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Art Reception Spotlights Local Talent

A crowd of family and fans stopped by Mount Horeb's downtown Driftless Historium on Saturday, June 27 to visit with 2026 Student Spotlight artists Delilah Gasch and Raniah Hubbard and view their exhibit, "More than Meets

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Landmarks Foundation to Host Annual Ice Cream Social and Pie Auction

The Landmarks Foundation will host its Annual Ice Cream Social and Pie Auction on Thursday, August 6, at the historic District #1 Schoolhouse, located at 110 North 2nd Street.

The Ice Cream Social will take place from 5:30 to 6:30

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Library reveals Big Read Title (and Middle and Little Reads, too!)

Each year the Mount Horeb Public Library selects titles they encourage everyone to read and discuss. Learn about the three books they chose for 2026 on page 6. Pictured above with this year's selections are librarians Melissa Roelli, Hannah Klapperich-Mueller and Amy Kalchik. Photo contributed.

Food for the soul

Tisha Brown is new pastor at Zwingli Church in Mount Vernon

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

Not long ago, the Reverend Dr. Tisha Brown was feeding people's bodies with her baked goods at the Mount Horeb Farmers Market. Today, she's

feeding their souls as the newly installed pastor at Zwingli Mount Vernon United Church of Christ.

Mount Vernon is a unique community; small, rural, with a fascinating history both temporal and divine.

It has been a place of trickling trout streams, rugged tug of war champions, blooming prairie flowers, rowdy fight clubs, surging crops, lowing cattle, lively



Rev. Brown

bars, and some of the most stunning sunrises to be found. The church is equally eclectic, celebrating the teachings of Christ, the wisdom of Buddhism, and the

splendor of the natural world that surrounds its walls.

Brown, whose Installation and Celebration Service took place July 26, was a member of the congregation before becoming its leader

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Historium to Unveil 'Viking Leadership Legacy' Showcase

The Mount Horeb Area School District (MHASD), in partnership with the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society, is proud to announce the opening of the Viking Leadership Legacy

artifact showcase at the Driftless Historium. This unique, community-centered exhibition celebrates the rich, multi-generational history of Mount Horeb's schools through the personal

artifacts, memories, and stories of dedicated current and former staff members.

The exhibition features a deeply moving collection of historic and personal items that illustrate how closely

family legacies and local education intertwine in Mount Horeb. Visitors will discover the people who have shaped the District across the decades through iconic pieces of local history and

meaningful personal keepsakes.

Among the featured artifacts is an original 1975-1979 FFA jacket worn to the National FFA Convention,

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Three Dems to face off in Dist. 50 Assembly Primary

Winner will go on to face Republican Jon Aleckson

Name: Jon Aleckson (R)
Name: Bryna Caves (D)
Name: Josh Mittness(D)
Name: Bill Oemichen(D)
Seat being sought:
WI Assembly District 50

Bio:

Aleckson: I’ve called Dane County home for 50 years — and I’m a small business owner and a husband to Mary (three children, five grandchildren all living in Dane County). We are public high school parents and grandparents. I’ve spent my career solving problems for a living, not scoring points for a living. My legislative mission is Restore Wisconsin via smarter schools, stronger farms and economic development. I believe in strong public schools, and a fair shake for working families and seniors.

Caves: I’ve been a nurse for 20 years, a previous childcare center owner/provider, a political organizer, and a small hobby farmer. I began my healthcare career in high school at the Veterans Home and worked my way up to the Trauma and Life Support ICU at University of Wisconsin—Madison. I have also taken travel nursing assignments across the country, from the East Coast to Queen’s Medical Center in Hawaii, gaining firsthand experience with how different healthcare systems operate. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I served on the frontlines caring for some of the sickest patients in the state at a time of tremendous fear and uncertainty. Years of working in life-or-death situations have strengthened my ability to remain calm under pressure, lead during crises, and advocate fiercely for others. I also understand firsthand the challenges families face with childcare costs. When care for two children under age two was going to cost more than my mortgage, I acted and started my own childcare business. What began as a solution for my family grew into a fully licensed family daycare car-



Bryna Caves

ing for eight children.

Mittness: After my mother was killed by a drunk driver when I was 9 months old, I lived with my dad until the age of 3, when I was sent to be raised by my grandparents in Janesville, WI. My grandfather was retired State Assembly Rep. Lewis Mittness. He taught me that it is our civic duty to be involved in politics and run for office. And, that if you are waiting for a hero to come along - you need to stand up and do it yourself.

Oemichen: Twenty-six year resident of Town of New Glarus. Married, wife Mary Anne, and children, Amy and Will. I grew up in rural Western Minnesota where my parents owned and operated a grain and Christmas tree farm. My twin sister is an Ocean Spray cranberry grower. Employment: Local Government Law Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension; former Wisconsin Consumer Protection Administrator, Wisconsin Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Health Care Bureau Director, and former President & CEO of Cooperative Network, the trade association for member-owned cooperative business in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Former Deputy Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner while living in Wisconsin and former St. Croix County Board Supervisor. Community Activities: Current President, New Glarus School Board; Green County Leaders board member, Board of Trustees Chair, \$9.6 Billion Wisconsin Edvest College Savings Program, and board member, Agcountry Farm Credit. Former Board Chair, Monroe Clinic; former Board Treasurer, Group Health Cooperative; former Slipstream Board Chair (renewable energy research nonprofit). Former Chair, UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Board of Visitors. Played an Austrian Knight for over a decade in the German version of the Wilhelm Tell play. Education: Law Degree from UW Law School and B.A. in Economics from Carleton College.



Josh Mittness

University of Saskatchewan PhD Dissertation Candidate on the national security risk implications of increasing foreign ownership of American food systems.

What are your top priorities if elected?

Aleckson: My theme for this campaign is Restore Wisconsin — smarter schools, stronger farms and economic development. That’s the lens for everything else: cutting the bureaucracy in Madison and sending that money to teachers and classrooms instead; giving every family real choice in the school their child attends if the assigned school isn’t working for them; requiring real civics education so our kids grow up understanding — and loving — this country and the political and economic freedom that built it; real economic development for rural Wisconsin, not just the Madison-Milwaukee corridor; and taking care of seniors on fixed incomes who built this state and shouldn’t be taxed out of homes. I want immediate action to double the homestead tax credit, and I’m committed for the long term to pursuing a constitutional amendment that lets us freeze property tax increases for targeted seniors.

Caves: Fully fund our public schools while lowering property taxes - We can invest in every child’s education without asking homeowners to carry an unfair tax burden. Make childcare affordable and sustainable - Families shouldn’t have to choose between paying the bills and raising a family, and providers deserve a system that allows them to thrive. I’ll work to cap childcare costs at 7% of household income per child and restore the Child Care Counts program. Guarantee affordable, quality healthcare for every Wisconsinite - I’ll fight to expand BadgerCare eligibility and open the State Health Insurance Plan as a public option that anyone can buy into. Build more affordable housing and expand homeownership - We need more homes



Bill Oemichen

people can afford and more pathways for renters to become homeowners and build generational wealth. Protect Wisconsin’s land and water - I’ll support a true statewide moratorium on new data centers and concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) until stronger protections are in place, and I’ll restore the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. Get corporate money out of politics - Our government should answer to voters, not wealthy special interests. I’ll fight to overturn the influence of Citizens United and restore the principle that democracy belongs to people—not corporations. Protect fair elections forever - I’ll establish an independent redistricting commission and enshrine it in the Wisconsin Constitution so politicians can never rig legislative maps again. Restore workers’ rights - I’ll work to overturn Act 10, protect collective bargaining, and defend every worker’s freedom to organize a union. Raise wages - It’s time to raise Wisconsin’s minimum wage to \$15 immediately, with a path to \$20 as our economy grows. Legalize marijuana - We should legalize, regulate, and tax cannabis, stop criminalizing people for possession, and keep the revenue here in Wisconsin instead of sending it to neighboring states.

Mittness: A single-payer public option for healthcare. Universal childcare. Fully funding education at the state level while lowering property taxes by 44% and ending referendums for good - paid for by a small tax on those making more than \$1M a year. Raising the minimum wage to \$25/hr and chaining it to inflation, COLA, and increases in productivity. More fair progressive taxation - working people and seniors should not be paying for the most elite among us. A comprehensive moratorium on AI data centers.

Oemichen: Addressing the state’s most significant challenges detailed below.

What steps would you take to ensure – or

hopefully even enhance - transparency in state government?

Aleckson: (1) Plain-language budget summaries that a normal human can read without a finance degree. (2) Put more state spending data online in searchable form. (3) And hold regular town halls in Green County and southwestern Dane County. This means using AI to share Wisconsin State data—not waiting weeks for the non-partisan Legislative Reference Bureau to send a report. I also believe every bill should be posted publicly long enough for people to actually read it before a vote.

Caves: I believe representation is a two-way conversation. If elected, I will keep my constituents informed with regular updates about what’s happening in our state government through social media, email, town halls, and other accessible platforms. You deserve to know not only how I vote, but why. I will also establish citizen advisory councils made up of members of our community—including small business owners, childcare providers, farmers, educators, healthcare workers, and others. Before major votes that directly affect these groups, I will actively seek their input and listen to their lived experiences.

