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Blue Mounds holds first Dream Makers Market

Event brings
together small
business
owners

By ABIGAIL KARBUSICKY
Mount Horeb Mail

The Village of Blue Mounds had its first night market organized by Dream Makers Market on June 28, a group that brings small business owners together for markets around south central Wisconsin.

Nearly 30 gathered in Mounds Park Sunday night for a market with vendors selling baked goods, home-made crafts, woodwork and more, along with food trucks and live music at the park.

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Fun reggae show kicked off Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday Night Live began 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. on Wednesdays. “The first show of the 2026 WNL season was a great success featuring TUGG from LaCrosse!” said organizer Mandy Potter. “Attendance was high and had an energetic vibe, despite the impending rainy forecast!” Photo by Ron Lutz II.

With Altenbernd now at the helm, village board tackles array of issues

By CATHY SCOTT
Mount Horeb Mail

President Ryan Czyzewski called the July 8 Village Board meeting to order with all members except Ben Jones, present. Also in attendance were Gabe Altenbernd, Jon Hochkammer and Bryan Kleinmaier, Village attorney.

Resident Steven Sopcak

spoke regarding a non-agenda item to question why the Village did not consider improvements to the many existing park facilities rather than developing the acreage (46 acres) earmarked for an outdoor recreation center at the Lukken property. He compared the number of park facilities in Verona, Middleton, Cross

Plains, and Mount Horeb with each community’s population. Sopcak said Mount Horeb has more facilities than Middleton and is tied with Verona, both of which have a larger population. If the Lukken property is developed as planned, Mount Horeb will exceed the facilities in the other more populated communities, he said,

saying, Why are two fields for football, baseball, soccer needed? Could consideration be given to a baseball field and a multi-purpose field, leaving the balance of the acreage as a prairie and, if needed in the future, then developing additional fields?

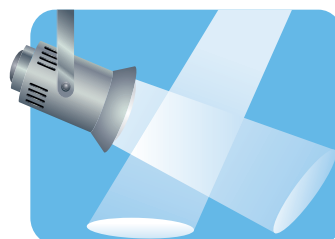
Sopcak said, “I think we are moving too fast.”

Sopcak’s second concern is the future cost of maintenance, asking if funds for that will be raised in addition to the \$6.5 million on tap to be raised for roughly half of the cost for the development. Lastly, Sopcak opined that since Mount Horeb is the troll capital of the world,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lions Club works to Stuff the Bus

The Mt. Horeb Lions Club would like to invite the community to help them “Stuff the Bus” with school supplies on Saturday, July 25th from 10am to 2 pm in the parking lot of Miller and Sons Supermarket.

Donations of new school items as well as monetary donations are welcome.

All donated supplies remain in the Mt. Horeb Area School District. Monetary donations are used to buy additional supplies or given to the district to purchase items for students throughout the year.

These donations help to make a difference in the lives of our local children and will give them the jump-start they need to be successful in school. The goal is to see that children in need have the tools necessary for them to be ready and confident on their first day of school.

All net proceeds collected from the sale of Brats in the Lot, as well as any cash donations, go towards the Stuff the Bus service project.

Mark Saturday, July 25th on your calendars, bring your school supply donations to Miller and Sons parking lot, buy some brats, and help the Mt. Horeb Lions Stuff the Bus with school supplies.

Local blood drive July 24

Donated blood is a lifesaving gift most healthy people can give. The community is encouraged to donate blood at any of the following locations to help those who have been seriously injured and need blood products to help them recover. It’s the blood already on the shelves that helps save lives.

Friday, July 24
11:00 – 3:00 pm
Life Church
2770 Brandywein Tr
Give blood July 13 to 31 for a Fandango Movie Reward by email to see a movie on us! rcblood.org/July

Every day, the American Red Cross must collect about 12,000 blood donations to meet the needs of trauma patients and others with serious medical conditions. While all blood types are needed, type O negative donors are especially important. Because it is the universal blood type and can be transfused to patients of any blood type, type O negative blood is what emergency personnel reach for when there is no time to determine the blood type of patients in the most serious situations.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Completion of a RapidPass® online health history questionnaire is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Police to host National Night Out event

On August 5 (5:30-7:30 p.m.) the Mount Horeb Police Department is hosting its annual National Night Out event. The event will be at Grundahl Park, across from the Mount Horeb Public Safety building. This is a great opportunity for members of the community to meet with various public safety resources within the Dane county area. All are welcome to attend to enjoy some free food, K9 and UW Med Flight helicopter demonstrations, bouncy house, petting zoo, and dunk tank.

Library event to address mental health issues

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 or call 608-437-5021. For more information, contact Melissa Roelli, melissa.roelli@mounthorebwi.info or 608-437-9379.

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Art Fair returns this weekend

One of southern Wisconsin’s favorite summer traditions returns to downtown Mount Horeb on Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19, as the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes visitors to the 2026 Mount Horeb Art Fair.

Now in its 55th year, the juried Art Fair will feature more than 160 artists and makers from across the Midwest, transforming historic Main Street into an outdoor gallery filled with fine art, handcrafted goods, demonstrations, live music, delicious food, and small-town charm. Visitors can browse a wide variety of artwork including painting, pottery, jewelry, woodworking, photography, fiber arts, glass, sculpture, metalwork, and more while exploring Mount Horeb’s unique boutiques, restaurants, and famous trolls.

“This weekend is one of the highlights of the year in Mount Horeb,” said Allison Plumer, President & CEO of the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce. “The Art Fair showcases incredible artists while celebrating everything that makes our community spe-

cial—our welcoming downtown, local businesses, vibrant arts scene, and Norwegian heritage. Whether you’re looking for a one-of-a-kind piece of art or simply a fun summer day trip, there’s something for everyone.”

Leading up to the event, the Chamber will be highlighting participating artists daily on its social media channels, giving visitors a preview of the talented exhibitors they can meet during the Art Fair. The Mount Horeb Art Fair has become a destination event, attracting thousands of visitors each year from throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest. The event not only celebrates creativity but also provides significant economic benefits to local businesses and artists. Admission is free, making it the perfect summer weekend outing for families, art enthusiasts, and anyone looking to experience the charm of one of Wisconsin’s most distinctive communities.

For event details, exhibitor spotlights, entertainment schedules, parking information, and more, visit MountHorebChamber.com or follow the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook.

Dates: Saturday, July 18 & Sunday, July 19, 2026
Location: Historic Downtown Mount Horeb, Wisconsin

Admission: Free

Features: 160-plus juried artists, live music, food, family activities, online silent auction, and downtown shopping.

Library offers array of programs for youth

LEGO CONTEST*

Thursday, July 16, 1-3:30 pm Bring your own construction blocks and be creative! Three age groups: 6 & under, 7-9, 10 & up. Please complete this form to sign up (registration opens June 8).

Please plan to bring your own construction blocks and be creative! Participants must build individually in their allotted space.

T. REX TEA PARTY

Saturday, July 18, 10:30

am

Sip, snack, and roar together at this special family storytime. Come with pinkies up in your fanciest dino duds.

FAMILY YOGA

Mondays July 20 & August 10, 6-6:30 pm

Enjoy a relaxing, 30-minute family yoga session, led by instructor LeeAnn Jakel. All ages welcome. We’ll meet on the library lawn, weather permitting. Please bring a yoga mat or a towel

if you would like to use one.

CIRCUS SPARK

Wednesday, July 22, 10:30 am

Madison Circus Entertainment will share their highenergy show with juggling, hula hoops, acrobatics! Stick around after the performance for a Circus Try-It session: participants can try juggling, hoops, and other beginner-friendly circus skills.

CUENTOS Y CANCIONES

Friday July 24 @ 10 am

Join Mr. Ricardo for Spanish storytime an event where kiddos and caregivers can participate in interactive activities such as, music and songs; finger play and bounces; rhythms and rhymes; puppets and more. This event is designed for ages 3 - 6, but all are welcome. No registration. Siblings and childcare groups are welcome.



Thanks to everyone who participated in our Star-Spangled 4th of July Giveaway contest.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

Susan Hefty, Mount Horeb
Gary Itten, Cross Plains
Pat MacLean, Blue Mounds

Each will receive a \$30 gift certificate redeemable at our participating businesses.



COMMUNITY

Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Ribbon Cutting for Vintage & Estate

The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated Friday Vintage & Estate with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, officially welcoming the business to the Chamber and the Mount Horeb business community.

Vintage & Estate offers a thoughtfully curated collection of vintage and antique pieces, estate items, home décor, jewelry and one-of-a-kind treasures. The shop gives customers the opportunity to browse unique finds and discover pieces with history, character and charm.

Chamber representatives, community members, friends and fellow business owners gathered to congratulate the Vintage & Estate team and celebrate the new business. Guests were also treated to delicious cookies and refreshing lemonade provided by Little Yellow Cottage Bakery.

The ribbon cutting recognized Vintage & Estate's opening and celebrated another distinctive addition to Mount Horeb's local shopping scene. Community members and visitors are encouraged to stop in, explore the shop and welcome Vintage & Estate to the Trolleyway.



American Legion Auxiliary honor nation's 250th birthday by donating essential items to Madison VA Homeless Program & Veterans with Newly Secured Housing

In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America the Mount Horeb American Legion Auxiliary Unit 113 was proud to launch a community donation drive to support local veterans in need and to help make a meaningful difference in the lives of the veterans who have served this country. Their goal was to collect 250 essential items and donate to the Madison VA Homeless Program & Veterans with Newly Secured Housing.

They said: "Thanks to the incredible generosity and support of our community, we far exceeded that goal and collected 549 donations!! Every item is a reminder that our veterans are not forgotten. To those who donated, thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of those who have served our country! Thank you for helping us give back to those who have given so much."



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Obituary

Duane Allen Kittleson



FENNIMORE – Duane Allen Kittleson (DAK), 81, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2026, in Fennimore, Wisconsin.

Duane was born on May 29, 1945, in Madison, Wisconsin to Sanford and Nina Kittleson. He was raised in Mt. Vernon, graduated from Mt. Horeb High School with the Class of 1963, and began a life defined by hard work and a drive to succeed.

