



The Story of Brigadier General BG (Ret.)  
Erik Peterson: 34 Years of Excellence,  
Teamwork and Family

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## Mural at Heirloom Craftsman gets green light

By CATHY SCOTT

Mount Horeb Mail

All members of the Plan Commission (PC) were present at the June 24 meeting: Chair Ryan Czyzewski, Sarah Best, Stephanie Gauthier-Phillips, Andrew Kidd, Jill Remmert-Willis,

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## Names of dead released following crash

The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office is releasing the name of the individuals that died following a motor vehicle accident. The accident occurred near State Highway 92 and Spring Rose Road, in the Town of Primrose, and was reported

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# Wednesday Night Live returns for 29th season



Wednesday Night Live will kick off its 29th season at Grundahl Park July 8 with the reggae rock group, TUGG, continuing each week through August 12. Bigtooth (above) will take the stage on July 15. Madison Mystery Tour (below) will perform their assortment of Beatles covers on August 5.

By MATT GEIGER

Mount Horeb Mail

Wednesday Night Live will kick off its 29th season at Grundahl Park July 8 with a concert by the reggae rock group, TUGG. A wide variety of genres are featured again this summer, ranging from bluegrass to pop, jazz, rock and beyond.

These free music concerts run through August 12 and are held in Grundahl Park from 7 to 9 p.m.

"We are very excited for the upcoming 29th season of music in the park with Wednesday Night Live!" said organizer Mandy Pot-

ter. "We have a wide variety of bands that will hopefully get people moving and connecting."

TUGG (reggae rock) will take the stage on July 8. Next up will be the bluegrass band, Bigtooth on July 15. The following week will feature the blues of Tony Cannon & the Sound Garden Crew on July 22. The July 29 concert will star the pop/rock group, BingBong. Madison Mystery Tour will perform their assortment of Beatles covers on August 5. Moses Patrou Organ Trio will close out the season on

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# Gleanings

By **Barb Johnson**  
*Mount Horeb Mail*

## 140 Years Ago- July 7, 1886

K.K. Syverud reports the measles at his house, nearly all his family are suffering.

S. Thompson and wife took in Madison the 4th and report a good time. Among other interesting events was the grand military exercises in the afternoon and immense fire works in the evening.

July 3d, 4th or 5th, the days when we all tried to celebrate were famous enough for the coats of dust they could kick up and if the lemonade and ice cream men failed to make money they can ascribe it only to the hard times.

Did you see that good-looking young lady wearing a blue-dot lawn dress at the picnic last Monday? Someone said that her escort-that was to be-had agreed to meet her at the whirligig near the corner of the grounds at 11 a.m., but at noon he had failed to appear and her eyes snapped blue fire at his continued absence, at 1 pm. he came hesitatingly upon the grounds and sought out the blue-dot lady where explanations drove away the clouds of displeasure from her brow. He had been found hanging on a Kelley barbwire fence by two of the baseball players.

## 130 Years Ago- July 2, 1896

Our friend Albert Barton begins his journalistic career at once on the editorial staff of the Madison Democrat at a salary of \$600 a year.

Tideman Gordon moves into his new house this week, which has an elevated and showy location, and adds considerable to the strength of Mount Horeb.

“Wake up, Jacob, day is breaking!” So said DeWitt’s Little Early Risers to the man who had taken them to arouse his sluggish liver. For sale by Dr. C.A. Gill.

N. Dahlen is very poorly in health, and his recovery is not expected having been quite low for a number of weeks. Having arrived at the good old age of seventy-seven, and experienced much hardships in his days, it would not be surprising that he was soon at his life’s journey’s end.

Mrs. Anton Christenson has changed her mind. In place of going to Norway she will go to Iowa.

A lawn sociable was given at the home of Mr. And Mrs. S. Thompson last Friday evening. About forty young people were made merry in the house and out on the beautiful lawn, which was lit up by a gasoline lamp. They all report a very nice time.

Mike and James Keily, Blue Mounds, have returned home for a vacation. They are working on the new railroad between Madison and Baraboo.

The band and residence of Thomas Sobered are the latest additions to our telephone system. Rev. S. Gunderson is the next to fall in line.

## 120 Years Ago- July 5, 1906

Rangvald Matson has accepted a position in a butcher shop at Sullivan, this state, and

left Thursday to enter upon his duties. Rangvald made a success selling books but found things unhappily different collecting pay for the books he sold; and as his health is greatly improved he feels he is now able to follow his trade. We wish him success in his new place.

One of the most pleasant social affairs of the season took place at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Holte Friday evening, June 29, at which Miss Martha Gilbertson entertained about thirty of her relatives and intimate friends to a seven o’clock dinner. After a bountiful feast, Rev. Holte acting as toastmaster and host, announced the engagement of Miss Martha to Mr. Thomas Mithus of this place in a few well-chosen words.

Ole Bakken was in town Monday for the first time since his accident in breaking his leg six weeks ago. He is now able to hobble about on two crutches.

Henry Lee has had the interior of his restaurant painted and slicked up. Henry keeps things neat and tidy and enjoys a very good trade.

## 110 Years Ago- July 7, 1916

Come to the Bowery dance at Lake Park Tuesday Eve July 11, 1916 music by the Crescent Orchestra of Madison dancing begins at 8 o’clock, tickets 75¢.

The new telephone directory will be distributed next week by the local company. If you fail to get one and is a telephone subscriber on this system do not fail to call up central and re-

quest that a copy be sent to you.

Several high school boys have rented the rooms over the Mt. Horeb Auto Co.’s garage for a club, for the coming year.

There is a great scarcity in help on the farm and the employment agents in the city are unable to fill any orders for hands, since all idle men have enlisted in the state militia.

The 4th is over and it was a glorious day in regard to weather. As usual Mt. Horeb drew a large gathering of people from far and near, the ball game was the big attraction of the day which resulted in a victory for the home team, the score being 3 to 7. Foot races and horse races gave entertainment for spectators. It would be an error to omit the band music; it certainly was fine.

## 100 Years Ago- July 4, 1926

Little Jacqueline Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, received a bad cut on the back of her head Tuesday when a number of boys were playing horseshoe on the lawn and the little girl got in the way of a flying shoe. She was treated by Dr. A. S. Thompson.

Postmaster Drysland is feeling rather lonesome nowadays, as his wife and children and Mrs. Drysland’s father, J.C. Ronnald, are visiting relatives at Red Cliff and Jewell, Iowa.

Sam Gesme has rented the east half of the old Mount Horeb Bank building and carpenters are at work remodeling it. Mr. Gesme expects to move in, in about two weeks and he will have a fine place for his tonsorial parlors.