Mittness: Strengthen open records laws, Require dark money disclosure, Strengthen the WI Ethics Commission, Require amendment transparency, Mandatory recording of floor sessions, Plain language mandate so everyone can understand legislation language.

Oemichen: I teach Open Records and Open Meeting Law to Wisconsin local government officials and the importance of government transparency to maintaining public trust. I have fostered transparency as New Glarus School Board President and will bring that mindset to the state legislature.

Explain how you would bring different ideas to the table, and even disagree, in a way that is productive, helpful, and does not detract from civil discourse:

Aleckson: I believe that the person across the table loves this state as much as I do — they just may have a different theory about how to help it. That means I can disagree on the policy without deciding they’re a bad person. That’s a key skill in business I learned. I’ll say



Jon Aleckson

what I actually think, ask more questions than I answer, and look for the 80% we agree on before litigating the 20% we don’t. Improving civility in this country starts with each one of us being civil.

Caves: One of my greatest strengths is my ability to connect and communicate with people, especially those who don’t share my views. As an ICU nurse, I’ve spent years talking with people on the worst days of their lives. I’ve learned how to sit with fear, grief, anger, and uncertainty. I can handle big emotions, and I know that listening is often more powerful than talking. Some of the most meaningful conversations I’ve had on the campaign trail have been with people who disagree with me. I’ve had former Trump voters sign my nomination papers, take a yard sign, and even give me a hug— not because we suddenly agreed on everything, but because I treated them with respect. In a time of deep political division, I refuse to meet people with contempt. That doesn’t mean I compromise my values. It’s okay to disagree. In fact, democracy depends on thoughtful disagreement. My faith calls me to love my neighbor, and that includes my conservative neighbors, too. When you genuinely listen to someone without attacking their intelligence or their humanity, you create the possibility for a real conversation. The goal isn’t to win an argument or change someone’s mind on the spot. The goal is to understand one another, exchange ideas, and find common ground where we can. This isn’t easy work, but it’s necessary. As your representative, I will model political civility, personal integrity, and a willingness to engage with people across differences. I hope you’ll join me in raising the standard for how we treat one another, because our democracy is stronger when we lead with respect.

Mittness: All my opinions are formed based on facts that are publicly avail-

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able. I plan to be polite and use facts and common sense to get things done. I am already forming coalitions in this campaign that will allow me to hit the ground running when I get into office. We need people who value honesty above all else in the legislature. And people who are not willing to change their beliefs based on corporate lobbyist money.

Oemichen: My professional career has focused on the cooperative idea that we can achieve far more working together than we can by ourselves. I would bring this philosophy to the Wisconsin Legislature. There will be issues where agreement cannot be reached, but I will actively reach across the political aisle to find areas of agreement that will help us solve problems for the citizens of Wisconsin. Most Wisconsinites want results, not just legislators shouting at each other on social media. I want to get things done and solve problems.

What are this district’s biggest challenges in the coming years?

Alekson: Economic viability, jobs, opportunity, and to reduce people’s tax burden are top challenges for small towns and family farms. We must address the lack of sufficient childcare that keep parents — especially moms — out of the workforce. And we need to address the school funding formula that wasn’t built with rural and semi-rural districts like ours in mind.

Caves: Property tax referendums to support our schools are straining residents to a breaking point. I will get right to the point and fully fund our public schools with the state budget. Two birds, one stone. The private voucher program will be phased out responsibly. We need to do something to help the middle class afford healthcare and childcare, because people are struggling right now to keep up with prices. After that, it’s affordable housing. If we want families to move here and put down roots, we need to be able to offer a starter home that fits their budget. The more people we can move out of renting and into a home they own and can build equity in, the better.

Mittness: Regular everyday people are really struggling financially right now in my district. Whether it is farmers trying to make ends meet, working families just trying to provide for their kids, or seniors being taxed out of their homes. We need fresh ideas, we need real change and no more of the same old status quo solutions that haven’t worked

for decades and are leaving families like ours behind.

Oemichen: The following - not necessarily listed in order of priority. Address Public Education Funding Shortfalls - The New Glarus, Belleville, and Monticello School Districts work hard to educate students despite substantial funding challenges. The state public school funding system is broken. The evidence is the continual need of school districts to go to operating referendums just to keep the lights on. Taxpayers are tired of the resulting, continual property tax increases. Governor Tommy Thompson said in 1997 that the school funding system was temporary and was only intended to last five years, but decades later, the Republican Legislature has still failed to take action to fix this broken system. Part of the \$2.5 Billion state surplus should be used to fund public school Special Education costs and to increase per-pupil aid to at least keep up with inflation. The Legislature should substantially reduce an estimated \$1.8 Billion in private tuition vouchers that cost taxpayers \$15 million only 12 years ago. Vouchers were intended to address real achievement gaps in the Milwaukee Public Schools, not to be taken statewide by Republicans. Address the Lack of Accessible and Affordable Childcare - Lack of access to affordable childcare is holding back families across the 50th Assembly District and negatively impacts not only families, but employers too. The Legislature’s failure to renew \$120 million in funding support for childcare after June 30 will cost the state dearly through lost payroll and income tax revenues. Childcare is a public good, much like electricity, law enforcement, and roads and should get similar attention from state policymakers. Address the Lack of Access to Affordable Quality Housing and Healthcare - Young families can’t afford to buy a home even with both parents working. The market is tight and housing costs have increased exponentially. Seniors can’t leave their single-family homes because there are no affordable apartments in their community. Prairie Haus apartments in New Glarus is an affordable housing and is being copied across the state. My wife Mary Anne took a leading role in getting Prairie Haus apartments in New Glarus built and I was the first property manager. I have also worked for decades to establish affordable housing cooperatives, both single and multi-unit. Both affordable housing examples are achievable here in Green and Dane counties.

Access to affordable, quality healthcare is a human right - Millions of Americans are going without healthcare or lose healthcare when they become unemployed through no fault of their own. Federal Medicaid and Medicare funding reductions are forcing adults and children off health insurance rolls, leading to the real potential of missed healthcare or bankruptcy if a chronic condition develops. Moreover, federal funding cuts place rural hospitals at substantial risk. Just look to Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. The sudden hospital closures removed 38% of the hospital care from the community. ER waits are long and patients often must find healthcare in the Twin Cities, Rochester or Wausau rather than in their own community. The legislature must do what it can to protect Wisconsin families from a loss of community-based healthcare. Support a Struggling Agricultural Economy - Farmers are challenged by the loss of export markets due to tariffs and the War with Iran, both substantially raising the costs of farm inputs like diesel fuel, fertilizer, and agricultural chemicals. At the same time, crop and dairy prices are challenging. This is unsustainable and will lead to the loss of many family farms. Wisconsin must find value - added alternatives for agriculture production, ensure there is a continued flow of affordable credit as large national banks exit agricultural lending, prevent high quality farmland from being paved over by data centers or other large developments, and prevent foreign ownership of farmland. Ensure State and Local Regulations Keep Up with Technology Advances to Protect Public Health and Safety - Hyperscale AI data center developments are challenging state and local government statewide. State and local zoning regulations must be rapidly updated to ensure electric utility consumers and water resources are protected. I would support a construction moratorium to give municipalities time to really assess data center impact on land and water resources. Moreover, state and local governments need to be transparent about the review and approval process and disclose how financial incentives are determined. Bottomline: citizens

need to have a real voice in the decision-making process. Ensure a Right to Privacy - Americans should have a right to privacy in their own homes and relationships, and the right to make an often-agonizing decision to terminate a pregnancy - without the government being involved. The U.S. Supreme Court’s rollback of long-protected constitutional rights and recent efforts to impose national prohibitions on the right to choose, and on the right to choose who to marry, must be rejected. We live in a federal system and our state must do all it can to push back against an overbearing federal government.

What are our greatest opportunities moving forward?

Alekson: Green County and southwestern Dane County have great advantages: good land, good people, small-town trust, and easy access to a growing metro economy. If we get schools, broadband, housing, and childcare right, we can capture the families and small businesses that want out of the big city without the big-city price tag. We also have a strong agriculture and food-production identity we haven’t fully leveraged — there’s real opportunity in value-added agriculture and agritourism, along with rural manufacturing and trades that don’t require a four-year degree to pay well. I also think Wisconsin has a real chance to benefit from the AI boom — but only if we’re smart about it. That means training our workforce for the jobs AI is actually creating, not just bracing for the ones it might replace. And it means going in clear-eyed on data centers: they get pitched as instant economic development, but they can also draw enormous amounts of water and power, and noise for relatively few permanent jobs. I’m not against that kind of development — we can’t afford to sit this one out while other states capture it. Wisconsin should negotiate from a position of strength, with real guarantees from developers on water use, energy costs, noise abatement and local hiring, not just a groundbreaking photo op. Absolutely no increase in energy rates and always preserved our water resources. Period.