On October 15, 1965, Duane married the love of his life, Linda Bruflat in Mt. Horeb, WI. Together they shared a devoted marriage

built on love, partnership, and family.

In his early years, Duane trained and became a journeyman sheet metal worker in Madison. After gaining experience in the trade, he founded Barneveld Heating while also operating a beef farm in Barneveld with Linda. These ventures reflected his entrepreneurial spirit and strong work ethic, qualities that would remain with him throughout his life.

In 1981, Duane moved the family to Florida and would travel back to Wisconsin for business. He earned his real estate broker license and also trained as an Auctioneer and formed Florida Auctioneer Associates in the 1980s. In 1987 the family moved back to Wisconsin settling in Grant County on a farm near Mt. Hope. In 1999, Duane and Linda moved to Fennimore, and he called

that home for the remainder of his life.

The late 1970s brought what would grow into Duane’s life calling—developing affordable housing for elderly and low-income families. Over the following decades, his work expanded throughout Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois, positively impacting thousands of residents.

That vision led to the founding of DAK Management Co., Inc. in 1986. Under Duane’s leadership, the company grew from a single idea into an organization devoted to the development, ownership, and management of affordable housing. While he took great pride in the buildings themselves, he was most proud of the opportunities they created and the lives they touched.

Duane pursued many

interests in life; he began playing guitar as a young teenager and that passion was continued throughout his life. He also earned his pilot’s license as a young man and enjoyed flying his red Cessna Cardinal for many years.

Duane enjoyed cars and spent his later years building a collection of his favorites that included classics and muscle cars he could show, drive, and “just sit and look at”.

For many years Duane and Linda enjoyed camping, antiques, and wintering at their house in St. Augustine, Florida until his health issues prevented travel.

Though Duane’s life has come to a close, his legacy lives on in the communities he built, the family he cherished, and the many lives he touched through his determination and unwaver-

ing belief that everyone deserves a place to call home.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents, Sanford and Nina Kittleson. His father, Sanford, passed away in 1952 when Duane was just 6 years old. Losing his father at such a young age had a profound impact on Duane, and throughout his life he often reflected on that loss and the influence it had on him. His mother, Nina, passed away in 2001. He was also preceded in death by his parents-in-law, Amos and Irene Bruflat.

Duane is survived by his beloved wife of more than 60 years, Linda Kittleson; his son, Ty Kittleson (Kerrie); his daughter, Kari Addison (Chad); his grandchildren, Brooke Winkler (Chett), Emma Waller (Jakob), Chace Addison, and Tanner Kittleson; new great grandchild, Valerie

Winkler; along with many extended family members, dear friends, employees, and business associates.

A Funeral Service will be held at 12 noon on Thursday July 16, 2026, at the Larson Family Funeral Home in Fennimore. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday, at the funeral home. A luncheon will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at The Fenway House in Fennimore. A private family burial will take place at Hillside Cemetery in Lancaster, Wisconsin. For online condolences, please visit: www.larsonfuneralhomes.com.

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Dream Makers Market will continue in Blue Mounds through September, and is always the fourth Sunday of the month from 4 to 7 p.m. at Mounds Park. Photos by Abigail Karbusicky.

MARKET

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Krisann Hopwood is a small business owner in Mount Horeb, and last year was working with a friend to find local markets she could

be a part of. Hopwood is a sewist and said she wasn’t qualified for several vendor markets since her products aren’t farm to table.

So she decided to start her own. Hopwood worked with a group of small business

owners to approach Pine Bluff, Barneveld and Blue Mounds about hosting vendor markets, called Dream Makers Market.

All boards agreed, and the first one was launched in Blue Mounds on June 28.

Despite it being a rainy day, Hopwood counted between 250 to 300 people that came through

“Last night was absolutely everything we hoped it would be,” Hopwood told the *Mount Horeb Mail* in an

interview the day after the market.

“It’s been just a whirlwind of joy and excitement,” Hopwood added. She said she’s seen so much enthusiasm in communities about Dream Makers Market events.

Dream Makers Market will continue in Blue Mounds through September, and is always the fourth Sunday of the month from 4 to 7 p.m. at Mounds Park.

Police Report

APRIL

911 Disconnect – 20

911 Open Line Count – 1

Accidents – 5

- Accident – 2
- Hit & Run - 2
- Accident w/Injuries - 1

Alarm – 3

Animal Complaint Disturbance - 1

Animal Complaint Stray – 6

Assist Citizen – 17

Assist Citizen – Vehicle Unlock - 5

Assist DCSO – 30

Assist Fire/Police – 6

Assist Other Agency - 1

Check Person - 17

Check Property – 72

Civil Dispute – 1

- A resident called stating that he needed to return a company truck, but was uncomfortable with that due to him no longer being employed with the company. An officer stood by while the business owner went and picked up the vehicle. No issues were observed.

Damage Property Complaint – 1

- A report of a street sign that was possibly struck and leaning in to an intersection was called in to the police department. Upon checking, there were no obvious signs of the pole being struck. Public Works was contacted.

Disabled Vehicle - 4

Disturbance Call – 1

- Officers were dispatched to the report of a disturbance between and boyfriend and girlfriend. After investigating, it was determined that the arrest criteria for a domestic was not met. Both parties agreed to separate for the night. A charge of Criminal Damage to Property was referred to the Dane County District Attorney’s Office for their

review

Domestic/Family Trouble – 2

- Police were dispatched to a local restaurant for a past disturbance. Upon contact with the victim, the officer noted multiple scratches/cut marks on the victims face. Contact was made with the suspect, who reported that during the incident he was intoxicated and did not remember parts of the incident. The suspect was arrested for Simple Battery and Disorderly Conduct and booked in to the Dane County Jail.
- Police were dispatched to a residence for the report of a domestic disturbance involving a gun. The suspect in this case voluntarily came outside for officers. The firearm was seized along with other firearms in the home. The suspect was arrested on numerous related charges and booked into the Dane County Jail.

Drug Incident – 2

- A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle for equipment violations. Upon contact, the officer noted the strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A probable cause search was conducted which resulted in finding THC and paraphernalia. The driver was issued warnings for all violations.
- Officers were dispatched to a residence for the report of the homeowner finding drugs and paraphernalia in a family members room. The family member was currently attending rehab for drug addiction. The reporting party had noticed a change in the behavior of the family member, and searched their room finding multiple drugs and paraphernalia. All items were taken and destroyed

per the request of the reporting party.

EMS Assist – 46

Follow Up - 3

Foot Patrol/Check Property -39

Found Property – 1

Fraud – 4

- A report of a fraud was called in to the police department where the reporting party sent money over Apple Pay. The reporting party became suspicious and immediately contacted her bank. The reporting party is currently working with the banks fraud department to work on reimbursement.
- A citizen called to report an identity theft. While in contact with the reporting party, it was found that he lived outside of the police department’s jurisdiction. This case was passed on to the Dane County Sheriff’s Office.
- A resident called to report that there were 3 charges on her credit card that she did not make. The reporting party was able to contact her banks fraud department, who is working with her regarding the charges. This case is inactive, as the reporting party is working on getting her money back.
- Officers took a report of a credit card fraud. At the time of this report, the victim is waiting for confirmation that the money will be returned based on their fraud protection.

Information – 29

Juvenile Complaint – 3

- Two juveniles approached a police officer to report an incident at McDonald’s with a manager. The juveniles gave their side of the story as to what took place while at the restaurant. Contact was made with the manager, whose story differed. The manager explained that the juveniles could come back, but only if they were customers and behaved.

- Officers were dispatched to a residence for a juvenile that was out of control. The juvenile was ultimately taken to the Juvenile Retention Center
- Contact was made with two young juveniles that were playing around a storage area. Both juveniles knew the owner of the property and were educated on respecting private property.

Local Ordinance Violation - 1

Missing Adult – 1

- A residential facility called in to report a resident was not on premise. Staff believed the missing person snuck out to buy cigarettes. An officer observed a person matching the description of the missing adult. The facility was called, who came and picked up the missing adult.

Monitoring /Extra Patrol – 2

Neighbor Trouble – 1

- Police were dispatched to a residence for the report of neighbor issues. Contact was made with all parties involved who were counseled on how to handle issues like this in the future.

Noise Complaint – 1

OMVWI Arrest / Intoxicated Driver – 6

- While on routine patrol, an officer observed a vehicle commit multiple traffic violations. Contact was made at the vehicle where the officer observed opened bottles of beer on the passenger floorboard. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were conducted. The driver was arrested for Operating While Under the Influence (1st), Operating with a PAC (1st) and cited for Deviation from Designated Lane, Operating w/o a Valid License and Failure to Maintain High Mounted Stop Lamps. After processing, the driver was released

to a responsible party.

- Dispatch aired a traffic complaint of a semi all over the road and at varying speeds. The semi was located and showed very erratic driving behaviors. The driver was arrested for OWI and processed at the Iowa County Jail.
- An officer was flagged down by a citizen who reported seeing a female passed out and slumped over the steering wheel. Upon arrival, the female attempted to drive way. A traffic stop was conducted and standardized field sobriety test were completed. The driver was arrested for Operating While Under the Influence (3rd offense) After the booking process, the driver was released to a responsible party.
- An officer observed vehicle all over the road and unable to maintain the lane of travel. A traffic stop was conducted where the driver showed signs of impairment. The driver refused to conduct field sobriety test. A search warrant for a blood draw was obtained. The driver was arrested for Operating While Under the Influence, and cited for Deviation from Designated Lane, and Operate a Motor Vehicle W/O Proof of Insurance.
- A traffic stop was conducted for failure to stop a stop sign, which led to an arrest for an OWI. Upon contact with the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, the officer noted the moderate odor of intoxicants emitting from the subject. The driver admitted to be coming from a bar, and stated he had been drinking. The driver refused to conduct Standardized Field Sobriety Test. A search warrant for a legal blood draw was obtained. The driver was transported to a local hospital for a legal

blood draw and then booked in to the Dane County Jail for Operating While Under the Influence.

