eight years, reached Level 3 of the postseason each of Rohrer’s final five seasons and reached Level 4 of the playoffs in 2012.

Ryan Kleppe kept things rolling during his two-year stint as the Vikings’ boss, leading MH-B to a 17-4 record in the 2016-17 seasons.

Amazingly, St. Arnauld has taken things up a notch. In 2023, St. Arnauld’s Vikings won their first 11

games, their best start to a season in school history. MH-B won its third straight Badger Small Conference title, something that had never been done in program history. And along the way, the Vikings have won 18 straight games in

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the league. MH-B fell in Level 3 of the playoffs to Green Bay Notre Dame. But the Vikings’ 11-1 campaign ranks among the finest in school history.

“This was a special squad — really proud of them,” St. Arnauld said after the 2023 campaign ended.

At the heart of it all is St. Arnauld, who has done remarkable things during his first six seasons in the program.

St. Arnauld went 9-3 his first season, then suffered through two tough years. Over the last three seasons, though, MH-B has regained its place among the state’s elite and seems perfectly positioned for sustained success.

“This group’s a bunch of fighters and a bunch of great guys,” senior offensive lineman Austin Leibfried said at the end of the 2023 campaign. “Everyone’s going to do great in life.”

St. Arnauld is a big reason for that.

St. Arnauld comes from a family of coaches.

His father, Dan, was the head football coach at Niagara High School for more than 30 years. His mother, Carol, coached girls volleyball at Niagara for 36 years and won a Division 4 state championship in 1991.

St. Arnauld was a ball boy for the football team shortly after he could walk and a gym rat his entire life.

St. Arnauld was also a standout running back at Niagara, earning honorable-mention all-state honors in 2004 and first-team all-state honors in 2005 before playing at Saginaw Valley State (Mich.).

St. Arnauld was an assis-



Austin Leibfried was selected as the Mount Horeb Mail’s Senior Athlete of the Year. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

tant coach at Utica Eisenhower in Michigan for three seasons, then returned to Niagara was an assistant for his father for two years. St. Arnauld was then the head coach at Delavan-Darien for four seasons before coming to MH-B.

“I’m very passionate,” St. Arnauld said shortly after landing the Vikings job. “I love what I do, but I love the kids more. What happens 10 years from now is what matters most. The lifelong relationships they build and giving them tools to use in their lives. That’s the most important thing to me.”

St. Arnauld has given the program just that — both on and off the field.

And in the process, he’s

filled the shoes — and then some — of his highly successful predecessors.

**Honorable mention:** Todd Nesheim, basketball.

### Senior Athlete of the Year

**Austin Leibfried (football, basketball)**

Leibfried, a University of Indiana recruit, was named first-team all-Badger Small Conference, the league’s top offensive lineman, all-region and honorable mention all-state. At 6-foot-6, 285 pounds, Leibfried has a rare combination of size, power and athleticism which he displayed on the field throughout the year.

Leibfried was a huge reason the Vikings went 11-1,

reached Level 3 of the playoffs and won a third straight conference title.

“Austin is a dude,” Mount Horeb coach Bret St. Arnauld said. “I don’t know how else to put it. He is a dominant run blocker with heavy hands and has a great pass set to complement. Austin has outstanding feet for a player at any size, let alone 6-6, 285.”

“He learned to play with an edge and to finish his blocks. We lean on Austin heavily in our run game and believe he is the best O-lineman in the conference and one of the top five in the state.”

Leibfried was also a key cog on a Mount Horeb basketball team that went 21-6 overall and reached the sec-

tional semifinals.

Now, Leibfried will take his talents to the Big Ten Conference, where he hopes to make his mark at Indiana.

“I like the culture there a lot,” Leibfried said of Indiana. “The O-line there is tough, physical. They are mentally tough and physically tough. They like my athleticism.”

“I have the frame to put on a lot more weight, too, and hopefully will still be able to move with that added weight on as well.