Caves: We have an in-

credible opportunity this election cycle to govern in a way that puts the well-being of our communities ahead of corporate interests. We have the chance to think big and build a Wisconsin where everyone has the opportunity to be happy, healthy, and housed. We can reverse decades of chronic underfunding in our public schools and make Wisconsin a national leader in academic excellence once again. We can make it possible for families to have another child without worrying that childcare costs will break the budget. We can ensure that no one hesitates to see a doctor because they’re afraid of the bill that will follow. We can redirect the wealth created in this great state back to the people who make it possible, where it belongs. I know a lot of people find politics boring. To me, it’s exciting, because politics is how we solve problems together. It’s how we make life better for our neighbors. I can’t wait to help build a Wisconsin where people don’t just survive — they thrive.

Mittness: I think we have a lot of work to do fixing the economic issues of our day, but it was not always this bad. Most of the issues we are facing today we have faced before as a state and as a nation. I think people have finally had enough and are ready to fight to fix these issues. I have faith that with the support of the people, we have a bright future ahead. I am ready to get to work on day one.

Oemichen: Wisconsin enjoys a \$2.5 Billion budget surplus. The Legislature should use those monies to adequately fund public education, childcare, affordable housing and healthcare. Wisconsin must rely less on the property tax to fund public education and return to funding public schools through the income tax, which is based on the ability to pay. The state motto is “Forward.” We can get this done.

What’s an important issue you feel is not talked about enough? Perhaps something that is vital to the state’s well-being but not glamorous enough to

garner a lot of headlines or clicks?

Alekson: Child care. It doesn’t trend on social media, but it is quietly deciding whether young families can afford to stay in this district at all. When there’s no available, affordable childcare within a reasonable drive, one parent — usually not by choice — leaves the workforce, and the whole local economy feels it: fewer workers, fewer customers, fewer volunteers for the fire department. It’s not a headline issue. It’s a foundation issue.

Caves: Farming has become one of my greatest passions. My kids and I started a small organic hobby farm because we love growing things and learning together. This year alone, we started nearly 2,000 plants and even experimented with using sheep’s wool as mulch to improve soil health and reduce weeds. I’d love to see District 50 become a leader in regenerative agriculture and crop diversification. We already have incredible farmers who are proving these practices can succeed, and they deserve our support. I want to see more family farms and fewer CAFOs. I want to see more people buying locally grown food, joining Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs, and investing in the farmers who strengthen our local economy, protect our land and water, and help keep rural communities thriving. Agriculture has always been the backbone of our region. By supporting sustainable farming and local food systems, we can build healthier communities, stronger local economies, and leave the land in better shape for the next generation.

Mittness: The fact that farm bankruptcies are up over 700% is one. In February 2026, the Legislature held hearings on wake-enhanced boat legislation, with testimony from over 70 citizens, scientists, anglers, conservationists, and organizations. Many spoke about shoreline erosion, habitat destruction, safety concerns, and damage to smaller inland lakes. The legislation being advanced would pro-

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By **BARR JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Aug. 11, 1886

The Doddies were on a toot last Friday.

Mrs. Henry Witte was taken violently sick last week and Dr. Evans was called to render medical aid, and at this writing she is better.

The rocky cut of the railway east of town furnishes a safe retreat for a host of woodchucks, who have honeycombed the mass.

Already the thresher men are getting out their man eaters ready for business; harvesting is pretty generally finished hereabouts and now the hum of the thresher will be heard in the land.

Fred Riphan and Mary Moran were united in marriage at the St. Mary’s church, Pine Bluff yesterday Aug. 10th. The News extends a hearty congratulation to the couple.

Mrs. Andrew Brenden met with an accident Sunday evening, which will cause her untold misery. On driving home the lines got entangled in the harness in a manner that made it impossible to retain the control of the horses. Mrs. Brenden became frightened and jumped out of the buggy. The result was a broken leg, the bone being slivered, rendering a setting inconvenient. Drs. Sweet, of Mt. Vernon, and Evans were summoned and did what could be done for the unfortunate lady.

130 Years Ago- Aug. 13, 1896

We have lost our file for July 2d, ’96. To the first one who brings us a copy of the Times

of the above mentioned date we will furnish the Ladies’ Home Journal one year free. Now get!

The barn of T. Donehoe was struck by lightning last Sunday morning and burned to the ground. The livestock were rescued. About 100 tons of hay and some machinery was in the barn and was destroyed. The damage is partly covered by insurance to the amount of about \$1,100.

Ole Peterson is having a hard time of it. His sickness seems to be of a more serious nature this time.

All parties wishing cream can leave their vessels with Andrew Jacobson or Brice before 8:30 o’clock a.m. and state quantity wanted.

120 Years Ago- Aug. 9, 1906

Lee & Harmon started up their new electric light plant Saturday evening and the machinery worked fine, and with a few adjustments it will be in fine order and the boys will now be in shape for a heavy load. Every citizen should order the lights now to give the investors encouragement, as electric lights are something that adds much to the town and would be greatly missed if we did not have them now.

Harvey, a young son of Harry Garfoot of this place, met with an accident last Monday while down on the farm while standing near the pump, the windmill being in gear, but not in motion on account of calm, the lad thoughtlessly removed the coupling pin, substituting the second finger of his left hand. Suddenly a gust of wind started the mill, with the result that it clipped the finger off, the

amputated part falling on the platform. The boy was brought to town and Dr. Thompson dressed the hand, and Harvey is now busy telling his playmates how it happened.

The steel ceiling for the Lutheran church is daily expected and the work of placing same will be superintended by an experienced workman from the factory where it is manufactured.

110 Years Ago- Aug. 11, 1916

No one can have good health that don’t eat enough, but they are few in this, our land of plenty.

Clara Jordee who has been enjoying her month vacation is back on duty at Telephone Central, and Miss Breum is now having her vacation and will spend some time visiting friends at Milwaukee.

The Black Earth Booster club, accompanied by the Black Earth brass band stopped here Tuesday evening. The band consolidated with the Mt. Horeb band making 30 pieces and gave an open air concert. The concert was enjoyed by about two thousand people who came from far and near and who surely enjoyed the beautiful selections, judging by the applause.

John Hirsig, returned home last Tuesday from Madison General Hospital where he was a patient the last three weeks following surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Knut Jelle left last week for Oldham, S.D. to visit relatives.

Next Saturday evening a big event will take place at the new town hall in Springdale, when Attorneys Albrich and Gettle

will each give a public address from a progressive standpoint.

The Mt. Horeb Auto Co. has installed a gasoline pump in front of the garage.

Rev. James Holden has been here visiting on old time friends he came however especially at this time to see his brother Sam Holden, whom he found very poorly.

The base ball game last Sunday afternoon at Lake Park was a whooper. It was a fast game, Middleton was well represented and the rooting for both teams was not of the mild variety. At the close of the first half of the 9th inning being 8 to 4 in favor of the home team. A return game will be played at Middleton next Sunday.

100 years Ago- Aug. 6, 1926

George Lund, local salesman for the Maytag washing machine company, went to Newton, Iowa last week and went through the large factory. Mr. Lund informs us that there are 1800 people employed in the factory and that 1300 machines are manufactured per day.

Ed Redel, rural mail carrier is having his vacation, Orville Bergh is carrying mail in his place.

Clifford England, eldest son of Mr. and Ms. Lawrence England, Riley, met with an automobile accident early Sunday, July 25, causing instant death. He was found pinned under his car with his neck broken, by Gunder Vick, Mount Horeb, and Leonard Holder, Forward.

Melvin Lewis, 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewis, Springdale, met his untimely death Friday, July 30, while blasting sand.

Elmer Wesenberg, Verona,

was seriously injured last Thursday evening four miles north of Verona, when the car in which he was riding collided with another on the Madison-Verona detour road.

90 Years Ago- Aug. 6, 1936

The Department of Agriculture and Markets has established a laboratory on the second floor of the Mt. Horeb Creamery to test cheese for fat and moisture. This service is now available to all cheese factories in this territory.

Fire originating in the summer kitchen completely destroyed that structure and the residence on the C. J. Thousand farm, town of Blue Mounds, Thursday night last week.

Part of the second floor of the Dahle building is being remodeled for apartments.

The former Docken dwelling on Main Street next to The Mount Horeb Mail, recently purchased by Myrland Bros., is being torn down.

James Harvey Scott, 92, G.A.R. veteran, passed away Thursday, Aug. 30.

Funeral services are being held today at 1 p.m. for Alfred Venden, who was killed instantly Monday, Aug. 3, when he collided with the light truck driven by Joseph Welch, Shullsburg, about five miles west of Galena, Ill. The deceased is a son of Henry Venden, Black Earth.

80 Years Ago- Aug. 1, 1946

Norman Peterson was badly injured about the face while threshing last Friday. The pitchfork, which he was using,

got caught on the vent on the machine, which rammed the handle into his face, injuring the jaw. He was taken to Methodist Hospital, Madison.

Edward Goli, Mount Horeb passed away at his home here Saturday, July 27, at the age of 67 years.