Myrtle Messerschmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Messerschmidt, Springdale, and Stanley A. Weise, also of Springdale, were married at the home of the bride’s parents Wednesday, June 30, by the Rev. S. Gunderson.

Olaf Smesrud is suffering with a badly splintered collar bone as the result of a peculiar accident. Mr. Smesrude, Louis Martin and Rob Murphy were each leading a cow to the stock yards and were crossing the Main Street of our village. The cattle became somewhat frightened and the one Olaf was leading jumped over both him and Mr. Murphy, knocking Olaf down and fracturing his collar bone in the fall.

## 80 years Ago- July 2, 1936

The town of Vermont will build a new road west of the Kelliher cheese factory, which will be a great improvement. Henry Kahl’s crew will do the work.

Bennie Ranum, who has for several years been employed as a guard at the State Prison, Waupun, left Monday for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he will enter upon duties as a guard at the Federal Prison.

The Rt. Rev. Joseph Green passed away at a Madison hospital Thursday, June 25, at the age of 59 years.

Miss Martha Lehman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lehman, Verona, and George R. Sponem, son of Mrs. Anna Sponem, Mount Horeb, were married Wednesday, June 24, by the Rev. H.C. Lehman at the Swiss Reformed parsonage.

## 60 years Ago- June 30, 1966

The Directors of the State Bank of Mt. Horeb announced that S.A. Sylvester will be elevated to Chairman of the Board of Directors and Leo. W. Roethe will become the president of the bank.

Playing at the Strand: Herman’s Hermits in “Hold On!” You’ve never heard faster beats or seen wilder fun!

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Solchenberger entertained Sunday to celebrate Mr. Solchenberger’s and their son Phil’s birthdays.

Delegates Donald Field and Tom Lauber from the Mt. Horeb FFA Chapter attended the 37<sup>th</sup> annual State FFA Convention at Green Lake.

## 50 Years Ago- July 1, 1976

About \$800 in cash was taken from the safe at Erickson Food Mart on Main Street Monday afternoon between 3 and 5 p.m. The safe was untended at the time.

Jay and Barbara Pino of Mount Horeb will take over management of Nicole’s Lounge, 111 E. Main, on July 9.

Fireworks, bell ringing, chicken barbecue, fun and games are ready for the Mount Horeb Bicentennial Picnic Sunday afternoon, July 4<sup>th</sup> at Stewart Park.

Mount Horeb businessman, Ralph Durtschi, 54, died Saturday, June 26, of an apparent heart attack while on vacation at Cornell, Wis.

# Recreation Notes

Fencing is back! {YEL!} Fencing Summer Camp is designed for students entering grades 2-12. New and returning students invited! Your favorite instructors return with more knowledge, refined coaching skills, and, of course, your favorite fencing games and armbands. Safety is our first priority. We supply safety swords, protective masks, chest plates and jackets, in a high-octane, inclusive environment. Fencing runs Monday through Thursday, July 13 to 16, from 1 to 4 pm in

the Intermediate Center Cafeteria. The cost is \$132 for residents and \$142 for non-residents. Enroll by 7/6!

Introduction to Kayaking! Spend time at Stewart Lake learning how to kayak with knowledgeable instructors. This program, a partnership with Rutabaga Outdoor Adventures, will teach kayak strokes and rescues to youth ages 9 to 14. Come prepared to get wet and play water games as you develop new paddling skills! The session fee is \$148 for residents and

\$158 for non-residents, and all equipment is provided! Sess. 1: Tues & Thurs, 7/14 & 7/16, 10 am to 12:00 pm. Sess. 2: Tues & Thurs, 7/14 & 7/16, 1 to 3 pm. Sess. 3: Tues & Thurs, 7/28 & 7/30, 10 am to 12 pm. Sess. 4: Tues & Thurs, 7/28 & 7/30, 1 to 3 pm. The registration deadlines are Sess. 1 & 2 = 7/7 and Sess. 3 & 4 = 7/21.

Introduce your child to one of the fastest-growing sports! This beginner-focused Youth Pickleball program teaches the basic

fundamentals including paddle control, serving, movement, teamwork, and simple game play. Participants will build coordination, confidence, and sportsmanship through age-appropriate drills, activities, and games. No prior experience is necessary! This program takes place at the Viking Park Pickleball Courts. For 8 to 11 year olds: Sess. 5 = Mon & Wed, 7/13 - 7/29, 9 to 9:50 am; Sess. 6 = Tues & Thurs, 7/14 – 7/30, 9 to 9:50 am. For 5 to 7 year olds: Sess. 7 = Mon & Thurs, 7/13 - 7/29, 10 to 10:50 am, Sess. 8 = Tues & Thurs, 7/14

- 7/30, 10 to 10:50 am. The fee is \$42 for residents and \$52 for non-residents when you enroll by 7/9.

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

Online (go to <https://secure.rec1.com/WI/mount-horeb-wi/catalog>).

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street.

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

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

**UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES:**

7/6: Little Trolls Volleyball Camp

7/6: Swim Lessons Sess. 3

7/6: Pottery Classes

7/6: Fencing

7/7: Kayaking Sess. 1 & 2

7/9: Youth Pickleball Sess. 5 - 8

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## Brigadier General (R) Peterson



The Story of Brigadier General BG (Ret.) Erik Peterson features 34 years of excellence, teamwork, and family.

**Core Takeaways**

Before diving into his journey, BG Peterson shares these fundamental principles that guided his life and career:

**Prioritize family** above all else.

**Find what you love to do**, and pursue it with everything you have.

**Surround yourself with great people** who push you to be better.

**Challenge yourself** daily to raise the bar.

**Embrace teamwork**, because no one succeeds alone.

Remember that **serving in our military is an honor and a privilege**.

This is the thirty-first article in a series of articles that we hope to publish for years to come. With this series we want to honor Service Members that served our great Nation. As I mentioned in the last article, we need your help to honor these fine Americans. If you have someone you would like us to include, please help us research and develop articles. Our email address is mham-legionpost113@gmail.com

**Early Inspirations and Overcoming Adversity**

Erik grew up near Chi-

cago, Illinois. His military aspirations began early—his father first mentioned West Point to him in the fourth grade, and he spent his childhood dreaming of flying jets with a neighborhood friend.

During his freshman year of high school, a recruiter from the Air Force Academy visited, cementing his direction. Though Erik excelled in math and science and briefly considered medical school, his love for the outdoors (cultivated as a Boy Scout) and his desire for an active, team-oriented profession drew him definitively toward aviation.

His journey was not without severe challenges. During his junior year, his neighborhood friend tragically passed away by suicide—a devastating loss for everyone involved. Erik and his friend had dreamed of attending the Air Force Academy and flying together in the United States Air Force. Despite the grief, Erik stayed focused on his goals. He pushed through the rigorous Academy requirements, even completing his physical fitness test while battling a 103-degree fever. His resilience paid off when he received his nomination

and subsequent appointment to the United States Air Force Academy.