It will be a process. It will probably be a year before I reach the 300 mark. But I’m excited to get started and reach that mark.”

St. Arnauld said that Leibfried definitely has the frame to grow into a Division I lineman.

“(Indiana offensive line coach) Bob Bostad and I both agree that when he gets to college, they’re going to bump him up to 300 pounds and you’re not going to be able to tell,” St. Arnauld said. “You talk

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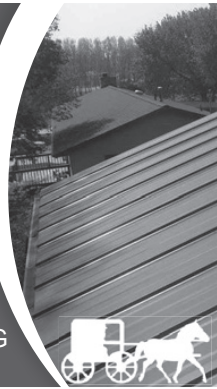
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about an athlete that can stand underneath the basket and grab the rim with both hands. A guy who can broad jump over nine feet. That is impressive.

“His 10-yard split is right up there with some of our fastest guys on the team. That is real impressive. Just his explosion, his athleticism, his ability to work the second and third level and his drive blocks are insane. All you’ve got to do is watch his film. We’re pulled him numerous times. There’s not anything he can’t do.”

Leibfried certainly proved that during a tremendous senior year.

**Honorable mention:** Kasey Helgeson, football; Landon Ellestad (football, track); Nick Vorwald (basketball, track).

### Game/Event of the Year

#### Boys basketball: Mount Horeb 63, Milton 55 in a regional final

The lead was crashing like the 1929 Stock Market.

It dwindled from 23 points to 16, then to 12 and kept heading south.

With 6 1/2 minutes remaining in a WIAA Division 2 boys basketball regional championship game on March 2, Milton trimmed Mount Horeb’s 23-point halftime lead down to five.

So how did the Vikings avoid being run off the postseason road — winning 63-55 thanks in large part to 15 second-half points from senior leader Nick Vorwald and no-fear sophomore guard Josh Manchester’s poise — and advance to sectionals for the first time since 2019?

They didn’t panic. “They fought back, but we composed ourselves in that stretch,” Vorwald said of Milton, “We had just enough fuel left in the tank to close out the win.”

Manchester, who led the Vikings with 32 points, agreed.

“I’m not going to lie,” Manchester said. “At the end we were just like, ‘Just hang on, just hang on. We’ve just got to hang on for two more minutes.’ And we were able to do that.”

The second-seeded Vikings (21-5) — ranked eighth in the WisSports.net Division 2 coaches poll — slammed the door on the third-seeded Red Hawks

(17-9), who entered the night with 10 straight wins.

And while the Vikings fell to Stoughton in the sectional finals, winning a regional title was an important step and has Mount Horeb set up for big things in 2025 — and beyond.

For much of the night against Milton, it looked like Mount Horeb was going to roll to an easy win. The Vikings raced to an 11-0 lead and a 34-11 advantage by halftime.

Manchester had seven points during Mount Horeb’s game-opening run and finished the half with 22 points. The Vikings also closed the half on a 10-2 burst, capped by a right-corner 3-pointer from freshman Alex Chapman with 5 seconds remaining.

“That’s what you want,” Mount Horeb coach Todd Nesheim said of getting the butterflies out of the way fast and eliminating the possibility of playing tight. “You think about it all day long — ‘I hope we get off to a fast start.’

“The kids did a good job, and then they finished the game. We’re happy to move on. Survive and advance this time of year.”

Senior big man Austin Leibfried had the other four points during Mount Horeb’s 11-0 game-opening run, and junior Griffin Hannah cut to the basket and scored to make it 31-9 with 35 seconds to go.

Conspicuously absent from most of the first-half onslaught was Vorwald, the Vikings’ second-leading scorer (15.0 points per game) behind Manchester (24.0).

The 6-foot-2 Vorwald, who will play collegiately at NCAA Division III UW-Platteville, scored only three points before halftime. Vorwald had a tremendous second half, though, when he scored 15 of his 18 points.