Louis Swingen is home on leave after completing his “boot” camp training at Great Lakes, Ill.

60 Years Ago- Aug. 11, 1966

A son, Bradley Stephen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vasen, Friday, Aug. 6, at Madison General Hospital.

Gary Einerson, Beloit, has accepted the principalship position of Gale-Ettrick High School at Galesville for the coming year.

Terry Baumeister, 16, is a patient at St. Mary’s hospital, suffering lacerations of his right foot in a lawn mower accident, July 22 at the Glen Smith residence, Route 1, Mount Horeb.

20 Years Ago- Aug. 10, 2006

Bob Ibinger has donated 2.3 acres of his property at the end of Nordic Ridge for a neighborhood park and adjacent street access.

Ruth B. Mostrom, 97, passed way Monday evening, July 31, 2006 at Northfield, MN. She was the twin sister of Rev. Ruben Mostrom.

Donovan and Charlain Boley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 20 at Flannery’s William Tell, New Glarus.

Recreation Notes

Our Fall Activity Guide will be sent out on August 7th! It will be posted on our website and emailed to those who have signed up for marketing emails in their CivicPlus account. Don’t have your CivicPlus account set up yet? Don’t delay; it will make your registration much easier if your account is already created. The link to

CivicPlus can be found on our website: mounthorebwi.info/193/Recreation-Department .

- **Online registration will begin on August 10th at 7:15 AM.**
- **In-person registration will begin on August 11th at 7:15 AM.**

It is almost time for the

Recreation Department’s Annual Shop Event at DICK’S Sporting Goods! DICK’S Sporting Goods will be hosting a 20% off shop event for all Mt. Horeb Recreation athletes, families, & community supporters at the West Towne Mall store on **8/7-8/10/2026**. The discount is for in-store purchases only. Some exclu-

sions apply. If you can’t find an item in the store, ask a sales associate if it can be ordered, and still receive 20% off. See our Facebook page or website for the coupon link. This offer is available to ALL Mount Horeb community members. DICK’S Sporting Goods also offers Sideline SWAP. Bring in your old bat, golf clubs, and

any gently used equipment on 8/7-8/9 during the shop event and receive a gift card to use with the 20% coupon for your next purchase.

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

Online (go to [\[horeb-wi/catalog\]\(https://secure.rec1.com/WI/mount-horeb-wi/catalog\)\).
In-person at 105 N. Grove Street.
Place completed registration form \(found on Rec Dept website\) and payment in 24-hour drop box.
Email completed registration form \(found on Rec Dept website\) and payment to \[mhrec@mounthorebwi.info\]\(mailto:mhrec@mounthorebwi.info\).](https://secure.rec1.com/WI/mount-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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Library Corner

Is your library card active?

By Jessica Gretzinger

Summer is a great time to renew your library card. Each year the South Central Library System cleans up the data and purges inactive cardholders. If you have not used your library card in a span of two years, your data is automatically deleted. This automatic process keeps the data clean and up-

to-date.

Many of our patrons are surprised to find they are no longer in the library sys-

tem! Make sure your card is active by using it! If you haven’t visited the library in awhile, we are confident

we have something you will want to check out. Patrons are often surprised to find that in addition to books and AV, our library also has the following materials available for check:

- Radon test kits*
- Board games*
- Puzzles*
- CDs and DVDs (Take a break from streaming!)*

We hope to see you at the library soon!

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PERSPECTIVE

Protect the ‘Constitution of Knowledge’

Recent record-shattering air quality levels in Wisconsin, triggered by Canadian wildfires, have once again highlighted the challenge of misinformation and disinformation. According to the free online resource, the Debunking Handbook, misinformation refers to false information spread without malicious intent; disinformation is misinformation intentionally disseminated to mislead people. The public discourse surrounding our recent air quality crisis reflects a troubling mix of both.

For example, during the worst of the air quality days, I’ve seen conservative friends post to Facebook, seeking to minimize the link between wildfires and climate change, pointing out that atmospheric CO2 levels and temperatures were significantly higher during the Mesozoic era. Framed as “climate realism,” this assertion dismisses the overwhelming consensus of 97 percent of climate scientists who agree that human activity drives modern climate change. I view this specific narrative as an example of misinformation.

A common response among climate change deniers is that “the climate is always changing.” This talking point has been broadcast for years within conservative media, spanning Fox News, talk radio, and the vast array of right-wing podcasts. Like most propaganda, however, it is a flimsy argument that collapses under scrutiny.

The fundamental science of climate change and the greenhouse effect is straightforward and indisputable. Gases such as CO2 and methane trap heat in the atmosphere – meaning that more CO2 emissions directly translates to more trapped warmth. This concept, known as the “greenhouse effect,” is a 200-year-old finding that no respected scientist contests. Before the industrial revolution, atmospheric CO2 levels were around 280 parts per million, but they have jumped to 420 parts per million in only 150 years. Ice core records going back 800,000 years demonstrate that an increase of this scale and speed has never occurred before. The climate science community overwhelmingly agrees that this dramatic spike in CO2

is a direct, measurable consequence of burning the fossil fuels that powered the industrial revolution.

Using Mesozoic CO2 levels to dispute established climate science is absurd. No one claims the Earth has never been warmer than it is today. The real problem is the unprecedented pace of change. Human activity is accelerating CO2 increases roughly 100 times faster than natural shifts that occurred over millions of years, compared to just a couple of centuries now. Moreover, humans did not exist and could not survive under Mesozoic conditions. That era lacked the agriculture, coastal cities, and 8 billion people who today depend entirely on a stable climate and biosphere for survival.

Again, I view this as a case of misinformation. In some cases, the folks posting this material are people I know personally. They are good, well-meaning individuals who care about their families and their community. In my view, they are victims of a pervasive and well-documented disinformation campaign waged by the carbon fuel industry, and then amplified by right-wing media and allies within the Trump administration.

The recent dangerous air quality and increasing frequency of extreme weather events, which are directly connected to accelerating climate change, are palpable reminders that we live in dangerous times. Our times are made even more dangerous by widespread misinformation and disinformation that has corroded what the author Jonathan Rauch has dubbed the “Constitution of Knowledge”, the epistemic framework upon which our system of democratic self-governance depends. What makes matters worse is that we have a federal administration who have made disinformation their core communications strategy.

In these times, it’s easy to feel hopeless and retreat into quiescence. As we head into the fall elections, it’s important to understand that disinformation is a strategy designed to make us throw up our hands and surrender. When disinformation targets our shared reality, the very air we breathe, truth becomes the battleground. Protecting the “Constitution of Knowledge” and the democratic order it sustains requires us to engage our neighbors, push back against misinformation, and

of course vote.

Chris Hofmann
Blue Mounds

Betts believes in Hendrickson

Dear Editor,

In all my years I’ve never seen so much division in politics. We need someone who can and will work across party lines while representing our best interests.

Lies, half truth, and poorly written bills with agendas snuck in that get passed, never helping us, only to serve the donors who “pay to play”.

I’ve gone to well over a hundred political meet and greets, rallies, and open forums to know when It’s just a dog and pony show and who can answer the tough questions.

I have listened to the candidates for the 17th Senate district and one stands out far ahead of the other two, and that’s Corrine Hendrickson. She is the candidate with integrity and honesty through and through.

She ticks all the boxes we need in a candidate. When asked about a recent bill that was signed, she was interviewed and asked to sum it up. She had absolutely no problem understanding the nuances, broke it down, and explained it. Not something either of the other candidates did.

If you go to her social media FB page, just listen to her. She’s not “acting” or “selling” snake oil, she speaks for all of us.

Don’t tell the people what’s wrong and “you’re going to fix it”. We need to hear how, with clear definitions and Corrine is the only one who has explained exactly the path that needs to be taken.

Education, experience in the real world, and common sense understanding of this broken system is why we need Corrine for 17.

Melodie Betts,
Fennimore

Dicke Supports Jacobson For District 17

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Jenna Jacobson on being named one of this year’s Conservation Champions by Conservation Voters. Conservation Champions are those legislators that receive a perfect 100 percent score, indicating that they are consistently supporting legislation that promotes being good stewards of our natural resources. Jenna and these

legislators know that Wisconsinites value safe drinking water, land stewardship and accountability for data centers and utilities.

In contrast, Senator Howard Marklien was named to this year’s Conservation Dishonor Roll. Three legislators received this “distinction” because their actions were so egregious and out of touch with their constituents’ values concerning our natural resources and democracy. In particular, Sen. Marklein has a 16-year history of NOT supporting conservation legislation. Conservation Voters gave him a lifetime score of only 17%. Does this reflect how Wisconsinites value our natural resources? I don’t think so.

It is time for a change in Senate District 17. If you value safe water, clean air, healthy soil, public lands, outdoor recreation, and the protection of Wisconsin’s wildlife, trees and plants, join me in voting for Jenna Jacobson for Wisconsin State Senate. Thank you, Jenna, for supporting Wisconsin values!