As the first person in his family to serve in the U.S. Military, Erik entered this highly demanding environment without a blueprint, learning every lesson firsthand.

**The Academy and the High Stakes of Aviation**

The Air Force Academy provided a beautiful but grueling environment. In the first year, peers dropped out daily under the intense pressure. Erik, however, thrived in the environment, loving the culture of peer challenge and constant improvement.

This drive carried directly into pilot training, where he was selected for the fighter jet track. Erik understood early on the immense stakes of his profession: in military aviation, a single mistake could cost lives, but performing at your best meant thousands of lives could be saved.

**Fate, Fellowship, and Flight Assignments**

The night before graduating from pilot training, Erik attended a party at an instructor pilot’s home. By a stroke of fate, a mutual friend convinced a young woman named Priscilla to attend. Erik and Priscilla hit it off immediately.

Because of a backlog in the Air Force jet training program, Erik chose to stay in the area to work in maintenance for two years at Luke Air Force Base while waiting for his F-16 training. This allowed him to cultivate his relationship with Priscilla, leading to

their marriage. Like Erik, Priscilla had no military background, and together, they navigated the unique lifestyle, building lasting friendships at every stop.

Following F-16 training, the couple took a leap of faith and requested an assignment to **Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska**, figuring most people would avoid it. It turned out to be an incredible assignment filled with strong squadron camaraderie and outdoor adventures. They later transitioned to **Hill Air Force Base in Utah**, continuing their track record of professional success and personal growth.

**Transition to the Air National Guard and Rise to Leadership**

As Erik’s active-duty commitment drew to a close, the couple decided they wanted to plant roots and start a family without constant relocations. Recalling a National Guard pilot he had met during training, Erik reached out to the **115th Fighter Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard** in Madison.

Because there were no immediate full-time openings, Erik joined as a Drill Status Guardsman in March of 2001 and took a job as a commercial pilot for American Airlines in May, 2001. However, everything changed on September 11, 2001. Following the terrorist attacks, Guard units were heavily mobilized, and Erik returned to full-time status with the 115th Fighter Wing to sit alert.

Over the course of his

34-year career, Erik rose through the ranks, holding a succession of vital leadership roles:

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Squadron Commander  
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115th Fighter Wing Maintenance Group Commander  
115th Fighter Wing Deputy Commander

115th Fighter Wing Commander

Chief of Staff for the Wisconsin Air National Guard

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**The Power of Teamwork**

The motto of the 115th Fighter Wing is *Dedicated to Excellence*, a standard Erik lived by. During his three deployments to Iraq in support of **Operation Iraqi Freedom**, the unit consistently received high praise from ground and Air Force commanders for their professionalism and operational readiness. The culmination of BG (R) Peterson’s combat deployments was the privilege to deploy as the commander of the expeditionary fighter squadron in 2009 while supporting Wisconsin’s own 32nd Iron Brigade on the ground during that time.

While serving as Wing Commander, Erik led the highly competitive and successful effort to bring the **F-35 Lightning II** stealth fighter to Madison. He credits this historic achievement entirely to the dedication, drive, and teamwork of the airmen and leaders he sur-

rounded himself with. He frequently notes that military “brotherhood and sisterhood” is entirely real; pilots cannot fly without the critical infrastructure of maintenance, security forces, medical personnel, logistics, and support staff.

**Family: The Ultimate Foundation**

Though selected for promotion to the rank of Major General, Erik chose to retire this past February. Accepting the promotion would have required significant time away from home or another relocation—a sacrifice he was unwilling to ask of his family.

BG Peterson emphasizes that his distinguished career was only possible because of the unwavering support of Priscilla and their children, who managed the household during his many deployments, exercises, and conferences. Priscilla built a successful local career as a fitness trainer while raising their **nine children**: Konur, Maja, Annalis, Hakon, Erik, Thor, Kajsa, Annika, and AnnaKarina.

All nine children attended school in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, where they have pursued their own individual strengths and dreams. Continuing the proud legacy of service, **four of their children** have served or are actively serving in the United States Military.

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-By Jerry Hook

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## Traffic enforcement

The Dane County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), in partnership with the City of Madison Police (MPD), is continuing to deploy additional traffic enforcement thanks to grants from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Three separate grants are primarily focused on speed, seatbelts, and OWI enforcement; however, all traffic laws will be enforced.

The Sheriff's Office has so far conducted 10 deployments in June, with one more scheduled for Friday, June 26. Another 11 deployments are scheduled in July.

June's OWI deployments resulted in 118 citations issued by DCSO and MPD, 3 OWI arrests, and 30 warnings. The deployments also resulted in one Felony arrest, 1 warrant arrest, and 2 misdemeanor arrests.

Three seatbelt grant deployments resulted in 204 citations. On Monday of this week, a 63-year-old Madison man was arrested for his 6th OWI during the overtime enforcement.

Finally, speed grant deployments in June have resulted in 203 citations, 22

warnings, and a Felony OWI (4th) offense.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office wants to remind everyone that impaired driving is 100 percent preventable. If your plans include alcohol or other impairing substances, arrange a sober ride.

"The decision to drive impaired puts lives at risk and can lead to devastating consequences," said Sheriff Calvin Barrett. "Together, we can keep our roads safe by making responsible choices and never getting behind the wheel while impaired."

## Outdoor music at Blue Mound State Park

Join the Friends of Blue Mound State Park for the return of the outdoor music series Saturdays this summer at Blue Mound State Park. Beginning July 4 through August 29 from 6-8 PM a variety of musicians and groups will perform in the outdoor amphitheater at the top of the park.

In the case of inclement weather, music will be moved inside the Friends

Shelter (near the pool).

A daily or annual park admission sticker is required on all vehicles, which can be purchased at the entrance station.

## Alumni golf outing

All Mount Horeb alumni, community members, and friends of Mt. Horeb Boys' Basketball are invited to participate in the 22nd annual MHHS alumni golf outing being held on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Norsk Golf Bowl. There will be two tee times: 11:00 and 2:30 pm.

The MHHS Alumni Golf Outing had over 110 golfers participate last year ranging in graduating classes from 1964 to 2025. We hope to make the 2026 event even better. This year, Symdon Motors will put a new car on the line for any participant that would get a "hole in one." Also, American Family Insurance is sponsoring a \$5000 putting contest. As always, every golfer will receive a door prize donated by the boys' basketball program as well as chances to win prizes in hole contests.

If you are an MHHS alum and want to golf or donate please notify Todd Nesheim at the email listed below.