- An officer was dispatched to the report of a person sleeping in the driver’s seat of a running vehicle with the door open and with its lights on. Contact was made with the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle who stated he had been at a local bar and had been drinking. Due to the admission of drinking, and the driver’s blood shot and glossy eyes, standardized field sobriety tests were conducted. The driver was arrested for Operating While Under the Influence (1st) and Operating with a PAC (1st). The driver was eventually released to a responsible party.

On Street Parking Complaint – 1

Parking Tickets – 33

Phone Call – 7

Preserve the Peace –3

- Police were requested to standby while a male gets some personal items from his ex- partners residence. Upon arrival, the male had already gotten his items that were sitting outside on the porch and did not need any other assistance.
- Police stood by for a preserve the peace while a male gathered personal items from his residence. No issues were observed.
- Police stood by while an individual gathered items from his home. No issues were observed.

Repossession - 1

Safety Hazard – 13

School Related Incidents - 7

Check Person - 1

Event - 1

Juvenile Complaint – 1

Juvenile Information - 1

Meetings – 1

Tour of MHPD - 2

Suspicious Person - 4

Suspicious Vehicle – 1

Theft – 1

- An officer responded to a local business for the report of a theft by an employee. Contact was made with Loss Prevention who had already terminated the employee. Video footage was obtained which showed the employee stealing, and the employee did admit to the theft. A citation was issued for theft of moveable property.

Threats Complaint – 1

- A resident called the police department to report receiving what they thought were harassing test messages. After observing the text messages, nothing threatening was stated. The reporting party was advised to block the phone number and not have contact. This report is informational.

Traffic Arrests – 11

Traffic Complaint - 5

Traffic Incident – 4

Traffic Incident / Road Rage - 1

Traffic Warning – 100

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he believes a 25-30 ft troll should be placed at Hwy 78/ County Rd S as a welcoming to the community and visitors.

Welcome to the Village

Joining the meeting for his first board meeting as Village Administrator was Gabe Altenbernd. His official start date was June 30 and with a week under his belt, he thanked Jon Hochkammer, the interim administrator, for bringing him up to speed on the various projects happening in Mount Horeb. He said he is excited to begin working in his new role after spending three plus years in Bellville as its administrator, a couple years in Cottage Grove and time in Waunakee as an intern. He and his wife Colleen are new parents to a seven-week-old baby girl, joking the only thing missing in his life is sleep.

Czyzewski then introduced Joan Laundry as the new Senior Center/Southwest Area Outreach Director, replacing Lynn Forshaug. She brings experience working with both senior citizens and disabled adults, working as a case manager, human resource manager, and a director of a home care facility, fully utilizing her degree in social work. Laundry started two months ago and is enjoying meeting all the seniors who frequent the Center. She and her son live in Mount Horeb.

Is the Timing Right for a Professional Fundraiser?

Prior to this Village Board meeting, a fundraising agreement with Dennis Cooley for the recreation complex was discussed twice at the Parks and Rec Committee level as well at the June Village Board meeting. At the June meeting, the board requested additional information, attorney review, and a discussion with Cooley on allowing exceptions to the Agreement stipulation for his 5 percent fundraising fee for those making a firm contribution commitment within a preset time limit.

Due to a prior out of town commitment, Cooley joined the discussion via Zoom.

Altenbernd opened the discussion, asking the board if this is the route they want to go (developing the outdoor rec complex/fundraising) because he said the worst thing that could happen is raising funds and then the project not coming to fruition, resulting in all the money having to be returned. Altenbernd said compensation and other matters will be discussed during the scheduled Closed Session following the Board meeting.

Czyzewski asked if there were any comments from members and, if not, table the discussion until the Closed Session. Michelle Kelley said she has mentioned her concerns before and wanted to bring them up again.

“I am unclear what needs to be discussed or can be discussed on this because in October 2025, Plan B for the rec complex was approved (by the Village Board). To what degree is this (Plan B) final or not final?” Continuing, “if it is not final, I think we are putting the cart before the horse with fundraising. If it is final, then I think we should raise as much money as we can.”

Kleinmaier said since the vote was approved by the old board and this is a new board, it (the board) can go in a new direction, if it prefers.

Czyzewski said this is the design that works well with the Village, if tweaks need to be made, they can be, and this puts a goal for the Village to reach.

From a legal perspective, Kleinmaier opined, the concept plan can be tweaked but no major change can be made, giving the example if fundraising were done to include a lacrosse field and people donated specifically for that field and the design later was changed to not have a lacrosse field, all funds raised for that field must be returned to the contributors.

“I think you do want to have a pretty clear idea of what you want to do,

knowing you can make minor changes, before you start wanting to raise that money”, said Kleinmaier.

Altenbernd said, “for Dennis (Cooley) to be successful, he needs to know what he is raising money for, people need to know what they’re giving money for, and staff needs to know what we are planning for in the capital budget.” He opined if things are changed down the road, it will be a nightmare.

Marc Schellpfeffer said, “there has been a lot of work that has been put into this plan, there was a lot of community involvement put into this plan and I think for Village growth down the road, whether it is ten, fifteen or more years, the reality is, we are going to need this. It has been determined. I think it is very unwise of us to think we are keeping up or whatever is being told of us, I think it is a project that needs to happen and I fully support it.”

Czyzewski mentioned some soccer, football and baseball games are being played outside the Village this year due to various reasons. The Parks and Rec Comprehensive Recreational Outdoor Plan (CROP) study over the last fifteen years has shown a need for additional park facilities, including fields, are needed. He said, “Parks and Rec need to identify phases of this, and as money gets raised”, one of their first charges should be prioritizing the phases....maybe one baseball field and one soccer field, etc. now with the additional one added later. Czyzewski also said we are losing an existing football field as well as a soccer field.

Kelley said, “I have two points. The first is I completely appreciate there has been a lot of work going into this and I realize we need to keep up with our peers and welcome new families into our community.”

Continuing, “The second is there were two community meetings held for this (potential park development plan) with a great turnout, and we are saying the whole community is for it. In other circumstances, there have been similar community meetings, with more meetings and more people attending them, and they (attendees) were considered rabble rousers, and they (proponents) said the silent

majority were not speaking. It is interesting how the support of the citizens can be viewed differently, depending on what the topic is. It makes me sad and a little angry that we voted on something that is going to cost a minimum of 12 million dollars with so little input from the community.”

Nate Gauger asked if we have heard from any large donors who want to get in before the deadline. Altenbernd said he has heard there are some individuals, but he has heard nothing from anyone.

Gauger said, “That seems ominous to me.”

Sarah Best said, “Personally, serving on the Finance and Personnel Committee, I would like to see the phase plan and the project development, and the money associated with that for the entire plan. I think we are missing that from the big picture. How are we going to pay for this?”

Best opined that we need to do our due diligence, with half of the cost covered by fundraising and questioning how are we going to pay for the other half with all the other things going on in the Village.

Kelley said, “To add on to that, originally it (the park portion) was going to be 20 acres and now it is going to be 46 acres. I think there was an assumption that this land is flat, but it is not.”

Summarizing, Kelley feels with the original, smaller park size, the theory was the housing development portion of the 135-acre property would help cover the expense of the park portion of the plan. With a larger portion devoted to park development, there will be less funds available (from parkland fees, housing impact fees, etc.) to apply towards the park development.

Kleinmaier, who frequently said before commenting that he was not advocating for or against the project and felt it was important to point out consequences of action or no action. He also said that with more land now being allocated to parkland than originally thought, the board has every right to modify the phasing due to less available funds from the housing development portion of the property. It is important, however, that when fundraising the donors are aware of the probable timelines

for the readiness of various fields and other amenities.

He advised the board to keep in mind some potential donors may want to donate because their kids now are active in a sport, so they see the value in having additional fields, for example, in six years. If the phasing gets changed to twelve years, those same donors will no longer perceive the benefit for their children and could impact their financial decision. When talking with potential donors, it is important to know the phasing timeline.

Following Best’s and Kelley’s comments, he said “Are you ready now to begin fundraising and aware of the phasing? Continuing, “you are running the risk of not having concrete plans (of the phasing) to begin fundraising. Before you sign this Agreement, are you comfortable now with what we have before going to ask people for donations?”

Best thanked Kleinmaier for his explanation as it summed up what she was trying to say. She said, “Before we sell this project, we have to know what we are selling. We do not have that project scope to sell so we are fundraising for half of it but how do we make the other half work? The donors and everyone else need to understand what that looks like it. I just want to have the visibility and clarity.”

Czyzewski asked Dennis Cooley for his comments on the discussion. He said the existing agreement is simply a draft and will not become

final until it is agreeable to and approved by the board. He assured the board the actual fundraising will not happen for six to twelve months or longer, until everything is planned out, such as the phasing, a rather firm idea of where the other half of the cost will come from, meetings with staff and others to discuss the approach, etc. He iterated this is a partnership, he is not doing this alone and if the board feels otherwise, they are talking with the wrong person. Before asking for contributions, Cooley feels it is important to share the concept, making people aware of the project, what it entails, and getting a feeling for where people stand as a potential donor. He also said he has done forty-one projects in forty-one years and every one of them was successful and was a win-win situation.

The board did go into Closed Session and after completing its discussion, came back to an open session, reporting that the Board discussed modifying and adding terms to the contract for staff to negotiate with Cooley. The intention is to present a revised agreement for consideration in an open session at a future Village meeting.

Hidden Ridge Development Land Swap

Developer Brian Durtschi and contractor Reed Jones discussed with the board the request to swap enough backyard land from three

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of the proposed new homes located on Michele Street for currently .27 acres of Village owned vacant land. The request was previously presented to both the Parks and Rec Committee as well as the Plan Commission and unanimously recommended by both groups for approval by the board. The three lots

directly abut Jaycee Park so will enlarge the park if the Village opts to dedicate it as parkland. The Village owned lot would be used for stormwater purposes for the Hidden Ridge residential development. Approval was not required for this agenda item but Kleinmaier pointed out to the board that since there is voice approval of the land swap, the plat and development agreement when

presented for consideration at a future Plan Commission meeting will need to be updated to show the size adjustment to the backyards of the three homes and the Village land parcel.