Robert Dicke,

Meier supports Oemichen

Dear Editor,

The August 11th primary is approaching fast. It is my honor to encourage voters in Wisconsin’s 50th district to vote for Bill Oemichen as our representative for the Wisconsin State Legislature.

I have known Bill since the 1990’s when I led the Farmers Assistance Program (now the Wisconsin Farm Center) at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. I have always been impressed by his ability to listen to all sides and seek a consensus in bringing opposing sides together, especially evident during the contentious fall out from the farm crisis of the 1980’s, including issues like stray voltage. When Bill led the Division of Consumer Protection at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, he always tried to seek the best solutions to consumer protection issues, looking out for the consumer and working with those complained against to change behaviors and avoid repeated controversy.

Locally, Bill has especially impressed me with his years of dedication to seeking out and obtaining a way for disabled, veterans, elderly and others to have a

safe home, resulting in Prairie Haus Apartments in New Glarus. His untiring efforts as president of our local school board demonstrates over and over his commitment to public education.

Bill’s record of public service stands as a model of someone who always strives to help his community and his state.

He has my vote. I hope he has yours.

Sincerely,
Jeanne M. Meier,
New Glarus

Jenna Jacobson best for senate

Jacobson, like her primary opponents, has a good grasp of the issues facing rural Wisconsin and what needs to be done about them. What makes her stand out is her life and work experiences. She grew up in a single parent household that relied on food stamps. It took her eight years to get through college, having to work second shift factory jobs and a day job at a Credit Union in order to finance her education. After graduating with a degree in Consumer Financial Planning she took a job helping people secure and stay in stable housing. Jacobson served on the Village of Oregon Board and then went on to get elected twice to the Wisconsin State Assembly where she now serves. Through her committee assignments in the legislature she has been at the forefront of fighting for Wisconsin’s rural communities. Neither of her primary opponents have any legislative experience. Jacobson is the candidate best positioned to defeat incumbent Republican Howard Marklein in November.

Allen Pincus
Barneveld

Westfall: Roys offers solutions

Kelda Roys will make an excellent Governor, and she has my vote. The Democratic primary is hotly contested, with strong candidates. So why did I pick Roys? I feel she has Hong’s fire for real change to help Wisconsin families, farmers, and small businesses, balanced with practical ideas on how to Get. Stuff. Done.

School funding/property tax burdens and data centers are two issues high on many voters priority lists. Roys is endorsed by WEAC (the state Educators Association) as the candidate best suited to fix the school funding mess. Roys’ plan ensures our

public schools get proper funding from the State and that students currently in the voucher program won’t face upheaval. These changes will take the pressure off of our property taxes.

Regarding hyperscale data centers, Kelda shares our concerns. Rather than a moratorium, she has a plan to regulate data centers from Day 1 to rein in their negative impacts, to ensure data centers pay their fair share, and with ways to help local government not get bulldozed by big tech lawyer teams.

Roys has a direct, no-nonsense demeanor. She has decades of elected experience and has worked effectively with Republicans in state government (even if there is a Democratic trifecta, bipartisanship will be required to get stuff done). She has support from across Wisconsin, with nearly 300 endorsers along with WEAC, from all across the State. She has workable solutions to affordability issues, health-care, data centers, and more ready to go. Kelda Roys earned my vote.

Lynne Westphal
Springdale

Hendrickson has vision

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Corrine Hendrickson for the Wisconsin Senate District 17. Corrine has the vision and fortitude to fight for Wisconsin families. She supports affordable child-care, rural family farms and small businesses and our precious land and water.

Corrine has crisscrossed across the 17 Senate District talking to everyday people. From Prairie du Chien, De Soto and Ferryville on the western edge, to Oregon, Mount Pleasant and Jefferson on the eastern side, along with communities in between. Corrine has listened to the concerns and challenges of rural folks in the district. She cares about rural communities. Corrine will bring true leadership that understands the challenges we face.

Corrine Hendrickson is the right choice for Senate District 17. She is able to bring people together and find common purpose to move forward. I urge fellow district residents to vote on August 11.

Sincerely,
Therese Ahlers,
Ferryville

Big Read will focus on Lewis & Clark expedition

Sacagawea, bison, and the nation’s epic adventure

Don’t miss your opportunity to be part of the Mount Horeb Public Library’s annual community wide read! Each year the library selects titles they encourage everyone to read and discuss. The Big, Middle and Little Read events bring people together through the shared experience of reading the same book and attending engaging programs. An easy way to connect with people and ideas, this program series includes a book giveaway, author talk, free events, storytimes, and discussions.

The 2026 titles are:
Big Read (Adults) *This Vast Enterprise, A New History of Lewis & Clark*, Craig Fehrman
Middle Read (Intermediate Ages): *It’s Her Story: Sacagawea*, Randy’L He-Dow Teton
Little Read (Picture Book) *Poo Pile on the Prairie*, Amy Hevron (You can’t talk about Lewis and Clark without talking about Bison!)

Big Read Programming Series: Everyone is welcome to attend the events,

even if not reading the book.
Book Giveaway: Saturday, September 12, 9am. Thanks to the Friends of the Library. One book per person. Limited quantities available.
Retracing the Trail: The Smithsonian’s New Wildlife Survey, Wed, Sept 16, 1pm*
The Louisiana Purchase, Tribal Sovereignty & the History of Wisconsin, Mon, Sept 21, 6:30pm
The Journey of York, Living History Performance, Thurs, Oct 1, 1pm*
Beyond Discovery: Na-

tive Historians on the Expedition, Tues, Oct 6, 6:30pm
Lewis & Clark Before Lewis & Clark, Tues, Oct 13, 1pm*
Tunes from the Trail: Live Concert, Sat, Oct 17, 10am
In Person Author Visit & Book Discussion with Craig Fehrman, Mon, Oct 19, 6:30pm
(Programs with an * are virtual speakers. Attendees meet in the library.)
“*This Vast Enterprise* is the adventure book I didn’t

know I needed,” said librarian Melissa Roelli, who plans the Big Read. “I couldn’t turn the pages fast enough. I felt like I met the actual people who made the expedition a success, and my introduction was sometimes astonishing, sometimes horrifying and all together poignant. This book left me with such deep appreciation of the people who helped shape this integral part of our country’s history.”
To encourage discussion with all ages of our community, the library features Middle and Little Read

titles that directly relate to *This Vast Enterprise*. *Sacagawea* is a graphic novel that delves into the true story of how Sacagawea became an integral part of the Corps of Discovery. The Little Read selection is a science filled exploration of what Bison leave behind on the prairie.

For complete information about the events and the series, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Guest Column

Ripples in the Pond

Dear Community Members,

As we prepare for our upcoming school year, I find myself reflecting on a simple yet profound image: Ripples in the Pond.

In education, we often celebrate the “splash”—the groundbreaking of our new elementary addition, the release of favorable state testing scores, or the many state championship trophies

brought home with the sweet assistance of the Mount Horeb Fire Department. However, the true heart of our work lies in the ripples. Every thoughtful budget decision, every grant secured, and every dollar invested in our Vikings creates a ripple that extends far beyond our school walls, touching the lives of our students and their families in ways we may never fully see.

The 2026–2027 Annual

Budget Booklet reflects our ongoing commitment to resourcefulness and fiscal responsibility. While we face challenges—such as an unpredictable state funding model and the chronic underfunding of special education—our “ripples” remain intentional. Over the past two years, the District has secured more than \$1.75 million through grants, donations, and sponsorships, providing opportunities that

would not have been possible through state aid alone.

We invite you to join us for our Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing to discuss how we are aligning our resources to ensure our students continue to thrive. This year’s meeting is taking place on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Intermediate Center’s cafeteria (200 Hanneman Boulevard).

During this meeting, we

will provide an overview of the School District’s operations and review our balanced budget for the year ahead. We will also discuss our progress on the 2024 capital referendum projects, including the Elementary School addition that will unite our K–2 program under one roof by fall 2027.

Public education must serve as the great equalizer. We are committed to making responsible decisions,

balancing the benevolent stewardship of taxpayer funds with the high-quality programming our community expects.

I am proud to be a Viking, and I am honored to serve alongside a community that understands the lasting power of the ripples we create together.

Sincerely,
Dr. Steve Salerno
Superintendent

District Attorney Issues Statement

DA OZANNE’S STATEMENT REGARDING THE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING INCIDENT:

“As your District Attorney, I am issuing this statement so that the community has a clear understanding of my role in the investigation into the officer-involved shooting that occurred on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

Wisconsin’s Rules of

Professional Conduct for Attorneys and due process considerations will largely prevent me from making any further public statements on this matter until the conclusion of this investigation. I am making this statement now because of the significant interest this community has in the matter and to correct some inaccurate information.

Let me first clearly and unequivocally state that this death is a tragedy. We

should grieve any life lost and Corey Ruiz’s life is no different. I also acknowledge and understand that Mr. Ruiz’s death contributes to the pain many people in this community (and elsewhere) experience from the continuing legacy of racism in our country, our state, our county, and our city. I know incidents like this create fear in members of our community about how they and their loved ones will be treated by the police and that incidents like this impact the willingness of crime victims and witnesses to report incidents to the police.