The Mt. Horeb Boys Basketball Coaches will be hosting this event. to find out more please contact Todd Nesheim at [nesheimtodd@mounthorebschools.org](mailto:nesheimtodd@mounthorebschools.org) for more information.

## Public invited to come to the table to talk about mental health

Mental health is an issue at the forefront of many people's minds these days. In Wisconsin alone, an estimated 70,000 teens are living with depression, and more than one-third of adults reported symptoms of anxiety or depression in 2021. Despite the growing need, more than 1,500,000 people in Wisconsin live in a town without enough mental health professionals. Statistics like these highlight a challenge that touches nearly every family, workplace, school, and neighborhood. Many people believe that now, more than ever, we need a stronger, more connected mental health system that supports the well-being

of everyone in our community.

You are invited to join the conversation on mental health in our area. The Mount Horeb Public Library, in partnership with the Mount Horeb Area School District and the Village of Mount Horeb, invites community members to attend *Come to the Table: A Community Conversation About Mental Health* on Tuesday, July 21, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Mount Horeb High School. Pizza will be provided, and free childcare is available. Registration is required.

This unique evening allows people to gather around the table, connect with neighbors, share ideas and help shape a healthier, supportive community. Attendees will be seated in small groups, each guided by a discussion moderator. Together, participants will explore multiple perspectives, engage in thoughtful deliberation, and work toward shared solutions. Unlike debate—which often centers on persuasion or winning—this conversation will use a deliberative dialogue approach. Participants will consider trade-offs, reflect on competing values, and engage with the

complexity of mental health challenges—recognizing that there is no single "right" answer. This format fosters deeper understanding, mutual respect, and collaborative problem-solving.

Following the event, key themes and insights from the discussions will be compiled into a report and shared with the community and local stakeholders to support continued action and conversation.

This event is part of the library's on-going Disagree Better series, created to build connection across difference. Learn more and register for the Come to the Table event at [www.mhpl.org/disagree-better](http://www.mhpl.org/disagree-better) or call 608-437-5021. For more information, contact Melissa Roelli, [melissa.roelli@mounthorebwi.info](mailto:melissa.roelli@mounthorebwi.info) or 608-437-9379.

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## Obituary

### Jenny Leah Elmer

August 4, 1936 - June 25, 2026



MOUNT HOREB - Jenny Leah Elmer, age 89, of Mount Horeb, passed away on Thursday, June 25, 2026, surrounded by her family. She was born on August 4, 1936, in Monroe, the daughter of Harvey and Gladys (Freitag) Elmer.

Jenny is survived by her daughters, Heather (Paul)

Kohlwey and Alicia (Marty) Szekeres; grandchildren, Anna Jenny Szekeres and Cole Szekeres; sisters, Marianne Lederman and Dawn Brager; beloved cat, Scooter; and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Harvey Earle Elmer Jr.; sister, Joy Thurston; brothers-in-law, LaVerne Lederman, Mike Thurston and Phil Brager; and the father of her children, Merlin Casey.

In keeping with Jenny's wishes, no services will be held. Online condolences may be made at [www.gundersonfh.com](http://www.gundersonfh.com).

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## Honor Guard steps up to honor vet Halverson



On Thursday, June 18 the local Honor Guard Captain received a call that a family wanted to have military funeral honors for Chuck Halverson, a WWII Veteran the next day. None of the other Honor Guards in the area could perform Funeral Honors on such short notice. Each Veteran and their family deserves to have this final honor for their service so it was very important for Mount Horeb's Combined Honor Guard to provide the final salute to Halverson.

## CRASH

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to authorities at or about 5:49 P.M. on June 22, 2026. The individuals can be identified as: Maxwell J. Parman 21 New Glarus, WI and Adam V. Schultz 44 Barneveld, WI Mr. Parman and Mr. Schultz were pronounced deceased on scene on June 22, 2026. Forensic examinations were completed on June 23, 2026. Preliminary results of the examinations confirm that Mr. Parman and Mr. Schultz died from injuries sustained in the crash. Additional testing is underway at this time. These deaths remain under investigation by the Dane County Sheriff's Office and the Dane County Medical Examiner's Office.

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# COMMUNITY

## Class of 1957 reunites



Thirteen members of Mt. Horeb High School class of 1957 met recently at Spring Garden Restaurant to renew acquaintances and reminisce. Front: Richard Schmid, George Fjelstad, Gary Einerson, Paul Peterson, Tom Maurer; Back: Hannah Mueller Jelle, Joyce Dettwiler Gust, Linda Amacker Gerke, Betty Maurer Glasser, Julie Midthun Vasen, Barbara Gordon Fuerstenberg, Joann Nesheim Thronson. Also attending, Audrey Berg Dietrich.

## ‘We Shall Rise’; Building Unity



On Sunday, June 21 Mount Horeb kicked off the statewide Building Unity Tour, a twenty-week statewide tour promoting peace, justice, sustainability, and democracy. Mount Horeb was the first stop on the Unity Tour, and the first community to create an iconic localized painting on the vehicle. Mount Horeb artists Zoe and Ella Gauger (pictured here with grandparents Steve and Aimee Gauger) chose to paint a troll flying a kite and the message, “We Shall Rise.” The event was organized by the local Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives organization.



# PERSPECTIVE

The increasing need and demand for energy might give Wisconsin a competitive edge in keeping existing employers and recruiting new small and large businesses. We'll need to meet our current challenges efficiently and effectively to seize that opportunity

By Jim Wood

Like most states in the nation, Wisconsin is experiencing an unprecedented rise in consumer demand for energy. More specifically, demand is now projected by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) to increase 14.8% in peak demand over the next three years.

Fortunately, while the current increase in demand may be unprecedented, Wisconsin's utilities and the various regulatory bodies with whom they work anticipated it. They foresaw the growing demand for electricity and the need to significantly expand Wisconsin's access to a broader array of energy generation sources. And they understood that diversifying generation of energy would require major strategic investments in trans-

mission of energy to make sure Wisconsin consumers would have reliable access to the energy they needed, and when and where they needed it as the increase in demand occurred.

As a result, Wisconsin now ranks highly for power grid reliability and general energy accessibility, consistently performing above the national average and ahead of most neighboring states. In 2025, for example, U.S. News ranked Wisconsin 12th in the U.S. for power grid reliability, indicating relatively few and short-duration outages for consumers. Madison Gas and Electric, one of the state's major utilities, recently placed second in the nation (ahead of places like Nashville and Austin) for the fewest number of outages, reinforcing Wisconsin's reputation for dependable service.

So...hats off to the utilities, the regulators, and all the organizations, consumers, construction crews, engineers, analysts, policymakers, elected officials and community leaders who spent the past five years and more making Wisconsin both a reliable supplier of energy for its current consumers and a competitively attractive place for consum-

ers who rely on dependable energy and whom we aim to attract going forward.