Lukken Property Notice of Intent to Circulate an Annexation Petition
Even though the Village purchased the 135 acres in

December 2024, the land now needs to be formally annexed into the Village. The prior owners did not want to annex the land, and with the DNR owning a trail circulating part of the property, the village first must publish a Notice for annexation. A small portion of the Lukken property is in Springdale, with the majority located in Blue Mounds. Once the Notice has been published, etc.,

both communities as well as the electors in the existing home on the property will need to sign the annexation papers. When completed, an Ordinance will come before the board formalizing the property location in Mount Horeb. Motion made and seconded to approve publication of the Notice.

August Primary Voting info
Clerk Alyssa Gaffney reminded everyone the Primary election date is Tuesday, August 11. Absentee ballots should be returned by July 28, allowing two weeks for the postal service to deliver to the Village. In-Person voting starts July 28 – August 8, 9-3pm, on the second floor of Village Hall.

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Meet the artist behind Grumpy’s club mugs



Mikel Kelley makes all of Grumpy Troll’s club mugs in his local studio. Photo by Matt Geiger.

By Abigail Karbusicky
Mount Horeb Mail

A local artist has been making the Grumpy Troll Brew Pub mugs for over a decade.

The mug club is a group of 150 people that sign up to get special deals at the Grumpy Troll Brew Pub and receive a handmade, customized mug each year. Once in the mug club, mem-

bers can continue to renew every year. Spots open for people on the waitlist if members choose not to renew.

Mikel Kelley has been making the mugs for 12 years. He owns 4th Street Ceramics, is native to Mount Horeb, and has worked in clay for nearly 30 years.

A Mount Horeb High School graduate, Kelley

moved away to go to school for fine arts, but moved back shortly after finishing graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis.

“Clay and art has always been something I’m interested in since high school,” Kelley said. Kelley has had a home studio in Mount Horeb since 2009.

Kelley started making the mugs for the Grumpy Troll

mug club in 2014 after his friend, Sandy Carr, who was doing it until then, passed away.

The Grumpy Troll then reached out to Kelley to take over.

“It’s very important to me that I have the Grumpy Troll mugs,” Kelley said. “It’s just important to me to carry on what my friend started.”

Since taking over, Kelley has made 150 mugs a year for the Grumpy Troll for 12 years, totaling nearly 2,000 mugs.

Kelley said the process takes about three months from when he designs the mugs to when they get to the Grumpy Troll. He gets the list of members every January, and creates a custom mug for each person, and delivers them to the Grumpy Troll by May.

“I’m pretty proud of the work when it’s done,” Kelley said, reflecting on his years of making these mugs.

Robin Pharo, who has owned the Grumpy Troll since 2019, said she waited five years to be a part of the mug club.

“It takes forever to get into the mug club,” Pharo

said.

Pharo said she frequently tells people that it was hard to give up her mug club membership when she and her late husband Tim Duerst took over the pub because it had taken so long. In fact, Duerst and Kelley were former classmates, and Kelley said he was happy to get to work with him and Pharo when they took over the brewery.

Pharo said there are always more people interested in the mug club than Grumpy Troll has space for, and it’s great that so many people want to be a part of the business. Pharo said people will stay in the mug club for years, and join from all over the area, and some from outside the state.

“It’s great to have a group of people that are involved in the business and want to see us succeed,” Pharo said.

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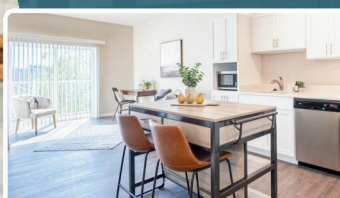


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SPORTS



Mount Horeb’s ‘Best of the best’

State championship in cross country highlighted a fantastic year for the girls

The cross country team hoisted gold.

The gymnastics team remained among the state’s elite.

And the softball team had a record-setting year.

Mount Horeb’s girls sports programs enjoyed another memorable school year, with a bevy of sensational individual and team performances.

That made picking our ‘Best of the Best’ as tough as ever. But here’s our opinion of the Vikings’ finest performances from a terrific 2025-26 school year.

Team of the Year Cross country

They were experienced.
They were talented.

And they were hungry.

Mount Horeb’s girls cross country team entered the season with great expectations after finishing third at state in 2024. With six of the Vikings’ top seven runners back from that state team — plus a handful of runners anxious to make their mark — Mount Horeb knew even



bigger things could await in 2025.

“There’s plenty of running to do between now and the beginning of November,” former Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said at the start of the 2025 campaign. “But if we do our work, take care of each other, and stay humble over these next two months, this will be a tough team to beat.”

Boy, were they ever.

Mount Horeb had a season for the ages, living up to the hype and winning its first WIAA Division 2 state championship since 1995.

The Vikings finished with 90 points to defeat runner-up McFarland, which had 112. Monroe (128), Kettle Moraine Lutheran (138) and Green Bay Notre Dame (173) rounded out the top

five.

Mount Horeb junior Willa Vigliotta was fourth among all runners with a time of 18 minutes, 30.9 seconds. Vigliotta had the fastest time, though, among runners from the state qualifying teams.

Sophomore Mia Caygill was fourth among the runners from state qualifying teams (18:59.2), junior Julia Straka was 17th (20:05.4), junior Maeve True was 21st (20:17.5) and sophomore Emily Wittenwyler was 47th (21:00.1).

“I think what stands out to me the most is all of the dedication and effort me and my teammates put into our training and health throughout the season,” Mount Horeb standout junior Willa Vigliotta said. “It shows a lot about us as a team to be able to work this hard together in order to achieve something we all really wanted.”

The Vikings showed they were headed towards great things from the start of the season.

Mount Horeb began the
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Mia Caygill (above) and Mount Horeb’s girls cross country team (top) won the WIAA Division 2 state championship. The Vikings were the MHM’s pick for ‘Team of the Year.’ File photos

MOUNT HOREB’S BEST OF THE BEST

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year by rolling to a championship at the star-studded, nine-team Verona Invitational. The Vikings finished with just 24 points to easily outdistance runner-up Monroe (55).

“I was cautiously optimistic about how our girls could do going into this meet,” Chancellor said. “I’ve been emphasizing to this group that they’re strong enough as a team that they don’t all need to have perfect races for the team to run really well.”

From there, the Vikings never slowed down.

Mount Horeb won its own invitational in mid-September, was the top finisher among non-Division 1 schools at the 46-team Midwest Invite, and was second at the 23-team Platteville Invite despite resting some of its top runners.

The Vikings had the top three finishers and won the eight-team Badger Small Conference meet with 23 points on Oct. 18. McFarland was a distant second with 41 points, as Mount Horeb won its third straight conference title.

Mount Horeb then rolled to a championship at the Assumption Sectional on Oct. 24.

The Vikings had three of the top four runners and five of the top-12 overall at sectionals and cruised to the team title. Mount Horeb finished with 28 points to easily outdistance runner-up Assumption (62) at the 16-team sectional and punch its ticket to state.

“I think if we continue to work together as a team and race how we have been, we should be able to have a successful day,” Mount Horeb sophomore Mia Caygill said.

The Vikings then enjoyed great success at state, bringing home their first championship in 30 years.

Now, with six of its top seven runners expected back, Mount Horeb figures to be the favorite to repeat in 2026.

“What stands out to me the most about this season is the incredible relationships we built and strengthened,” Caygill said. “Those deep friendships inspired us to race for one another and to truly support each other through the highs and lows.”

Coach of the Year Jeramie Holman, softball

Rebuild?
Hardly.
Reload?
That’s what Mount Horeb’s softball team has

traditionally done. That challenge was greater than ever, though, in 2026, after the Vikings graduated a terrific senior class in 2025.

“It will be very tough to replace our seniors,” Mount Horeb manager Jeramie Holman said at the start of the season.

Amazingly, though, the Vikings did just that under Holman’s guidance.

Mount Horeb set a new school record for wins, going 26-4 overall. The Vikings also reached the WIAA Division 2 sectional finals, before falling to Beloit Turner.

That marked the fourth time in six seasons Mount Horeb reached the sectional finals. The Vikings are still looking for their first-ever trip to state.

“Our time is coming,” Holman said. “We need to keep coming to the sectional final and knock down that door. Someone will let us in some day.

“The girls know what it takes to win. To get 20 wins a year, you’re going to be in a lot of good positions.”

Mount Horeb put itself in several good positions this season.

The Vikings opened the year 7-0. Then after dropping back-to-back games in mid-April, Mount Horeb ripped off eight straight wins and surged to a 15-2 record.

The Vikings dropped a one-run game to Madison Edgewood on May 5, then didn’t lose for a month, rolling off 11 straight wins in the process.

Along the way, Mount Horeb won a regional title and defeated Monroe in the sectional semifinals.

“It’s amazing. I’m so happy for the whole team,” said Sonja Schreiber, the Vikings’ catcher.

Junior Jozie Clifton agreed.

“There’s been such big growth,” Clifton said. “Honestly, I think all of us on the



Jeramie Holman (left) led Mount Horeb’s girls softball team to a 26-4 season and was picked as the MHM’s Coach of the Year. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

team can say we went into the season struggling. We didn’t know what we were going to do. We didn’t know where any of us would go, but we bonded together.

“We figured it out together. It’s meant a lot. We’ve grown a lot together as a team. We’re a positive team. I haven’t been on a Mount Horeb team that has gotten along this much. It’s been a fun season.”

The Vikings’ surprise

season ended with a loss to Turner.

But Mount Horeb had just two seniors, meaning the future for Holman’s program is incredibly bright.

“We’ll have everybody back but two — the catcher and right fielder,” Holman said. “We have an eighth grader coming up who is a hell of a catcher. She will fill that void. We just have to find someone to fill the other void. We’re going to

be a stronger team.”