In my oath of office, I swore to support the Con-

stitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin. I swore to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability, “So help me God.” I aspire every day to be true to that oath. This means that any decision in this matter cannot be made based on emotion or concern about how people will react to it. Under Wisconsin law, an outside agency—in this case, the Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI)—will investigate police conduct related to Mr. Ruiz’s death to assess whether there is any poten-

tial criminal liability on the part of any police officer involved in Mr. Ruiz’s death. The Madison Police Department (MPD) took immediate steps after Mr. Ruiz’s shooting to facilitate this outside agency investigation and from my experience I have no reason to think that MPD will not continue to cooperate with DCI.

The Wisconsin State Patrol also provided immediate assistance documenting the scene of Mr. Ruiz’s death to assist in the investigation. DCI has extensive experience in conducting these investigations. I have been in contact with the lead agents assigned to this case and will continue to have contact with them during their investigation as necessary. When DCI completes its investigation, DCI will provide its investigative materials to me for review. Consistent with normal practice in officer-involved shootings, the outside investigating agency will likely not make a specific recom-

mendation that any officer be charged or not charged. That decision is left to me. As I do in every officer-involved death, I personally review all materials provided to me by an outside agency. If necessary, I personally request follow-up investigative efforts in an attempt to clarify facts. Once this work is done, I will decide whether to pursue criminal charges against any officer based on applying state law to the facts of this case. I will communicate my decision to Mr. Ruiz’s family prior to making any public statements. I know that this process will test many people’s patience and that many people will not accept whatever decision I make. That is your right as citizens of a free country. In this time of great emotion and turmoil, I urge everyone to continue to exercise their First Amendment rights in a peaceful manner that does not result in further harm and destruction to our community.”

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Cave of the Mounds Opens New Trail ‘Brigham Prairie Walk’

Visitors to Cave of the Mounds will have a new way to explore the wonders of Wisconsin this summer with the opening of the Brigham Prairie Walk, an interpretive natural trail that connects the stories of geology, conservation, agriculture, wildlife, and more across the historic Cave of the Mounds property.

The Brigham Prairie Walk is one of three hiking trails on the property. This new trail invites guests to experience the landscape above ground while discovering how it is connected to the cave below. Featuring interpretive signs, scenic views, and restored prairie habitat, the Brigham Prairie Walk expands the Cave of the Mounds experience beyond the underground tour.

The trail features eight interpretive signs covering a wide range of topics, including solar energy, native prairie restoration, wildlife, caves and sinkholes, glaciation, groundwater, and



A ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the trail was held on August 5 at the beginning of the trail.

the history of one of Wisconsin’s Oldest Operating farms.

One of the trail’s highlights is a restored native prairie that has been meticulously cultivated on the property for more than a decade. Beginning on former agricultural land, the res-

toration effort transformed the prairie at least, is if one sits in the shade up there in the evening when the sun is coming at this angle, you can see the dragonflies going around and hunting,” Joe Klimczak, General Manager, said about the wildlife in the prairie.

“One of my very favorite things to do, regarding

the prairie at least, is if one sits in the shade up there in the evening when the sun is coming at this angle, you can see the dragonflies going around and hunting,” Joe Klimczak, General Manager, said about the wildlife in the prairie.

The Brigham Prairie Walk

also celebrates the rich history of the Brigham Farm, established in 1828 by Ebenezer Brigham. Now approaching its bicentennial in 2028, the farm remains Wisconsin’s oldest continuously operating farm and played a pivotal role in the discovery of Cave of the Mounds in

1939. Designed as a self-guided experience, the trail allows visitors to explore at their own pace. Interpretive signs and optional QR code content provide layers of information ranging from family-friendly facts to deeper scientific explanations. “We love to interpret for the public; it’s kind of like a buffet. If you want the information, take some. With the QR codes on the signs, if you want even more information, take some more. If you want to walk through and enjoy it without anything, that’s great too,” said Klimczak.

The Brigham Prairie Walk is expected to become a valuable educational resource for families, school groups, homeschool organizations, visitors, and neighbors interested in Wisconsin’s natural history.

AMVETS Post honors Tom Pedretti and Al Bertelrud

AMVETS Post 69, New Glarus, honors Tom Pedretti, Mt. Horeb (left), and Al Bertelrud (center), Belleville, both life members of Post 69 at a Spring Garden Breakfast meeting on July 21 with the White Clover Medal, the Highest award AMVETS issues to veterans who have served other veterans and their families over the years following Military retirement. They are pictured here with Dennis Orr.

Pedretti participated in 804 flag foldings or firing squads at funerals for WI National Guard, Veterans Affairs and the American Legion. He had retired from the Army as a Sergeant First Class after serving as an MP and Drill instructor.

Bertelrud retired from the Army as a Lt. Colonel following a distinguished military career training ROTC, serving stateside and abroad.

Each man has served as Post Commander and District 7 Commanders while filling other offices within our Post 69.

-By William E Kuenzi Jr., AMVETS Post 69 Commander 2026-2027



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p.m., with a picnic in the park and live music by the Community Band. The band concert will begin at 5:45 p.m. and will feature the toe-tapping entertainment and familiar tunes that audiences have come to enjoy.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase, including pulled pork sandwiches, chips, brownies, ice cream, and beverages. Attendees are welcome to bring a lawn chair and enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and music.

Following the band concert, the Annual Pie Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Auctioneer Jim Schmidt will lead the entertaining auction, calling for bids on homemade pies prepared by local bakers. The auction is an important fundraiser for the Landmarks Foundation, with proceeds supporting the continued restoration and maintenance of the historic 1889 Schoolhouse and the Foundation’s programs.

Funds raised also help support the School Days and Home Life historic classroom experience, which is provided each spring for area fourth-grade students. The program offers students an opportunity to learn about local history and experience what school and home life were like in an earlier era.

The event will be held

rain or shine. If weather conditions require, activities will move inside the Schoolhouse. The public is invited to attend and support the Landmarks Foundation’s ongoing efforts to preserve the historic Schoolhouse and continue its educational and community programs.

The historic District #1 Schoolhouse is also avail-

able for community and private events. All proceeds will benefit the continued restoration and maintenance of the Schoolhouse and the Landmarks Foundation’s programs.

Obituaries

Roger Kalscheur



Roger Kalscheur passed away on July 25, 2026 at the age of 72. Roger was born to Arthur (Art) and Rose Kalscheur on January 20, 1954, the fourth of an eventual 11 children. Growing up, he spent much of his time helping on the family dairy farm in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. The eldest son, surrounded by three older and three younger sisters before a new brother came along, he enjoyed taking his

sisters fishing. After graduating from Mount Horeb High School, Roger left the dairyland to work as a railroad inspector for Osmose Railroad Services, Inc, a position that had him travelling all across the country. He eventually settled in California with his wife Lyric. The two had one son, Rusty, on June 10, 1979. After many years, the family moved back to Wisconsin. Sadly, Lyric passed away in March 1998. Just months later, his mother, Rose, also passed away. In the wake of those losses, Roger and his father, Art—both grieving widowers—formed a close bond, spending many hours together and providing one another with companionship.

Working as a tradesman, specializing in plastering, Roger settled in New Glarus. When Rusty welcomed two

children, Rage and Kohna, Roger became an extremely involved grandparent and caregiver. He met his current wife, Lilly, and they married, which in recent years took them to Missouri, where he resided just before his passing. Roger loved sports, especially baseball, and was quick with a fact or notable moment to share. He eulogized his father in 2007, bringing their shared love of baseball and Jackie Robinson to the forefront. Roger was extremely loyal, generous, funny, and smart. Birthday gatherings with his brothers and family reunions were special and cherished. “Pudge” was beloved by many and will be missed dearly.

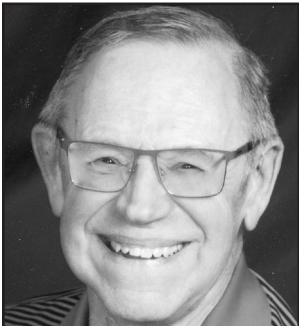
Roger is survived by his wife, Lilly; son, Rusty; grandchildren, Joseph, Rage, Kohna and Kaiden;

sisters Sandra (Peter), Betty, Linda (Chuck), Connie (Roger), Jackie (Dennis), Diana (Jim), Helen (Jim); and brothers Neal (Peggy), Gordy, and Tim (Amy), as well as many nieces/nephews, cousins, and dear friends. He is preceded in death by his wife, Lyric, mother (Rose) and father (Art).

A family celebration of Roger’s life will be held at a later date.

Steven C. Mueller

February 17, 1948 -
July 27, 2026



MOUNT HOREB - Steven C. Mueller, age 78, of Mount Horeb, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on February 17, 1948, in Madison, the son of Clifford and Grace Mae (Brattlie) Mueller.

Steve graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1966 and later received his bachelor’s degree in business from UW-Madison. He married Diane (Rieman) Mueller on September 6, 1969, in Wisconsin Rapids.