As the hats go back on and the applause fades, however, we need to remind ourselves that all that good work got Wisconsin to an enviable and advantageous plateau, not an enduring victory. We need now not to rest on our laurels, but to embrace the reality of another cycle of growing and evolving energy usage and ask ourselves what we learned over the past five years that can help Wisconsin become even more strategic and effective in meeting its energy challenges and opportunities going forward.

We know now, for example, that sustaining reliability for Wisconsin energy consumers will require increased generation of energy here and elsewhere and that accessing that energy will require maintenance and expansion of Wisconsin's transmission lines. The big question we face today is what else did we learn over the past years as we worked our way to the enviable position we now hold that can help us secure an even better future for our people and our state?

At the top of the lessons-learned list is the fact that despite differences of opin-

ion, Wisconsin consumers, utilities, regulators and policymakers managed to address their individual and collective energy concerns and challenges with a commendable level of civility and commonality of purpose. We need to continue this tradition as we take on the challenges and seize the opportunities emerging on Wisconsin's energy horizon as the demand for energy continues to evolve.

A second lesson learned from the past few years is a nagging sense that technological, statutory, informational and attitudinal misalignments kept us from doing better. One wonders, for example, how attuned the regulatory language developed in the 1970s and 1980s is to the scientific and technological breakthroughs that have transpired in the nearly half a century since they were first adopted. On that note, how did we wind up in a situation, on the one hand, where the drive for a cleaner environment fueled a major commitment to develop greater reliance in Wisconsin on alternative energies, and on the other hand, generated prolonged and costly delays in the construction of the transmission lines needed to get that alternatively generated electric-

ity to consumers?

That said, we do need to recognize that meeting all those expectations at this particular juncture in time is a pretty challenging assignment, not just for the utilities, but for all of us. A significant part of the increased demand, for example, will come from large data centers driven by the rising demand in digital and other technological operational needs of the people, employers, health care, public safety, education and other governmental institutions.

We also need to be sensitive to the magnitude of both the challenges and the opportunities we find ourselves facing. On the challenge front, if Wisconsin does not meet this rising energy demand, the communities in it will not be able to retain and recruit the workforce needed to protect and grow economically and enable their communities to thrive. On the opportunity front, if Wisconsin can meet the demand, businesses sensitive to their need for more energy will as a matter of necessity favor markets and states, such as Wisconsin, that currently have a reputation for high-performing, well-regulated energy management and systems.

How well the state's public and private decision-makers and consumers at every level, in every walk of life, meet that increasing demand will determine the economic, social and general well-being of generations of Wisconsinites for decades to come. The most important lesson learned thus far may be that we need now, more than ever, to concentrate our time and energy to understanding each other's concerns and needs more fully so that we can turn the issues that divide us into challenges that unite us.

In order to seize this opportunity to help recruit and retain employers large and small, however, Wisconsin utilities and consumers alike will need to do everything they can to be as cost-efficient and effective as possible in generating, transmitting and utilizing our energy resources so the investments that have to be made *now* to protect and secure energy access in Wisconsin are competitive with the rising demands and costs in other states.

Jim Wood is chair of Wood Communications Group and strategic counsel to Competitive Wisconsin Inc.



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August 12 with their blend of jazz and blues.

“Our mission is to turn Grundahl Park into the biggest dance floor in Mount Horeb; we’re bringing the ska-reggae grooves and high-octane energy!” said TUGG’s Chelsey Vix.

“We’re super excited to have been invited to play!” said BingBong’s Pam Barrett. “We love playing all ages shows. If you you’re a fan of danceable, early ‘80s jangly guitar rock, you’ll like us. AND, little kids love to dance to our music!”

“Madison Mystery Tour is thrilled to bring the music of the Beatles to Mount Horeb on August 5,” said Aviv Kammay. “On the menu are two sets full of classic hits from all the Beatles albums plus select timeless Fab singles!”

“I’m really looking forward to Wednesday Night Live,” added Moses Patrou. “A friend of mine who lives in Mount Horeb has been very gracious in helping bring us out, and it feels special to be part of a series with such a long-standing tradition in the community. We’re excited to come in and present a great night of music.”

“We appreciate you having us, and looking forward to it,” he said.

“Bigtooth is rooted in an appreciation for traditional bluegrass and folk music - this of course includes the music itself, but also values community and shared experience,” added Bigtooth’s Michael Falk. “Wednesday Night Live and the village of Mount Horeb embody these qualities and we could not be more excited to be a part of this special event!”

Over nearly three decades,

Wednesday Night Live has featured well over 100 bands and entertained thousands of audience members. It is, and always has been, a free, grassroots community concert series that has become an iconic part of any Mount Horeb summer for generations of families.

It all started when a local art teacher in Mount Horeb had an idea: She would bring the rich colors and joyous sounds of a vibrant Caribbean festival to the small, Midwestern village she called home.

“The seed of it all was Trinidad, steel drums and children dancing,” reflected that teacher, Sage “Stacy” Lewis, known to some in the community as Ms. Orange, when the series celebrated its 25th season back in 2022.

Lewis took the money raised at that first concert and donated it to found the concert series. She soon

left the community and for many years called Arizona home, but what she started continued to grow and thrive, thanks to the work of countless people who believe the music gives people a well-deserved break from the stresses and perils of the modern world. She recently moved back to Wisconsin.

“This drew the community together,” Lewis said. “I know of no other way to say it.”

The first show, which featured a steel drum band called Od Tapo Imi, took place in 1998.

No one has been involved in as many ways, and for as long, as Charlie Jefko. He is one of the key reasons the concerts have gone on, year after year. For years, Jefko has helped guide and grow the event.

“It’s been just fantastic,” Jefko said. “It’s really become a well-loved thing. I

joke with people that I really do the concerts for myself and everybody else comes.”

Ward Hammond earned a degree in music education and played in the band that started it all, but it was perhaps his role booking other artists that had the largest impact on Wednesday Night Live.

“I tried to pride myself on never repeating a musical style, I wanted to put out as many types of music as possible,” Hammond said during the 25-year anniversary.

“It just had a momentum,” reflected Hammond. “It just happened. It’s become an institution. I don’t think it’s ever going away. It’s a great summer night.”

Over the years, there were lightning storms, floods, heat waves and a variety of other complications. There was, of course, a global pandemic that put the concerts on hold in 2020 when county

health officials banned large gatherings. Once, years earlier, an R&B singer had a heart attack and collapsed on the grass behind the stage. But Mills says some of the obstacles – medical incidents notwithstanding - only served to make special memories. For all the people who made Wednesday Night Live what it is, those memories are the most important thing.