Schreiber agreed.

“Just keep trying, keep pushing, you’ll get over the hump eventually, whatever it is,” Schreiber said. “If you keep working, I promise you’ll get better and succeed.”

“This was my favorite team I’ve been on all four years. This was the most fun I’ve had playing the sport ever, and I’m going to miss it so much and the people

on it. I just had such a good time playing with them, and they are amazing people and players.”

Nicewander, who plans to play golf at Madison College next year, said she has high expectations for the returning Vikings’ players next season.

“I thought they did great this year. They will be even better next year,” Nicewander said. “They’re going to

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surpass what we did, and I’m going to be there to watch them.”

Senior Athlete of the Year
Delaina Nicewander, golf/softball

The drought was 22 years. That famine is officially over.

Delaina Nicewander became just the second individual in the history of Mount Horeb’s girls golf program to earn a trip to the state tournament.

Nicewander shot a 6-over-par, 78, at the WIAA Division 1 DeForest Sectional held Oct. 7, 2025, at Lake Windsor Country Club and claimed one of the three individual qualifying spots at state. Nicewander joined Jan Wildman (2003) as the only golfers in school history to qualify for state.

“To say Delaina performance was fantastic would be an understatement,” Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said.

Nicewander broke onto the scene at this same course in 2023, when she shot an 86 at Lake Windsor and posted a top-20 finish at sectionals. This time around, Nicewander was even better.

“It was a full circle moment,” Krentz said. “To come back two years later and take it one step further by advancing to state was truly impressive.”

Nicewander was at 3-over-par after her first three holes before a birdie on the par-three, fourth hole got her round going. She recorded pars at No. 6 and 9 and made the turn at 5-over, 41.

Nicewander got off to a terrific start on the back nine, nearly driving the green on the par-four, 10th hole and two-putting for birdie. Nicewander then faced a critical point in her round when she made a bogey at No. 11 and a double bogey at No. 12.

But Nicewander came up big with a 20-foot birdie putt at No. 13 that got her rolling. Nicewander followed with pars at No. 14, 15 and 16, then finished with a 2-putt birdie at No. 18.

Nicewander played her final six holes in 1-under par, and shot 37 on the back nine to card a 78.

“Just like on the front nine, her round was starting to slip away, but she made a long birdie putt on the 13th and that got things going again,” Krentz said. “This was the best I have seen Delaina putt in her time on varsity and it allowed her to get up and down for par on the 16th hole, along with two more clutch putts to finish

on holes 17 and 18.” Middleton (323) and DeForest (328) were the top two teams at the eight-team sectional and earned trips to state. The top three finishers from non-qualifying teams also earned trips to state.

Those were Waunakee’s Callie Shipshock (76), Fort Atkinson’s Laura Nowotny (77) and Nicewander (78). Madison Edgewood’s Mya Bindl (81) finished one spot behind Nicewander and narrowly missed qualifying for state.

Nicewander finished her round hitting eight fairways, seven greens and needing just 30 putts.

“We are going to make sure to enjoy the experience,” Krentz said of state. “It is truly a remarkable achievement.”

Nicewander then shot a 90 on her first day at state and followed that up with an 85. Her 175 left her in 41st place overall.

“It was pretty fun,” Nicewander said after wrapping up the two-day tournament. “The 78 (at sectionals) was probably the best, but an 85 here for me is really good because it’s a much more difficult course than anything I’ve ever played, and then also the nerves.”

Nicewander, who also tied for medalist honors at the Stoughton Regional, was named first-team all-Badger Small Conference, as well.

“It was crazy because freshman year I would not have thought of going to state,” Nicewander said. “Even the day of sectionals, playing Lake Windsor, I had high hopes, but I didn’t think I could break 80 again after my 77 (at regionals).”

Nicewander then had a sensational softball season, earning honorable-mention all-state honors in Division 2. She was also named first-team all-Badger Small Conference and helped lead the Vikings to a 26-4 record.

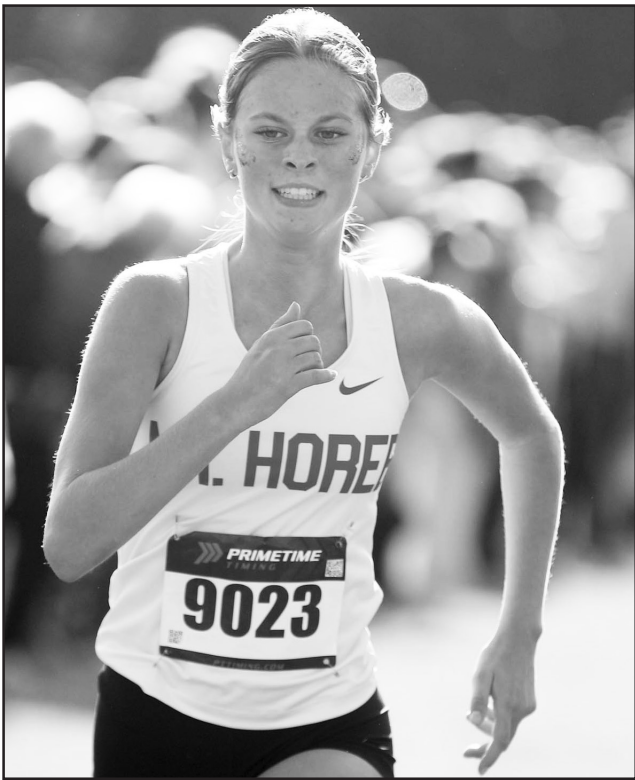
Nicewander led the Vikings with 23 RBIs in conference games, and added three home runs and five doubles. She also batted .458, tied for third on the team with 22 hits and scored 20 runs.

“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.”

Game/Event of the Year
State XC meet

Next man up.

It’s a favorite slogan of football teams everywhere, where players drop like flies and others are called upon



Clockwise from top, Delaina Nicewander was the MHM’s choice as Senior Athlete of the Year. Julia Straka and Mia Caygill helped the Vikings’ girls cross country team win their first state championship since 1995. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

pick up the slack.

At the WIAA Division 2 state cross country meet, it was next girl up for Mount Horeb’s star-studded squad.

Vikings’ standout freshman Isla Odgers collapsed with roughly 1,000 meters left in the 5,000-meter race. One thing that’s made this Mount Horeb team so special, though, was its depth — and that was on full display once again.

The rest of the Vikings picked up the slack and Mount Horeb rolled to the state title. The Vikings finished with 90 points to defeat runner-up McFarland, which had 112.

Monroe (128), Kettle Moraine Lutheran (138) and Green Bay Notre Dame (173) rounded out the top five.

It was Mount Horeb’s fifth state championship and its first since 1995.

“What’s really special about this race is that it shows the way these girls cover for each other and figure it out even when things aren’t going the way we hoped,” former Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said afterwards. “I’m always amazed by our high schoolers.

“Being able to show up day after day and manage the stress and emotions that come along with competing at a high level isn’t an easy thing for anyone, but these teenagers do it exceptionally well. It’s not easy.”

The race featured 151 total runners — 112 from the 16 teams that qualified for state and 39 others that qualified as individuals. When calculating team point totals, the individual qualifiers were removed from the equation.

Mount Horeb junior Willa Vigliotta was fourth among all runners with a time of 18 minutes, 30.9 seconds. Vigliotta had the fastest time, though, among runners from the state qualifying teams.

Sophomore Mia Caygill was fourth among the runners from state qualifying teams (18:59.2), junior Julia Straka was 17th (20:05.4), junior Maeve True was 21st (20:17.5) and sophomore Emily Wittenwyler was 47th (21:00.1).

Senior Lily Wahl also had a solid race and was 64th (21:32.3), but only the top five finishers from each team have their scores count.

“Being able to win after losing one of our top run-

ners really shows the depth our team has,” Vigliotta said. “Losing Isla meant that Emily had to fill the spot as our fifth runner. She did a great job and I’m really proud of how she raced and the work she put in this season.”

Caygill agreed. “Winning without one of our strongest runners really shows the depth our team has,” Caygill said. “I’m extremely honored to be a part of such a strong and dedicated team.”

There was a lot to be proud of up and down the lineup.

Vigliotta had arguably the best race of her sensational career. She was third among runners from state qualifying teams after one mile (5:50.0), moved to second at the two-mile mark (12:04.4) and closed with a bang to finish first.

“Going into the race I had the goal to podium (top six) as an individual and win the race as a team,” Vigliotta said. “To do so my strategy was to stay calm during the first mile and not get out too quick and to stick with Mia and Isla.

“In the second mile I stayed relaxed and tried

to catch some of the girls ahead of me. In the third mile I maintained my speed and place and then I really just gave it all I had left at the end.”

Chancellor was blown away by Vigliotta’s performance.

“This was the best cross country race Willa has ever run,” Chancellor said. “She’s put together a really solid block of training over the last several weeks and developed some finesse as a racer. And I think we’re just starting to see what she’s capable of when she’s healthy and in a place where she can make moves in the final stretches of a race.”

Caygill had a remarkable race, as well.

Caygill, who was rounding back into form after an injury during track season in the spring of 2025, executed her race plan to perfection.

“My plan was to run the first mile conservatively and give it all I had left in the second and third mile,” Caygill said. “I was a little nervous seeing my first mile split (5:53.7), as it was faster than I’d planned to go.

“However, I think I still had enough to give the rest

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of the race and was happy with how I performed. Making it on the podium individually was a big goal of mine.”

Caygill’s time was nearly a full minute faster than her mark from 2024 (19:54.5).

“This was a big race for Mia,” Chancellor said. “To finish nearly a full minute ahead of where she was at last year at state is a big step. I was really happy with the way she paced the race and put herself in a position to get on the podium.”

Straka got off to a fast start, fell back a bit in the second mile, then closed with a bang.

“Julia is really the leader of this group of girls,” Chancellor said. “She got out fast, but struggled a bit in the middle of the race and I’m sure it was hard for her when she saw Isla go down. I’m so impressed with the way she regrouped in the final mile and put the hammer down to gain back some critical spots for her team.”