Steve worked in human resources and started his own personnel consulting business. He later worked as a sales representative and obtained his real estate license.

Steve was a sports enthusiast and a huge Badgers, Packers, Brewers and Mount Horeb Vikings fan. He was the loudest cheerleader at his kids’ sporting events. Steve enjoyed fishing trips, reading, dogs and playing euchre and sheephead. He also enjoyed participating in the family’s fantasy football league.

The family’s cottage on Lake Arrowhead was a special place where many treasured moments were shared, such as boating, fishing, skiing and campfires. After retirement, he and his wife, Diane, took yearly trips to Florida where they met many new friends and made special memories.

Steve was involved in the Mount Horeb community as a member of the Lions Club and singing with the Men’s Firehouse Minstrels. He was also very involved at Evangelical Lutheran Church through the choir, ushering and was a past president of the church council.

Steve is survived by his wife, Diane; two daughters, Kristin (Mark) Sveum and Kim (Andy) Van Offeren; son, Karl (Lindsey) Mueller; seven grandchildren, Jocelyn and Cody Sveum, Jayden and Landen Van Offeren, and Adelynn, Piper and Payton Mueller; sister, Susan (Wayne) Huntington;

sister-in-law, Terri Mueller; special nephew, Brett; and other nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Mueller; mother, Grace Mae Mueller; father and mother-in-law, Carlton and Selma Rieman; stepmother, Palma Mueller; and brother, Gregory Mueller.

A memorial service will be held at EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 315 E. Main St., Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026, with Pastor Karen Hofstad presiding, followed by a luncheon at the church. Visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday. Burial will be held at Mount Horeb Union Cemetery at a later date.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Mount Horeb EMS, SSM Health Hospital and Hospice, Agrace Adult Day Center, Upland Hills Therapy and Julie Ceithammer for their unwavering and compassionate care given to Steve. Memorials may be made to the Mount Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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Mount Horeb Utilities is again offering grants to local non-profit organizations. Five \$500 grants are available in 2026 for any non-profit organization located in Mount Horeb that serves the Mount Horeb community at large. Applications are due Friday, September 25, 2026 and will be

considered by the Mount Horeb Utilities Commission at their October 13, 2026 meeting. Application forms are available at the utility office in the Municipal Building, 138 E Main St, or on the Mount Horeb Utilities website, mounthorebutilities.com.

Most common forms of ID to show at voting polls: Wisconsin DMV’s driver license or ID

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds citizens to check and be sure that they have the proper identification needed to vote in the Wisconsin Primary Election on August 11, 2026.

“Most people already have some form of identification they can use for voting purposes, including a driver license or ID,” DMV Administrator Tommy Winkler said.

A federally compliant REAL ID card is *not* required to show at the polls. The Wisconsin Elections Commission notes other forms of identification are valid for voting, such as military or student ID cards. To see if a card meets the requirements, visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

Begin online to see a list of the required documents that are needed to present at a DMV Customer Service Center in order to obtain identification to show at the polls: wisconsinidmv.gov/idcards. A process is available to U.S. citizens, free of charge, to obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting if the ID card is not available in time.

DMV offers this service and ID cards for voting purposes free of charge. DMV’s toll-free hotline (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID that can be used to vote.

DMV’s website has a locator to help find the nearest DMV and check wait times (wisconsinidmv.gov/centers).

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Summa Cum Laude

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Jack Alcorn
Trinity Alexander
Hayden Anderson
Miles Anderson
Tyler Angle
Amelia Arrigoni
Ella Baber
Marit Barsness
Pippa Barsness
Adriana Bartow-Holder
Blake Beard
Haylie Becker
Maddie Becker
Gavin Beglinger
Ava Bilse
Alex Blake
Joseph Bluhm
Kira Buttner
Eirinn Carr
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Django Christian
Lilah Crites
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Elle Dinh
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Alex Downs
Isaiah Drews
Faith Droessler
Jackson Ellingson
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Noah Finkenbinder
Magali Forlines
Kyle Frischmann
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Ethan Gage
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Zoe Gauger
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Kate Van Gorden
Evy Vedo
Ayden Vedvig
Daemion Velez
Charlotte Vermaak
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Brittany Walton
Aidan Ward
Addison Watson
Cece Watson
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Landon Wright
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Micah Ammann
Laurel Aquino
Jackson Ballew
Joachim Bednarek
Dawson Bell
Colton Bell
Bronte Bethel
Preston Braverman
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Riley Bushke
Connor Casey
Patrick Chappell
Noelia Cheleri
Jack Davis
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Hattie Thompson
Adeline Tweed
Devyn Uptegraw
Brennan Van Pee
Nelson Van Pee
Benjamin Van Vught
Gabriella Vesperman
Andrew Vigliotta
Erin Wagner-Leek
Cora Wetzel
Oliver Whitman
Emily Wik
Emett Zimmer

Cum Laude

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Samantha Anderson
Joseph Ballew
Mia Barcheski

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Michael Bogue
Kayla Bredeson
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Hiltbrand wins ‘Star Spangled’ quilt in annual raffle

J e a n n e Keller, President of the Hands All Around Quilt Group of Mount Horeb, congratulates raffle winner JoAnne Hiltbrand of Mt. Horeb. Hiltbrand’s lucky ticket was drawn Sunday, July 19 at the Art Fair to win this “Star Spangled” queen size bed quilt.



Class of 1956 holds 70th reunion



Mount Horeb High School’s Class of 1956 held its 70th reunion July 15th at Spring Garden in Mount Horeb. Pictured from left to right are Valonne Eckel, Joan Skalet, John Topper, Jim Scott, Charlotte Esser and Joan Fargo. Not pictured is Dave Losenegger.

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Countryside News



There is more, much more, to corn than silage, grain, summer eating and ethanol added to gasoline. Field corn just began flowering, yes, those ears and tassels are more than decorations on the top and side of corn stalks. Corn has two separate flower types; the tassels are groups of hun-

dreds of pollen-producing flowers. Ears are the same, but instead of pollen the ear flowers produce fruit flowers. If these two flower types mature at the same time, pollen will drift from the tassel flowers to the fruit flower silk; that journey is pollination. The pollen begins growing down the silk strands and carries two sperm cells to an immature seed. One sperm will, if things go right, fuse with the egg cell resulting in a fertilized egg and then an embryo in a seed inside each corn kernel. A corn ear, one to three per stalk, contains several hundred fruits, each with one seed inside. The corn plant is an annual, so it dies as the seeds/fruit mature. The seed could, if not eaten, grow into another corn stalk.

-Provided by Jerry Davis

COMMUNITY

Neighbors come together for Garden Party



The The 300 block of South Fourth Street is looking more beautiful thanks to a collaborative effort by members of the neighborhood. From left to right: Josh Arrigoni, Megan Varnum, Ryan Stowe, Jean Oimoen, Jeff Mathis, Anne Mathis, Bruce Oimoen, Emily Gauger, Blaine Krantz, Sandy Krantz and Nick Gauger.

The 300 block of South Fourth Street is lined with beautiful mature trees, which we love, however we realized it could be even better. Neighbors across the street had planted lush terrace gardens almost 25 years ago that have become a plush stretch of color and interest.

Inspired by the eye-catching beauty of their efforts and, after several conversations with those experts, we examined the pros and cons of such a project. Ready for a change, the homeowners on the west side of the block agreed to work together to eliminate the sub-standard, patchy grass and create uninterrupted flower gardens spanning the entire block.

A text group chat was created and kept everyone on the same page with all the organizational plans throughout the winter. After preliminary phone calls

(Village of Mount Horeb, Diggers Hotline, rental equipment at Premier Co-op) everyone gave a thumbs up and the project commenced on the first day of May. Five properties, 10-plus workers, numerous wheelbarrows and shovels, and a ton of excitement!

The neighbors of the 300 block of South Fourth Street worked continuously that day; removing sod and rototilling almost 6000 square feet of terrace lawn. We helped each other until the entire block was stripped of grass and completely prepared for something new and different.

In the days and weeks that followed this shared project was a catalyst for neighborhood camaraderie and became a major social event for us. Shared goals, impromptu gatherings, plant advice, and brainstorming ideas were non-stop. We dug

up and thinned out our backyard gardens and shared extra plants with each other. We ordered plant plugs and sowed seeds.

Each homeowner created something of their own; our terrace and our neighborhood came alive!

Whether a 40-year resident or newbies on the

block, our street was transformed and friendships were deepened.

A secondary and common goal just as exciting to us, was to create pollinator gardens designed to attract, feed, and shelter pollinating insects and animals (bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, beetles, etc.). We

hope our spaces will provide essential food and safe nesting habitats that sustain local biodiversity.

Thank you to the Village of Mount Horeb for sod pickup (it was a huge help). Thank you also to our nearby neighbors who picked up a shovel and/or dropped off donuts and water. Your help added fuel to our excitement. To everyone else, who, since that day, have shared their plants with us; we appreciate every bloom, bulb, ground cover, hosta, prairie, woodland, and native beauty!