“I was so proud to be able to do that,” Mills said. “To look out over the grass and see so many people having a good time.”

“To me, that’s the most gratifying part,” agreed Jefko. “The most satisfying part. The music is good, I love the music, but to see all those kids running around, and all those families having a good time; I think it’s the best thing that happens in the summer.”

**PLANNING**  
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Ben Vondra, and Peggy Zalucha. Village Planner Sonja Kruesel attended on behalf of Ben Rohr.

In February Dennis Hiorms, owner of Heirloom Craftsman at 212 E. Main Street, applied for an outdoor mural on his building. Due to the zoning code rewrite process as well as the anticipation of a Public Art Ordinance added to the code, there was a four-month delay in addressing Hiorms application. As previously

reported, the Public Art Ordinance was not approved, so commercial art projects are subject to design review by the Plan Commission rather than by village staff. Kruesel reported murals are not subject to zoning codes. Hiorms’ request was unanimously approved. Hiorms posted a picture of his new painted mural on the building the following day.

Chad Wuebben, Encore Homes, presented the Specific Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Brookstone South, LLC twenty-one single family homes pocket neighborhood condominium development. The General Development Plan (GDP) was approved by both the PC and Village Board in January. Rohr reviewed the

SIP, making note the previously discussed issues by the PC for the GDP were fully addressed by the developer, such as a one-way street throughout the development, waiving the bicycle rack requirement due to each home having a two-car attached garage, and allowing for no landscaping at the foundation of each home due to the approved twelve-foot distance between homes.

The lighting plan was not addressed in the SIP. Wuebben explained there will be no streetlights, yet each home will include the usual front door and garage lights, ensuring they do not produce glare or point toward other homes. Per Wuebben, both the fire and police departments approved the lack

of streetlights for the circular drive.

When discussing potential changes to the front-loading garages, Wuebben said, “My overriding goal is to get families into houses” that are affordable. Adding a potential larger front entrance sidewalk and/or pergola adds to the cost. The PC members suggested adding windows or decorative hardware to the garage doors to add a variance to the appearance of the development. Wuebben agreed.

The PC also discussed having a durable product, such as brick or stone, to the front façade. Wuebben and commission members felt changing from vinyl siding, as presented, to a smart side durable product at a minimum for the front façade, and possibly the entire home, will add to the attractiveness and longevity of the exterior of the homes.

The PC unanimously ap-

proved a recommendation to the Village Board at its July 8 meeting. (Note usual meeting date is on the first Wednesday of the month and was changed to the second Wednesday in July due to a lack of a quorum because of the holiday.)

The final agenda item regarding the Brookstone South, LLC development was consideration of recommending a modification to the previously approved Certified Survey Map (CSM). The modification included extra footage to each lot parameter, allowing for a garden or shrub/tree plantings. This change has no bearing on the planned parkland for the development. The CSM was unanimously approved for recommendation to the Village Board.

Hidden Ridge Neighborhood developer Brian

Durtschi brought forward a request for a land swap with the Village. The request was presented already to the Parks and Rec committee which is recommending the swap to the Village Board at the July 8 meeting. The request is to swap about .27 acres of village owned land for 75 feet from the backyard of three lots proposed on Michele Street. The three-lot area directly abuts to Jaycee Park and would become part of the park, should the Village opt to dedicate it as parkland. The reason for the request is to use the current village-owned land for stormwater purposes for potential development. The PC unanimously approved recommendation of the swap to the upcoming Village Board meeting.

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# SPORTS

## Mount Horeb's 'Great 8' honored

### Softball stars named all-Badger Small

by ROB REISCHEL  
Sports Editor

It was another memorable season for Mount Horeb's girls softball team, which won a school record 26 games and reached a WIAA Division 2 sectional final.

And the Vikings were justly rewarded as eight players were named to the all-Badger Small Conference team.

Senior left fielder Delaina Nicewander, junior center fielder/pitcher Jozie Clifton, junior third baseman Elaina Imbus, and sophomore pitcher Ella Baber were all named first-team all-conference. Junior first baseman Claire Casey and sophomore shortstop Lauren Mester were named second-team all-league, while sophomore second base-man Emily Wittenwyler and senior catcher Sonja Schreiber were named honorable-mention all-conference.

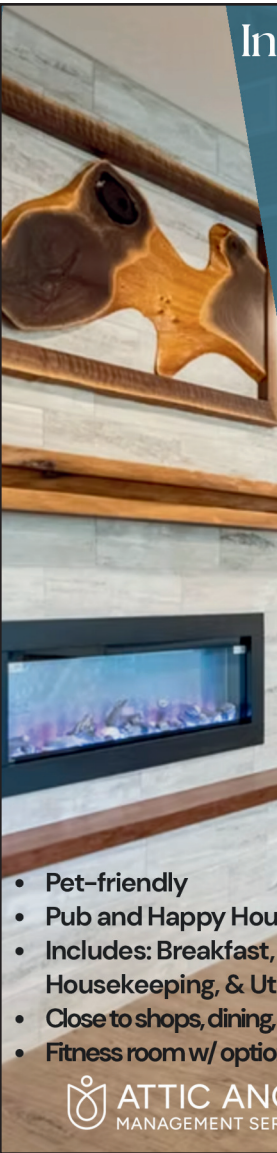
In addition, Nicewander was named honorable-mention all-state in Division 2.

Nicewander led the Vi-

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Mount Horeb's Ella Baber was named first-team all-Badger Small Conference. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



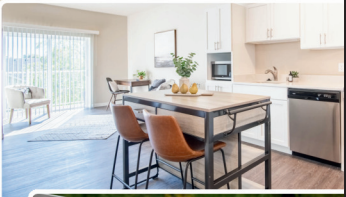
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## WIAA approves limited use of shot clock next season

by ROB REISCHEL  
Sports Editor

Sisyphus finally got the boulder up the hill.

Now, we'll see if he can keep it there.

After years and years of trying, Wisconsin took a major step last week towards permanently implementing a shot clock in high school basketball.

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's Board of Control approved the use of a 35-shot clock for boys and girls varsity basketball for non-conference games in the 2026-27 season if there is mutual agreement between the teams.

The Board also approved a measure to discuss fully implementing a 35-second shot clock for the 2028-29 season to the WIAA mem-

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Mount Horeb boys basketball coach Todd Nesheim (right) would prefer not having a shot clock in the high school game. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld





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kings with 23 RBIs in conference games, three home runs and five doubles. She also batted .458, tied for third on the team with 22 hits and scored 20 runs.

“Delaina played amazing outfield all year long and was one of the top power hitters in the conference,” Mount Horeb manager Jeramie Holman said. “She also hit for a high average and only had two strikeouts all year.”