True had a tremendous race of her own, and finished 26 seconds faster than her time at state last season.

“Maeve is often at her best when she’s able to key off of Julia in races and that was her game plan,” Chancellor said. “Sometimes I don’t think Maeve gets enough credit for what she does for this team. Over the last three years, her ability to get it done at sectionals and state have been crucial to what we’ve been able to accomplish and Saturday was no exception.”

And Wittenwyler came up huge after Odgers went down.

At the two mile mark, Wittenwyler was in 66th place among the runners from qualifying teams. Over the final mile, though, Wittenwyler picked up 19 spots, helping the Vikings pull away from McFarland.

“Emily’s race was one of the big stories of the meet for us,” Chancellor said. “Emily has never been one of our scoring five in a meet where we’ve fielded a full team. But this is a team and Emily really rose to the occasion in this race. Really an incredible performance.”

While Wahl’s finish didn’t count in the Vikings’ team

standings, she put together a gritty, gutty race. Wahl was sick the entire week before state and even spent some time in the ER. Somehow, though, she finished 17 seconds faster than her 2024 time at state.

“I was so proud of the race that Lily had for us,” Chancellor said. “If we hadn’t had Emily in the race, Lily’s score still would have been enough to help us get the team win.”

While the Vikings were thrilled to capture a state title, it’s remarkable to think where they could have finished had Odgers completed the race.

Through two miles, Odgers was in fifth place among runners from qualifying teams. Mount Horeb also had just 47 points as a team, well ahead of runner-up McFarland (128) at that point.

“Racing is hard and when you’re running at the level Isla is, sometimes you go just a little too far over the edge,” Chancellor said. “I’ve certainly done it. That one is on me, though. If I had prepared her a little better, I think we could have gotten her through it.”

“She went down fighting and I’m really proud of her and what she accomplished this season. Isla makes us so much stronger as a team and I’m excited for what she’ll be able to accomplish in the coming years.”

Even with Odgers unable to finish, though, the Vikings became state champions for the first time in 30 years.

“I was really happy with everything our team was able to accomplish this season and I think we really deserved it,” Vigliotta said. “We all worked really hard all season and pushed each other to achieve our goals.”

Performance of the Year Gymnastics

There aren’t many gymnastics programs that could lose half of their competitors from a state qualifying team, then improve the following year.

Most programs aren’t Mount Horeb, though.

The Vikings graduated a group that accounted for 10 of their 20 varsity spots at the 2025 state meet. That team finished sixth in Division 1.



Mount Horeb’s gymnastics team had the Performance of the Year, finishing second overall at the WIAA Division 2 state meet. File photo

Mount Horeb doesn’t rebuild, though. It reloads.

And the Vikings’ revamped 2026 team took it up a notch.

Mount Horeb went to the WIAA Division 2 state meet on March 5 at Wisconsin Rapids High School and finished second in the team standings. The Vikings, who have reached the state team tournament 39 times — more than any other school in Wisconsin — now have 13 runner-up finishes to go with their six state championships.

While the Vikings have been a traditional force at state, this was their first team trophy since 2022.

“I was extremely pleased with the togetherness, toughness, and ‘never give up’ mentality our team showed at the team competition,” Mount Horeb coach Martha Koller Faust said. “Getting the team to state is always our top goal each season and bringing home some hardware along the way is a wonderful bonus.”

“To say that we coaches are proud is definitely an understatement. Standing atop the podium with the silver gymnast was such an

incredible honor.”

Dodgeville won the state meet with a 139.6834 team score, while the Vikings were second at 138.201. Mount Horeb’s score was 0.20 higher than last year’s team.

Marshfield (137.250), River Falls (136.8498) and Homestead (136.7334) rounded out the top five at the 10-team state meet. Mount Horeb had the third-best score across the state at sectionals, so the Vikings were thrilled to jump up a notch and bring home a trophy.

“I am so proud of how much we’ve grown since the beginning of the season,” Mount Horeb junior Harper Hendrickson said. “We knew we had to perform at our absolute best to come home with a trophy, especially competing against a strong team like the Dodgeville co-op. Because of that, we were extremely proud to finish the meet as runners-up.”

Mount Horeb senior Sylvia Seeliger agreed.

“I think that we performed the best that we could and really showed off how hard

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TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW

OPEN BOOK: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the assessment roll for the Town of Blue Mounds, Dane County, Wisconsin, will be available for inspection:

• **IN PERSON:** on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the Town Hall, 10566 Blue Vista Rd, Blue Mounds WI 53517. Property owners may participate in Open Book by calling Associated Appraisal Consultants at 920-224-8806.

BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Review for the Town of Blue Mounds of Dane County shall convene for the purpose of hearing objections to property valuations on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 p.m.

Objection form(s) for Real Property Assessment and/or Personal Property Assessment may be obtained at the Town Clerk’s office at least 48 hours prior to the first meeting (by 4:00 pm on August 20, 2026) of the Board of Review. A waiver to the 48-hour notice may be granted by the Board of Review during the first two hours of the meeting if the applicant shows good cause for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement.

Be advised of the following requirements pursuant to Wis. Stats. 70.47(7)

(aa) No person shall be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of the real or personal property being assessed.

(ac) After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board’s final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact, or provide information to, a member of the board about that person’s objection except at a session of the board.

(ad) No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under sub. (3) (a), that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal under sub. (6m) (a) and if so which member will be removed and the person’s reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

(ae) When appearing before the board, the person shall specify, in writing, the person’s estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person’s objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

(af) No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone or object to a valuation; if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method; unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the board of review the person supplies to the assessor all of the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under s. 73.03 (2a), that the assessor requests. The municipality or county shall provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph and shall provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1) unless a court determines before the first meeting of the board of review that the information is inaccurate.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE AN ANNEXATION PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Mount Horeb, an owner of real property in the territory described below, intends to circulate a petition for direct annexation by one-half approval (non-unanimous) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0217(3)(a).
Annexation: The Village of Mount Horeb's intent is to annex the territory described below from the Town of Blue Mounds, Dane County, Wisconsin, and the Town of Springdale, Dane County, Wisconsin, to the Village of Mount Horeb, Dane County, Wisconsin.

Petitioner: Village of Mount Horeb, 138 East Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI 53572.
Copies of documents: A copy of the legal description and scale map shown below may be inspected at the office of the town clerk for the Town of Blue Mounds (10566 Blue Vista Road, Blue Mounds, WI 53517), at the office of the town clerk for the Town of Springdale (2379 Town Hall Road, Mount Horeb, WI 53572), and at the office of the village clerk for the Village of Mount Horeb (138 East Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI 53572).

Territory legal description:
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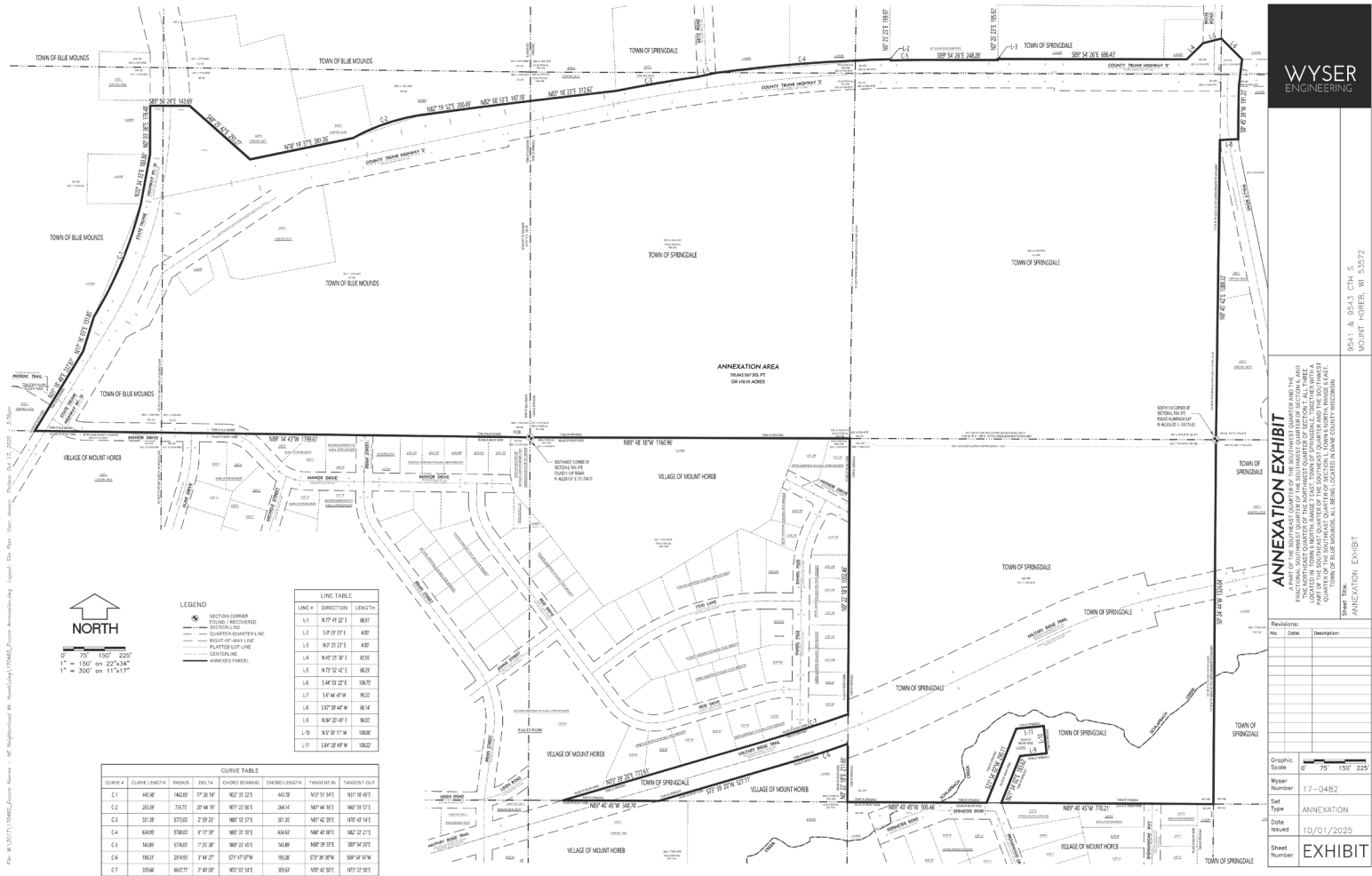
TANGENT CURVE; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, 445.50 FEET ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1462.89 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS NORTH 22 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, 443.78 FEET TO A POINT OF NON-TANGENCY; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH 10 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST, 183.80 FEET; THENCE, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST, 176.48 FEET; THENCE, SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 143.69 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SAID STH 78, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 1, CSM 2477, RECORDED IN VOLUME 9, PAGE 404, AS DOCUMENT NO. 1526964; THENCE, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 1, CSM 2477, SOUTH 48 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, 293.27 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY "S" AND THE SOUTHERNMOST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, CSM 2477; THENCE, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT 1, CSM 2477, AND LOT 1, CSM 2648, RECORDED IN VOLUME 10, PAGE 274, AS DOCUMENT NO. 1547805, NORTH 78 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST, 381.26 FEET TO A NON-TANGENT CURVE; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, 265.59 FEET ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 733.75 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS NORTH 71 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST, 264.14 FEET TO A POINT OF NONTANGENCY; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH 82 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, 200.49 FEET; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH 82 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, 197.18 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, CSM 14112, RECORDED IN VOLUME 95, PAGE 104, AS DOCUMENT NO. 5194406; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 4, CSM 14112, NORTH 83 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST, 312.62 FEET TO THE START OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE, ALSO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4, CSM 14112, AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, CSM 6182, RECORDED IN VOLUME 14574, PAGE 75, AS DOCUMENT NO. 2216500; THENCE, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1, CSM 6182, AND CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, 301.39 FEET ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 5775.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS NORTH 80 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, 301.35 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF GETZ ROAD AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, CSM 6182; THENCE, NORTH 77 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, 66.91 FEET TO THE START OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE ON THE AFORESAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF C.T.H. "S"; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, 634.95 FEET ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 5780.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS NORTH 85