“That switch just clicked for me,” Vorwald said of his scoring output in the second half, giving him 18 points on the night. “This is my last home game ever and I didn’t want to leave with a loss. That mentality helped us push through.”

With the way Milton came roaring back, Mount Horeb needed every bit of mental fortitude it could muster.

Red Hawks’ explosive senior Ayden Goll (24.0 ppg) was the catalyst of the big comeback.

The 6-2 guard scored in almost every way possible, pouring in 24 points

after the break and finishing with a team-high 32 points. His drive to the basket with 2:20 gone in the second half pulled the Red Hawks within 36-20, then 30 seconds later he drained a 3-pointer from the left corner to make it 36-23.

Vorwald answered with a long triple from the left wing and then scored on a breakaway lay-up, extending the Vikings’ lead back to 41-23.

Unfortunately for Mount Horeb, that was far from Milton’s last punch.

Manchester, who also had 32 points, and Goll traded baskets — Manchester did so by going coast-to-coast and explosively attacking the rim in traffic — to make it 43-25.

But Milton’s Logan Branch hit a 3-pointer to make it 43-28 before Goll took over once again. The Milton standout hit a pull-up triple, a highlight-reel scoop lay-up, another 3-ball and finally a drive to the basket to trim the deficit to 47-38.

Vorwald got a press-break lay-up to make give the Vikings a 49-38 edge.

But the Red Hawks responded with a 6-0 burst and closed within 49-44 with 6:34 remaining. Two of the six came on a drive by Goll, but that would be his last field goal of the night as his final three points came from the free throw line.

Ultimately, the Vikings knew they wouldn’t be able to stop Goll. But they knew if they could somehow contain him — which they did in crunch time — and also keep him from dishing out a handful of assists, their chances of winning were good.

“We didn’t do anything special. We just tried to take

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Josh Manchester and Mount Horeb’s boys basketball team took part in the ‘Game of the Year’ when they defeated Milton in a regional final. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

#### TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose Board of Supervisors meeting for July will be held on Monday, July 8th, 2024, at 8468 County Road A, Verona, WI beginning at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website. A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.

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#### Town of Perry Town Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Perry Town Hall, 10084 County Highway A

Teleconference - 425-585-6272 access - 394-722-206 #  
7:30 PM

1. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Announcements.
3. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items.
4. Land Use: Town Hall zoning change update.
5. Municipal Damage Assessment Summaries.
6. Outdoor and Refuse Burning Ordinance – review prescribed burn amendment.
7. Roads, Equipment, Facilities –
  - a. 2024-2025 Road Salt contract.
  - b. Premier Co-op – LP gas contract 2024-25 – Town Garage.
  - c. Royce Nelson – culvert replacement policy discussion.
  - d. 2025 Truck & Plow delivery status, loan terms.
8. Recycling Center operation – Recycling attendants.
9. Town Hall Renovation report and recommendations – replace existing siding, parking lot paving, loan terms, community open house event plans.
10. Treasurer’s Report.
11. Friends of the Parks of Perry report –
12. Parks and Open Space Committee – report and recommendations.
13. Groundswell Conservancy – Hauge Historic District Park Conservation Easement - 2024 monitoring report.
14. Historic Preservation Commission appointments.
15. Dane Co. Towns Association and Wisconsin Towns Association discussions,
16. Minutes of Previous Meetings – June 11, 2024 meetings.
17. Pay Bills due.
18. Closed Session. Dane Co. Circuit Court case 15CV0065 DSG; convene a closed session under WI § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy and WI §19.85(1)(b) and (c) personnel.
19. Adjournment.

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

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his gaps away and be in his face,” Nesheim said. “What didn’t happen tonight, and what I’ve seen on tape, is his penetration to the lane and then a lot of dump down, easy looks.

“And even his kick-out looks (tonight) a lot of times I thought were real hard or real difficult passes. We didn’t want to step up as the help guy and give the dump down pass. They live on that.