Clifton was second on the team with a .472 batting average and led the Vikings with 25 hits. Clifton also scored 19 runs, had two doubles and a triple.

“Jozie was one of the best leadoff hitters in the con-

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From top, Mount Horeb’s Elaina Imbus, Jozie Clifton and Delaina Nicewander were each named first-team all-Badger Small Conference. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

All-Badger Small  
Conference Softball

First Team

| Name               | School        | Year |
|--------------------|---------------|------|
| Jozie Clifton      | Mount Horeb   | 11   |
| Elaina Imbus       | Mount Horeb   | 11   |
| Ella Baber         | Mount Horeb   | 10   |
| Delaina Nicewander | Mount Horeb   | 12   |
| Abby Hamm          | Edgewood      | 12   |
| Claire Geisler     | Edgewood      | 10   |
| Kinley Wargolet    | Fort Atkinson | 10   |
| Anna Considine     | Portage       | 9    |
| * Cara Link        | Stoughton     | 11   |
| * Madelyn Barsness | Stoughton     | 11   |
| Emily Matheny      | Stoughton     | 11   |
| Camille Buell      | Stoughton     | 11   |
| * — Unanimous      |               |      |

PITCHER OF THE YEAR: Madelyn Barsness, Stoughton

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Cara Link, Stoughton  
COACH OF THE YEAR: Cassie Bonde, Stoughton

Second Team

| Name             | School        | Year |
|------------------|---------------|------|
| Grace Healy      | Edgewood      | 12   |
| Kendall Ritchie  | Edgewood      | 11   |
| Mia Bilau        | Fort Atkinson | 11   |
| Olivia Knickrehm | Fort Atkinson | 10   |
| Ella Schuchardt  | McFarland     | 12   |
| Lauren Mester    | Mount Horeb   | 10   |
| Claire Casey     | Mount Horeb   | 11   |
| Brynn Langan     | Portage       | 12   |
| Trinity Williams | Portage       | 12   |
| Cheyenne Raupp   | Reedsburg     | 12   |
| Gianna Pipitone  | Sauk Prairie  | 10   |
| Chloe Buell      | Stoughton     | 11   |

Honorable Mention

Edgewood: Katie Pomraning, Abby Becker  
Fort Atkinson: Sawyer Guth, Tianna Kostrowski  
McFarland: Avery Schuchardt, Delaney Tauferner  
Mount Horeb: Emily Wittenwyler, Sonja Schreiber  
Portage: Alana Brandsma, Matilynn Holtan  
Reedsburg: Olivia Renneberg, Lucy Klemp  
Sauk Prairie: Tenley Enke  
Stoughton: Madyson Verville, Raelyn Coon

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Clockwise from top left, Mount Horeb’s Lauren Mester and Claire Casey were named second-team all-Badger Small Conference, while Emily Wittenwyler and Sonja Schreiber were named honorable-mention all-conference. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

SOFTBALL

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ference this year,” Holman said. “She was also one of the best centerfielders, had big-time assists from the outfield and was one of our team leaders in hits and average.”

Imbus led Mount Horeb with a .490 batting aver-

age and was second on the team with 24 hits. She also scored 16 runs and had three doubles.

“Elaina was one of the best defenders at third base and had only two strikeouts all year,” Holman said. “She was a very tough out in the conference all year long.”

Baber had a magnificent season in the circle, going 11-0 in conference games

with a 2.18 ERA while recording 108 strikeouts.

“Ella was one of the top pitchers in the conference and had only one loss the entire season which came in a sectional finals,” Holman said of Baber. “She was also in the top of the conference in strikeouts and ERA.”

Mester had a terrific season at the plate and in the field. She batted .415 with

22 hits, two doubles, one triple and didn’t have an error in conference games.

“Lauren was the best shortstops in the conference,” Holman said. “She had zero errors all year long and hit over .400. She is a very sound player.”

Casey batted .400 in conference games with 18 hits, one double and a triple.

“Claire played a solid first

base and hit .400 in conference games,” Holman said. “She also came up with some very clutch hits for us this year.”

Wittenwyler batted .372 with 16 hits, two doubles and a triple in conference games.

“Emily was one of the best second basemen in the conference this year, hit for a high average and brought

some speed to the team,” Holman said.

Schreiber batted .311 with 14 hits and three doubles in league games.

“Sonja was very solid behind the plate,” Holman said. “She threw runners out consistently and hit over 300 for us and did a great job all year.”









Photos submitted

### Lacrosse standouts honored

The Verona/Mount Horeb co-op girls lacrosse team had 10 players named all-Badger Conference. The Wildcats’ first-team selections were senior midfielder Samantha Genin (top), senior goalie Emma Yeager (above), junior attacker Ava Anderson, sophomore midfielder Elliot Schultz, and senior defenders Taylor Pettit and Maria Roemer. Genin was also named the league’s co-Player of the Year and was a unanimous first-team all-conference selection, while Anderson and Yeager were unanimous all-conference picks. Freshman Rae Olson and sophomore Maecie Kohl were both named second-team all-conference. Junior attacker Zoe Engelke and senior attacker Audrey Duffy were both named honorable-mention all-conference. V/MH’s Brian Feller was also named the league’s Coach of the Year.

### All-Badger Conference Girls Lacrosse

#### First Team

##### ATTACK

| Name              | School    | Year |
|-------------------|-----------|------|
| * Sophia Eisele   | Middleton | 12   |
| * Hazel Rothering | Oregon    | 11   |
| * Ava Anderson    | Verona    | 11   |
| * Ava Puls        | Waunakee  | 11   |

##### MIDFIELD

|                   |            |    |
|-------------------|------------|----|
| * Giselle Lindert | Edgewood   | 12 |
| Harper Steuck     | Janesville | 9  |
| * Sera Lisowski   | Oregon     | 11 |
| * Samantha Genin  | Verona     | 12 |
| Elliot Schultz    | Verona     | 10 |
| * Isabel Hurd     | Waunakee   | 11 |

##### DEFENSE

|                |             |    |
|----------------|-------------|----|
| Karina Ledesma | Middleton   | 12 |
| * Livey Vondra | Oregon      | 12 |
| McKinley Carr  | Sun Prairie | 9  |
| Taylor Pettit  | Verona      | 12 |
| Maria Roemer   | Verona      | 12 |

##### GOALIE

|                                                                             |        |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----|
| * Emma Yeager                                                               | Verona | 12 |
| CO-PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Samantha Genin, Verona and Giselle Lindert, Edgewood |        |    |
| COACH OF THE YEAR: Brian Feller, Verona                                     |        |    |

#### Second Team

##### ATTACK

|                 |            |    |
|-----------------|------------|----|
| Addie Kennedy   | Janesville | 10 |
| Olivia Leslie   | Middleton  | 12 |
| Violet May      | Oregon     | 10 |
| Danica Matthews | Waunakee   | 10 |