DEGREES 31 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, 634.63 FEET TO A POINT OF NON-TANGENCY; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, 4.00 FEET TO THE START OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, 143.89 FEET ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 5776.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS NORTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 143.89 FEET TO A POINT OF

TANGENCY; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, 248.28 FEET; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH 00 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST, 4.00 FEET; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, 686.43 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF WITTE ROAD AND AFORESAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF C.T.H. "S"; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH 45 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, 83.56 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF WITTE ROAD; THENCE, ALONG SAID INTERSECTION, NORTH 75 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, 68.29 FEET; THENCE, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, SOUTH 44 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, 106.75 FEET; THENCE, SOUTH 06 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST, 99.20 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF WALLY ROAD; THENCE, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, 191.22 FEET; THENCE, SOUTH 87 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, 66.14 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE FRACTIONAL SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF AFORESAID SECTION 6, ALSO BEING THE NORTHERNMOST CORNER OF LOT 1, CSM 10518, RECORDED AS VOLUME 62, PAGE 155, AS DOCUMENT NO. 3537999; THENCE, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1, CSM 10518, AND LOT 1, CSM 10753, RECORDED AS VOLUME 64, PAGE 62, AS DOCUMENT NO. 3713940, AND ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, 1089.32 FEET TO THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE FRACTIONAL NORTHWEST QUARTER OF AFORESAID SECTION 7, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, 1324.04 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 7, ALSO BEING A POINT ON AN EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SHENANDOAH HILLS, RECORDED AS VOLUME 56-173A OF PLATS, PAGE 533, AS DOCUMENT NO. 2525981; THENCE, ALONG SAID EXTENSION AND CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF SHENANDOAH HILLS AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, NORTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 770.21 FEET; THENCE, NORTH 21 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST, 183.62 FEET; THENCE, NORTH 84 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST, 96.00 FEET; THENCE, NORTH 05 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST, 100.00 FEET; THENCE, SOUTH 84 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST, 100.22 FEET; THENCE, SOUTH 21 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST, 290.11 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PERIMETER ROAD AND A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF AFORESAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PERIMETER ROAD AND ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, NORTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 505.46 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE FRACTIONAL NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF AFORESAID SECTION 7; THENCE, ALONG SAID THE EAST LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, NORTH 00 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST, 211.65 FEET TO A POINT ON THE

CURVING SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MILITARY RIDGE TRAIL; THENCE, ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MILITARY RIDGE TRAIL, 190.31 FEET ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2914.93 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS SOUTH 71 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, 190.28 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENT; THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, SOUTH 73 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, 527.11 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE AFORESAID FRACTIONAL NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, NORTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 348.70 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MILITARY RIDGE TRAIL; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH 73 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 772.61 FEET TO THE START OF A TANGENT CURVE; THENCE, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY, 309.66 FEET ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 6647.77 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS NORTH 72 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, 309.63 FEET TO POINT ON AFORESAID EASTERLY; THENCE, ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF THE FRACTIONAL NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, NORTH 00 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST, 1002.46 FEET TO THE EAST CORNER OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 7; THENCE, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID FRACTIONAL NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST, 1160.96 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Scale Map: See below.



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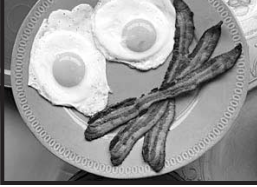
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**VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2026**

The Village Board met in regular session in-person on the above date in the 2nd Floor Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Village President Ryan Czyzewski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Trustees White, Jones, Schellpfeffer, Gauger, and Best. Trustee Fendrick was absent. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen, Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney, and Youth-In-Government student Aaron Fendrick.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: Dane County Board District 30 candidate Jeremy Pings introduced himself to the board. Cathy Scott inquired about the closed session item.

Consent Agenda: Jones requested the Compensation Study Bid be removed from the consent agenda, due to the item being tabled at the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting. Schellpfeffer moved, White seconded to approve the remaining consent agenda items: February 16, 2026 Special Village Board & Finance/Personnel Committee meeting minutes; February 4, 2026 meeting minutes; January 26, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes; Resolution 2026-04 Approving Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Cultivation of Fruit Trees in R-1-Single Family Residential Zoning District; Traffic patterns on Academy Street during school construction; Street Use Permit application from Mt Horeb Summer Frolic Committee for Frolic Parade route, June 14, 2026; Acceptance of public utilities and roadway for Phase 1 of the Brookstone Hills Subdivision; and Preliminary Draft Resolution authorizing Special Assessments for 2026 Street Projects.

Presentation from Kisten Fish-Peterson on TIF: Fish-Peterson gave her presentation about Tax Incremental Financing. Village resident Connie Nankee spoke about the Residential Improvement grant she had received from the village. The board discussed the benefits of having the TIF districts.

Repeal and Re-enact Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Zoning Code and Official Zoning Map:

1. Presentation on the Proposed Zoning Code Map: Sonja Kruesel from Vandewalle gave the presentation on the proposed zoning code and map. Cathy Scott inquired about the bulk regulations on DMU's. Stephen Sopcak, Ellen Myers, and Michelle Kelley spoke in opposition and voiced their concerns about the zoning code rewrite. Aaron Thomas commented on the rewrite, and Jeff Grundahl inquired about some of the zoning designations on the map. Owen, Kruesel, and the board addressed questions and comments. The board discussed each item in Owen's memo in the board packet and suggested various adjustments. A recess was taken while each member of the board discussed a motion with Village Attorney Kleinmaier regarding their suggested adjustment to an item on the memo.

2. Consideration of Ordinance 2026-01 to Repeal and Re-enact Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances, the Zoning Code: Once the recess concluded, Schellpfeffer moved, Best seconded to approve Ordinance 2026-01. The board discussed and made the following motions for specific adjustments to the ordinance:

-Jones moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to change 40% to 35% in Section 17.03.08 (2) (b)2., (2)(b)2.a.i., and (2)(b)2.b. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
-Jones moved, Best seconded to delete Section 17.03.08 (2)(b)2.a.ii. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
-Jones moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to amend Section 17.03.08 (2)(b)2. to insert "for Main Street, Front Street, South First Street,

and South Second Street" between "line" and "whatever." Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

-Jones moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to create Section 17.03.08 (2)(b)2.d. to read, "For avoidance of doubt, parking is prohibited in the areas identified as requiring non residential land uses." Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

-Jones moved, White seconded to amend Section 17.04.12 Table of Bulk Dimensions – Mixed Use Zoning Districts, Maximum Lot Dwelling Unit Density row, Downtown Mixed Use column to delete "None" and insert "2.25 dwelling units per 1,200 square feet." All voted no, with the exception of White and Jones who voted aye. Motion failed.

-White moved, Jones seconded to amend Section 17.04.11 Table of Bulk Dimensions – Residential Zoning Districts, Principal Building Setbacks section, Minimum Rear Yard and Attached Deck Setbacks row, Columns SF-2, TF-1, and MF-1, to change 5 feet to 10 feet for alleys. All voted no, with the exception of White and Gauger who voted aye. Motion failed.

-Schellpfeffer moved, Gauger seconded to amend Section 17.02.11 (3)(b)1.c.i. to delete the following language, "except for minimum on-site parking requirements within the Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) zoning district." All voted aye, with the exception of White who voted no. Motion carried.

With no further discussion, all voted aye to approve Ordinance 2026-01 with the approved amendments. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Consideration of Ordinance 2026-02 to Repeal and Re-enact the Official Zoning Map: Best moved, Gauger seconded to approve the zoning map. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2026-03 Naming Village Administrator as Zoning Administrator: Best moved, Gauger seconded to approve the ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of TIF Agreement for JT Klein Multi-Family Development, 101 Perimeter Rd. TIF 6: Attorney Kleinmaier explained this item. The board members gave their input. Jones moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to approve the agreement and give village staff authority to make the changes as described. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of TIF Incentive Request (JT Klein Multi-Family project). The Village Board may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: This item was not needed, as there were no changes to be made to the TIF agreement that would need to be discussed in closed session.