“You hope he passes it and the guy that shoots it misses. That’s what we were trying to do. We talked about it this morning, if he gets 30 and nobody else gets the easy ones, I think we’re OK.”

And that’s largely how it went.

But not before Mount Horeb had to sweat things out.

“Milton has come back from a lot of deficits before. Waunakee on their Senior Night — they came back from down 20-something and got the win,” Vorwald said referencing the Red Hawks’ Senior Night on Feb. 22, when they rallied for a 73-71 victory. “So we knew that was going to happen and we had to keep our composure.”

Free throw shooting also played a big part in Mount Horeb being able to hang on.

Milton’s full-court press didn’t produce many turnovers, but it did disrupt Mount Horeb’s half-court offense, making it hard for the Vikings to get set and get in rhythm.

And that meant the Vikings made only five field goals in the second half.

Despite the lack of baskets, though, they didn’t stop attacking and made their mark at the free throw line.

Manchester was 8-of-9 from the charity stripe in the second half alone, while Vorwald was 6-of-8, Owen

Aeschlimann was 2-of-4 and Griffin Hannah was 2-of-2 — a combined 18-of-23.

“It’s a pretty loud gym and momentum swings pretty easily. They had a lot of fans here,” Vorwald said of Milton’s comeback. “But I think (the difference was) just knocking down free throws and taking care of the ball. At times it was hard, but I think we stayed one step ahead of them and that got us the win.”

Nesheim agreed.

“A lot of times you get passive with that big lead, and we talked about it half-time and said, ‘Let’s step on the gas,’ ” he said. “They came out and made shots and it would have been easy to get a little passive, a little scared, but we kept attacking and probably ended up winning the game at the free throw line down the stretch.

“We talk about composure a lot. I thought we did a pretty good job when we needed to against the press, at the foul line and then defensively when we had to.

“This is kind of a benchmark. We had a conference championship hope and didn’t reach it, so now you reset your goals. The first goal is to get through that first round of playoffs and celebrate a net cutting. This is something they’ll remember forever.”

Performance of the Year

Angus Best, Charles Olson (swimming)

Mount Horeb had just five swimmers on its roster this season, but the undermanned Vikings were still able to make a splash on the state’s biggest stage.

Seniors Angus Best and Charles Olson represented Mount Horeb at the WIAA Division 2 state meet held at Waukesha South High School on Feb. 16. And the Vikings’ dynamic duo fared well enough to help Mount Horeb finish 24th overall in the team standings.

McFarland won the state title with 325 points, while Rhinelander (243), Whitefish Bay (222), Nicolet (158) and Madison Edgewood (154.5) rounded out the top five.

The Vikings finished with 17 points.

“I am very proud of how Angus and Charlie did,” Mount Horeb coach Bryce Hoppe said. “Those two worked their butts off all year, having endured many tough practices and swim meets that sometimes did not produce their desired times. However, overall their hard work and dedication paid off in the end as both of them ended the season having received lifetime best swims.”

Best was eighth in the 100-yard freestyle, finishing in 48.70 seconds. Nicolet’s Jack Sullivan won the race with a new Division 2 state record time of 44.57 seconds.

Best was also 12th in the 200-yard freestyle, finishing in 1:48.96. Sullivan also set a new state record in that race, finishing in 1:37.80.

Olson was 16th in the 50-yard freestyle, completing the race in 22.93 seconds.

“Angus shaved off a full second from last week’s 200 free at sectionals, which is amazing,” Hoppe said. “He also went 0.1 seconds faster than his time last year at state in the 100 free.

“Charlie added 0.07 seconds in the 50 free from last weekend, but he still had an amazing swim and I am extremely proud of him for having swam two 50s that start with 22 seconds.”

Breakout Performers of the Year

Eli Leonard (wrestling) and Eli Maier (wrestling)

Maier, a freshman, and Leonard, a sophomore both had memorable performances at the WIAA Division 1 state meet.