##### MIDFIELD

|                |           |    |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Bre Sweeney    | Edgewood  | 11 |
| Reese Parsons  | Edgewood  | 9  |
| Grace Metz     | Middleton | 10 |
| Taylor McMerty | Oregon    | 10 |
| Rae Olson      | Verona    | 9  |
| Grace Raemisch | Waunakee  | 11 |

##### DEFENSE

|             |          |    |
|-------------|----------|----|
| Zoe Plummer | Edgewood | 12 |
| Maddie Gill | Oregon   | 9  |
| Maecie Kohl | Verona   | 10 |
| Alex Manno  | Waunakee | 12 |

##### GOALIE

|           |        |    |
|-----------|--------|----|
| Sam Siget | Oregon | 12 |
|-----------|--------|----|

#### Honorable Mention

**DeForest:** Brenly Schoenemann, Melanie Lamberty  
**Edgewood:** Charlotte Isenbarger, Kaiya Mack  
**Janesville:** Eden Dunn, Lina Kammeraad  
**Middleton:** Eloise Wilde, Addie Dorn  
**Oregon:** Elise Schuman, Peyton Longley  
**Sun Prairie:** Kennedy Carr, Mya Hehenberger  
**Verona:** Zoe Engelke, Audrey Duffy  
**Waunakee:** Adeline Goepfert, June Kierce

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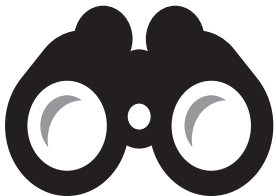


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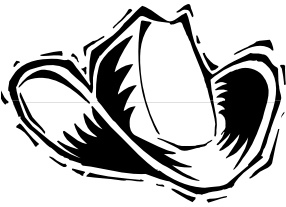
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**VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB PUBLIC HEARING JULY 22, 2026**

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

The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application from Community Developers Inc, for the creation of a 26-lot single-family subdivision. The application includes a zoning change from A-1 Agriculture to SF-2 Single-Family Residential described as parcel 0606-121-3205-1.

The Village Board, by its Plan Commission will hear all persons concerning all matters and/or objections written or oral at that time.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Perry will hold a Public Hearing to consider action on a petition submitted by Terry Miller to discontinue an unpaved alley described as follows:

Grove St, approx. 50 ft wide by 68.7 ft long, lying north of Clay Hill Rd.

Grove St, lying north of Sunset Ave and south of Clay Hill Rd, along the west side of Block 2 of Goli Addition.

Alley between Lot 11 and Lot 1, approx. 16.4 ft wide by 73 ft long, lying north of Sunset Ave.

The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 PM, prior to the monthly Town Board meeting, at the Perry Town Hall.

Stephanie Zwettler, Clerk/Treasurer [clerk@tn.perry.wi.gov](mailto:clerk@tn.perry.wi.gov)

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**VILLAGE OF MT. HOREB ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

The following applications for license renewal will be considered at the Village Board meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2026:

CLASS "A" LIQUOR  
Melrose on Main, LLC;  
Kristen Dresen, Agent  
Melrose on Main, 400 E Main Street

COMBINATION "CLASS B" BEER & LIQUOR  
Hospitality Hero; Guy Evans III, Agent  
The Viking Bar & Grill, 120 E Main Street

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**TOWN OF PERRY NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, July 14, 2026 Perry Town Hall 10084 County Highway A 7:00 PM PETITION TO DISCONTINUE PART OF JOSEPHSON ROAD**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Perry will hold a Public Hearing to consider action on a petition submitted by Ron Josephson to discontinue part of Josephson Road located at 9835 County Rd A.

Description: The westerly 450 feet of Josephson Road.

The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 PM, prior to the monthly Town Board meeting, at the Perry Town Hall.

Stephanie Zwettler Clerk/Treasurer [clerk@tn.perry.wi.gov](mailto:clerk@tn.perry.wi.gov)

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**ADVERTISEMENT TO BID VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB MOUNT HOREB, WISCONSIN STEWART PARK FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT CONTRACT 1-2026**

The Village of Mount Horeb (OWNER) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:  
Stewart Park Force Main Replacement Contract 1-2026

Electronic Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by OWNER until July 9, 2026, at 11 A.M., local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly downloaded and read aloud via teleconference. The login information for the teleconference is as follows: (309) 205-3325, Conference ID 925 0621 6689.

The Project includes the following Work: Installing a new 6-IN sanitary sewer force main to replace the existing 4-IN force main that connects the Stewart Park east and west lift stations. The project includes two alternatives: one for horizontal directional drilling and one for open cut installation of approximately 1,700 LF of force main. Other work included in the project is rock removal, asphalt paving, gravel path restoration, bypass pumping and erosion control.

Complete digital Project Bidding Documents are available at [www.strand.com](http://www.strand.com) or at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Download the digital Bidding Documents for \$75 by inputting Quest project number 10250429 on the website's project search page. Please contact [QuestCDN.com](mailto:QuestCDN.com) at (952) 233 1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance with free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital Project information.

For this Project, Bids will ONLY be received and accepted via the online electronic Bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Form, download the Project Documents and click the Online Bidding button.

The Issuing Office is Strand Associates, Inc.®, 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715.

All Bidders submitting a sealed Bid shall obtain the Bidding Documents from QuestCDN.com.

Bidders who submit a Bid must be a Plan Holder of record at the Issuing Office. Bids from Bidders who are not on the Plan Holders List may be returned as not being responsive.

The Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to OWNER in an amount of 10% of the Bidder's maximum Bid price.

The Village of Mount Horeb reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 85 days after the time set for receiving Bids.

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The Strand Associates, Inc.® project manager is Cody L. Esposito, P.E. and can be contacted at Strand Associates, Inc.®, 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715, (608) 251 4843, regarding the Project.

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Busy times!

Mount Horeb’s boys basketball team has had a busy summer, including competing in the 20th annual Middleton Cardinal Classic recently.

Verona defeated Waunakee to win the championship of that tournament.

“We have yet to play with a full roster,” Mount Horeb coach Todd Nesheim said. “More than any other year, we have been matched up with big schools and good programs.

“We have had games against Sun Prairie West (twice), Sun Prairie East, Middleton, Arrowhead, Pewaukee, (Milwaukee) Pius, Port Washington, Franklin, Monona Grove, Verona and Janesville Craig to name a few. We are playing with some guys trying to find their way into our lineup so it’s been good in a way, but not in terms of wins and losses. I expect that to come in November.”

Clockwise from top are Mount Horeb players Aidan Aeschlimann, Alex Champan, Haiden Jeglum and Everett Boatman.