Committee reports: All committee reports were given, with no action taken.

Village President's report: Czyzewski spoke about the upcoming Library event, citizen engagement, April 20th reorganization meeting, RFP's, the Interim Administrator and recruiting company who will be joining the village staff, and well wishes to Administrator Owen as his last day with the village is March 10th.

Village Administrator's report: Owen spoke about the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies and open house.

Village Clerk's report: Gaffney presented voting statistics on February's election and gave details on absentee voting for the April 7th election.

Adjournment: With no further business before the board, Schellpfeffer moved, Best seconded to adjourn @ 10:44pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by
Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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**TOWN OF PERRY
NOTICE – OPEN BOOK
Perry Town Hall, 10084 CTH A
Thursday, July 30, 2026, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 30, 2026, the Town of Perry will hold the Open Book session – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

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Stephanie Zwettler
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**VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2026**

The Village Board met in regular session in-person on the above date in the 2nd Floor Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Village President Ryan Czyzewski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Trustees White, Jones, Schellpfeffer, Gauger, Fendrick, and Best. Also present were Interim Administrator Jon Hochkammer, Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney, and Youth-In-Government student Aaron Fendrick.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: None

Consent Agenda: Fendrick requested the March 4, 2026 meeting minutes and Ordinance 2026-04 be pulled from the Consent Agenda. White moved, Best seconded to approve the remaining consent agenda items: February 19, 2026 Special Village Board and Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting minutes; February 23, 2026 Special Village Board and Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting minutes (1); February 23, 2026 Special Village Board and Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting minutes (2); February 25, 2026 Special Village Board and Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting minutes; Certified Survey Map Land Division Town of Vermont- Sherven; Ordinance 2026-05, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 18 LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS, MOUNT HOREB, WISCONSIN"; Resolution 2026-07, "APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE MOUNT HOREB URBAN AREA FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM". Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Fendrick had requested the March 4th minutes be pulled because he was not present at that meeting. Jones moved, White seconded to approve the March 4, 2026 Meeting minutes. All voted aye, with the exception of Fendrick, who abstained. Motion carried. Fendrick inquired about who enforces the provisions of Ordinance 2026-04 and voiced his concerns. Jones moved, Fendrick seconded to approve Ordinance 2026-04, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 11.09 COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND CREATE SECTION 11.10 COLLECTION OF AND DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLES". Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Introduction of Interim Village Administrator Jon Hochkammer: Hochkammer introduced himself and gave some information on his background.

Presentation of Library Annual Report: Library Director Jessica Gretzinger presented her annual report.

Proclamation for Recognizing National Library Week: Czyzewski read the proclamation aloud.

Authorization to Bid 2026 Street Improvement Project: Hochkammer explained this item. Fendrick moved, Best seconded to approve the authorization to bid. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of 15-minute parking stall along the west side of S. Grove Street: Hochkammer explained this item, and the board discussed. Schellpfeffer moved, Jones seconded to approve the parking stall. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of 10-minute take out parking in front of the building on the west side of S. First Street: Hochkammer explained this item, and the board discussed. Jones moved, White seconded to approve the parking stall. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Arbor Day Proclamation: Czyzewski read the proclamation aloud.

Committee reports: All committee reports were given, with no action taken.

Village President's report: Czyzewski gave his report, which was also included in the meeting packet.

Village Administrator's report: Hochkammer spoke about meeting with staff, and his time with the Village thus far, as he started with the Village on March 23rd.

Village Clerk's report: Gaffney presented information on the upcoming April 7th Spring Election.

Adjournment: With no further business before the board, Fendrick moved, Jones seconded to adjourn @ 8:33pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk
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NOTICE**

The Town of Primrose Planning Commission meeting for July 2026 will take place at 8468 County Road A, Verona WI, on Monday, July 20th, 2026, 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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MOUNT HOREB'S BEST OF THE BEST

BEST

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we have been working all season to get to state,” Seeliger said. “Getting second place didn’t surprise me, as we went into state knowing that we had the third-highest sectional score and that state was just like every other meet. We just had to continue to do what we have been doing all season.”

Mount Horeb opened on the beam where it posted the second-best total with a 34.0 team score. Hendrickson led the way with an 8.60, while junior Avena Meyers (8.5833), senior Carmen Oglesby (8.4167) and Seeliger (8.40) also posted solid scores.

“We were the very first team to compete on beam and our girls did an outstanding job tuning out the noise and focusing on the task at hand,” Koller Faust said. “Our beam team set the tone with strong routines and that momentum carried through the next three events. I truly believe our team peaked at just the right time — at the state meet — and we coaches couldn’t have asked for more from them.”

The Vikings then went to the floor exercise and shined again, posting a team score of 36.20 that was second to only Dodgeville. Hendrickson led the way with a 9.150, while Oglesby (9.083), sophomore Averi Kalscheur (9.0) and Seeliger (8.9667) also had tremendous routines.

“Our team focused on soaking in every moment and enjoying our time together,” Hendrickson said. “All day we cheered each other on, supported one another, and made the most of our last opportunity to compete as a team.”

Mount Horeb then headed to the vault, where its score of 34.6334 was the third best in the field. Hendrickson posted the Vikings’ top score with an 8.80, while Seeliger (8.750), Oglesby (8.7167) and Meyers (8.3667) all performed well.

Mount Horeb then finished on the uneven bars and posted a team score of 33.3667. Seeliger led the Vikings with an 8.550, while Kalscheur (8.4833), Hendrickson (8.1667) and senior Tessa Soppe (8.1667) all had strong efforts.

“The highlights for me was being able to compete with this amazing team one last time,” Seeliger said. “The highlights for the team was receiving second place and giving it our all and just having fun.”

Mount Horeb finished before many of the other top challengers and then played

the waiting game. Dodgeville didn’t blink and held onto first place, but Marshfield struggled on the beam and couldn’t make a move on Mount Horeb for second place.

Moments later, the Vikings were hoisting a state runner-up trophy and celebrating their remarkable season.

“I’m beyond pleased with how this team grew throughout the season,” Koller Faust said. “They developed not only in their skill levels and abilities, but also into a truly close-knit team.

Hendrickson agreed. “This season was incredible,” Hendrickson said. “Even though we had our ups and downs, we continued to push through all the way to the end. I couldn’t be happier with this team’s commitment, drive, and dedication, as well as the positivity and friendships that brought us together and made this season so special.”

One day later, Hendrickson, Seeliger and several other Vikings shined at the individual state meet. Hendrickson was eighth in the all-around competition with a 35.3167 and Seeliger was 12th with a 35.0167.

Hendrickson was fourth on the balance beam with a 9.2333 and Oglesby was 12th with an 8.533. Kalscheur was eighth on the uneven bars (8.633) and Seeliger was 14th (8.4833).

Hendrickson was also 12th on the floor with a 9.0167, and Oglesby was 14th on the vault with an 8.633.

“I am very happy with my performance on Saturday (at individual state),” Hendrickson said. “Since it was my first time competing at the individual state meet, my main goal was simply



Ella Baber (left) and Isla Odgers (above) were named the MHM’s Breakout Performers of the Year. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

to have fun. I am especially proud of my beam routine. After falling the day before and scoring much lower than usual, I had to stay positive and confident going into Saturday.”

Seeliger also had an impressive day at individual state.

“I was pretty happy with my performance on Saturday and I was really happy that I was able to stick my second vault,” Seeliger said. “I was happy with each and every performance.”

Overall, the Vikings were thrilled with their weekend, which capped off another banner season.

“Knowing we had numerous varsity positions to fill after the 2024–25 season, we told the girls from the start that our lineups would be fluid and could change from week to week,” Koller Faust said. “I’m so proud of their hard work, their perseverance, their adaptability and their willingness to step up and fill some very big shoes throughout the season.”

Co-Breakout Performers of the Year

Ella Baber and Isla Odgers

Baber, a sophomore, shined during golf and softball season. Odgers, a freshman, made an enormous impact during cross country, basketball, softball and track season.

Baber made a huge impact during softball season, where she was a first-team all-Badger Small Conference pitcher. Baber went 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.”

Baber also had a terrific golf season, where she played No. 2 in the Vikings’ lineup all year and shot a 93 at sectionals, which was good for 22nd out of 50 golfers.

“Ella had a terrific sophomore season and is only tap-

ping the surface of how good she can be as a player,” Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said.

Odgers was a key cog on Mount Horeb’s state championship cross country team, highlighted by a second place finish at the Badger Small Conference meet and a fourth place finish at sectionals.

“I’m really proud of (Odgers) and what she accomplished this season,” former Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said of Odgers. “Isla makes us so much stronger as a team and I’m excited for what she’ll be able to accomplish in the coming years.”

Odgers played in 13 games during basketball season for a Mount Horeb team that went 15-11 overall and finished second in the Badger Small Conference.

Then in the spring, Odgers pulled off the rare daily double and played varsity softball while also running varsity track.

Odgers was part of a softball team that went 26-4 overall and set a program record

for victories in a season.

Odgers was also part of Mount Horeb’s 3,200-meter relay team that finished second at state with the second-fastest time in state history (9:10.22). Odgers joined sophomore Mia Caygill, junior Julia Straka and junior Willa Vigliotta on the blazing fast relay team.

Odgers also finished second in the 800-meter run in 2:12.99, just behind champion Abbie Hoage of Altoona (2:12.92).

“We had talked in depth about all possible scenarios and how to execute a perfect race plan — knowing no matter what that she was going to throw down a great time,” Mount Horeb co-coach Alexa Richardson said of Odgers. “Being out-learned is never fun, but it was a learning experience.

“Honestly, Isla, being a freshman, races beyond her years already. She PR’d in both the relay and the open 800 by multiple seconds again, and that’s golden in itself.”

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