Leonard finished fourth



Charles Olson (top) and Angus Best (above) had Mount Horeb’s ‘Performance of the Year’ at the boys state swimming and diving meet. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

overall at 165 pounds, while Maier lost in his preliminary match at 157 pounds.

“It’s invaluable to have two guys like the two Elis — Maier and Leonard — to lead the way, so they can see what it takes and what goes in to get wins up here,” Mount Horeb-Barneveld coach Tim Sarbacker said. “It’s huge having that leadership and having a couple of guys who are doing well

to lead the way.”

Leonard (47-3) was seeded third at 165 pounds and dominated his first two matches.

He earned a technical fall against 14th-seeded Nicholas Schomacher of Bay Port in 4 minutes, 10 seconds (17-1), before pinning sixth-seeded Chris O’Donnell of South Milwaukee in 5:44 in the quarterfinals.

But Leonard ran into a

buzz saw in second-ranked Liam Crook of Kaukauna, who cruised to a major decision, 15-3 win in their semifinal match.

Crook (39-0) eventually won his first state title with a 4-1 decision over top-ranked Caleb Dennee of Marshfield on Saturday night.

“Any one of the top four could have won this weight,” Sarbacker said. “It

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TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS

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August 20, 2024, 7:00 PM

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MOUNT HOREB'S BEST OF THE BEST

BEST

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was like splitting hairs.”

While Leonard placed at state in 2023, Sarbacker said competing in the state semifinals was a new experience.

“His first two matches, I thought he wrestled great. He was wrestling really, well,” Sarbacker said. “Then we haven’t been to the semifinals in Division 1 before. It’s sitting around all day. I thought we didn’t wrestle our best. There’s a lot more in Eli than what he showed on the mat.”

That sent Leonard to the consolation round where he earned a 13-2 major decision over fifth-seeded Jackson Hughes of Onalaska/Luther to advance to the third-place match.

But Leonard was unable to end the meet with a victory, falling to fourth-seeded Caleb Cady of Pewaukee, 3-2.

“It was a tough weight class. The top four were tough, the top six were tough,” Leonard said. “There were some tough guys who didn’t place as

well. Anyone could have battled for the top spot. It came down to who wanted it the most.”

Maier (35-6), who was seeded fifth at 157, was upset by 12th-seeded Elijah Terrell of Slinger, who pinned him in 3:04 in their preliminary round match. When Terrell lost his next match, Maier’s trip to state was over.

However, Sarbacker saw a silver lining in the early-round defeat.

“The match before Eli Leonard wrestled for third, (Damiano) Cappellini from Madison West was wrestling for third also and Eli Maier pinned him this year,” Sarbacker said. “So maybe on any given day, that could have been Eli (Maier).”

Leonard said it was tough seeing his practice partner lose his only match.

“It hurts to see a teammate go out in the first round,” Leonard said. “But as a freshman, the first time at the Kohl Center is a lot to take in. We definitely, expect a little more. But what can you do? It happens to the best of us, so you’ve got

to move on.”  
While Maier was disappointed in his early exit, Sarbacker said he has a promising future.

“Eli gained great experience from this tournament,” Sarbacker said of Maier. “He’s beaten kids that are on the stands (podium).

“But you’ve got to put it all together like any other tournament. But he gained a ton of experience, and I’m looking forward to having him back.”

With the return of Maier and Leonard next year, Sarbacker believes the future is bright for the Mount Horeb/Barneveld program that had all underclassmen on the squad this season.

“Having a place winner back and two guys with state experience, that’s huge,” Sarbacker said. “The younger guys and inexperienced guys, they’re here watching. They’ve been up here every day.”

**Honorable mention:** Alex Chapman (basketball, baseball), Jude Young (golf).



Eli Leonard (top) and Eli Maier (left) were the MHM’s Break-out Performers of the Year. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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