To our surprise and delight, our terrace creations have produced many positive comments and inquiries from passersby. It has become apparent the enjoyment from these gardens has spread well beyond the homeowners on our little block and we couldn't be

happier. We hope our gardens grow and thrive like those across the street

Happy gardening everyone! Oh, regarding the pink flamingos? They're just for fun!

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Representative Roundup

Sen. Johnson Named Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget

U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) was named chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget by the Republican Conference. The senator released the following statement:

“I’m stepping into this role following the tragic death of my friend and colleague, Senator Lindsey Graham. He was a true American patriot, and he will be sorely missed.

“As chairman for the remainder of the year, I intend to maximize this opportunity to define the fiscal challenge we face, help expose the fraud in government programs, and work with the House, the White House, and my Senate colleagues to enact as much of President Trump’s agenda as possible.”

Johnson Leads Senate Passage of National Sarcoma Awareness Month Resolution

The Senate passed U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson’s (R-Wis.) resolution designating July as National Sarcoma Awareness Month. This resolution raises awareness of sarcoma, a form of cancer, and honors the life of Melissa Locke and the thousands of other Americans who are affected by this disease.

“I am pleased that my resolution passed the Senate in honor of Melissa Locke and the countless other Americans who have struggled with the life-threatening disease sarcoma. I hope we can continue to increase awareness of this complex form of cancer that is diagnosed thousands of times each year,” said Sen. Johnson.

Johnson Questions CDC Awarding Pfizer \$1.24 Billion for mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, wrote to Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) raising concerns about the CDC recently awarding Pfizer two contracts for its mRNA COVID-19 vaccines valued at approximately \$1.24 billion.

In conjunction with the letter, Chairman Johnson released a December 5, 2025 email, in which FDA officials recommended changing the label on mRNA COVID-19 vaccines to include “myocarditis with

fatal outcomes.” Chairman Johnson raised questions about the extent to which this proposed label change was considered by other FDA officials, particularly in light of the new Pfizer vaccine contracts.

The letter also revealed that in late 2025, FDA officials initially assessed ten cases of pediatric deaths to be probably or possibly connected to the mRNA COVID-19 vaccines. Communications enclosed in the chairman’s letter show FDA officials discussing their plans to eventually reduce the number of pediatric deaths probably or possibly connected to the mRNA COVID-19 vaccines which was then reflected in their December 5, 2025 memo. Chairman Johnson released that memo as an enclosure in his May 11, 2026 letter to HHS.

“The decision to award these contracts raises questions about CDC’s commitment to vaccine safety,” Chairman Johnson wrote.

“The safety issues with the COVID-19 injections that the Subcommittee has uncovered so far should have raised serious concerns at HHS and CDC about the mRNA COVID-19 injections. Instead, CDC’s reported awarding of approximately \$1.24 billion in new contracts to Pfizer for a vaccine linked to serious adverse events—including potentially the deaths of children—suggests CDC continues to fail to take its vaccine safety responsibilities seriously,” Chairman Johnson concluded.

Baldwin’s Bipartisan Bill to Cap Insulin Costs at \$35 Per Month for Millions Advances in the Senate

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) voted for and helped advance legislation to cap the out-of-pocket cost of insulin at \$35 per month out of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. The *Improving Needed Safeguards for Users of Lifesaving Insulin Now (INSULIN) Act*, legislation Senator Baldwin co-sponsors, now heads to the Senate floor for consideration by the full Senate.

“Wisconsin families are feeling the weight of rising costs across the board – and for the half a million Wisconsinites with diabetes, the cost of insulin is one more thing stretching their budgets,” said Senator Baldwin. “There is no reason these big drug companies should be able to continue to charge

so much for a medicine that has been around for more than 100 years and remains basically unchanged. Our bipartisan legislation to finally stop this price gouging, tackle the root causes of high insulin costs, and cut prescription drug costs is now one step closer to becoming law of the land.”

A report from the American Diabetes Association shows the cost of diabetes in America, including the cost of insulin, continues to skyrocket for patients and the federal government. More than 40 million Americans live with diabetes, including over 526,000 Wisconsinites. The disease is one of the leading causes of death in the United States, claiming over 100,000 lives in 2021. It is also the most expensive chronic condition in the nation, costing Americans a combined total of \$412.9 billion per year. The rising cost of insulin presents a barrier to care for a growing number of Americans living with diabetes; 1 in 4 individuals report reducing insulin use due to cost.

The *INSULIN Act* would directly address the root problems in the insulin market that cause high list prices, while simultaneously extending vital patient protections, fostering competition, and broadening access to needed insulin products. Senator Baldwin also offered a bipartisan amendment to ensure that provisions creating a pilot program to get \$35 per month insulin to uninsured patients and establishing a resource center to help patients access affordable insulin remained in the bill, which was adopted. When the legislation gained enough support from both parties to surpass the filibuster and pass on the Senate floor, Senator Baldwin called on Republican Leader John Thune to bring the legislation up for a vote.

Senator Baldwin has long advocated for holding big drug companies accountable and expanding access to affordable health care for Wisconsinites. In 2022, she helped pass the *Inflation Reduction Act*, which for the first time allows Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices and caps the cost of insulin at \$35-a-month for Medicare recipients. The *INSULIN Act* builds on that momentum to cap out-of-pocket costs for all Americans who rely on insulin.

Baldwin Leads Bipartisan Group of Colleagues in Calling

on Trump Admin to Crack Down on ‘Mislabeling of Dairy Imitation Products’

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) led a bipartisan group of Senators and Representatives in calling on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to crack down on the misuse of dairy terms for plant-based products, which unfairly impacts dairy farmers, processors, and consumers. The demands are in line with Senator Baldwin’s *DAIRY PRIDE Act* that would prevent dairy imitation products, such as calling non-dairy imitation products “milk” or “yogurt” that do not contain dairy and are instead from a plant, nut, or grain, from using dairy names. The letter to FDA Acting Commissioner Kyle Dimantas was signed by all original sponsors of the *DAIRY PRIDE Act*, including Senator Jim Risch (R-ID) and Representatives John Joyce (R-PA-13) and Josh Riley (D-NY-19).

“The blatant misuse of dairy terms for plant-based products unfairly impacts dairy farmers and processors and harms consumers due to inaccurate labeling information,” wrote the Senators and Members of Congress in a letter to FDA Acting Commissioner Kyle Dimantas.

“We recommend you do what your predecessors have not done. As you step into your new role, carrying with you your background at FDA Human Foods Program, we urge you to enforce dairy standards of identity and stop imitation products from usurping dairy terms. Rescinding the current FDA guidance and enforcing existing dairy standards of identity is in best interest of our nation’s consumers, dairy farmers and broader public health,” the Senators and Members of Congress concluded.

Senator Baldwin leads the bipartisan *Defending Against Imitations and Replacements of Yogurt, milk, and cheese to Promote Regular Intake of Dairy Everyday Act*, known as the *DAIRY PRIDE Act*, to crack down on the unfair practice of mislabeling non-dairy products using dairy names. The *DAIRY Pride Act* has support from National Milk Producers Federation, American Farm Bureau Federation, EDGE Dairy Farmer Cooperative, Midwest Dairy Coalition, Farmfirst Dairy Cooperative, Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association, and Wisconsin Farmers Union.

Current FDA regulations define dairy products as being from animals, however, the most recent FDA guidance on fluid dairy products allows plant-based

alternatives to continue to use dairy terms despite not containing dairy, nor having the nutritional value of dairy products. The American Academy of Pediatrics has raised concerns about the nutritional inadequacy of plant-based alternatives (aside from fortified soy products). Improperly-labeled imitation products suggest a false nutritional equivalency to dairy milk, which carries the high risk of nutritional deficiencies in children.

In addition to leading the bipartisan *DAIRY PRIDE Act*, Senator Baldwin has repeatedly called on the FDA to take administrative action to enforce standards of identity for dairy products.

Baldwin Pushes Bipartisan Bill to Ban Chinese Vehicles, Protect American Workers Through Senate Committee

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) successfully passed a bipartisan bill to protect American workers and families from the growing threat of Chinese-made vehicles through the Senate Commerce Committee. The Baldwin-backed *Connected Vehicle Security Act* prevents Americans’ data from being collected on American roads and sent back to Beijing by cutting off the supply of vehicles, software, and critical hardware originating from China or Chinese companies at every point in the chain, from the manufacturing process, to import, to sale.

“Chinese connected vehicles pose a serious threat to American jobs and Americans’ safety,” said Senator Baldwin. “I am proud to have worked with my Democratic and Republican colleagues to take a step forward in our fight to prevent China from collecting our data and help keep Wisconsin workers and families safe.”

Specifically, the *Connected Vehicle Security Act*:

- Bans foreign adversary vehicles by prohibiting the importation, manufacture, sale, and resale of connected vehicles, software, and hardware linked to China or other foreign adversaries, including those from joint ventures or entities under their control;

- Empowers the Department of Commerce to identify and block high-risk vehicle technologies, components, and transactions that threaten U.S. economic or national security;

- Establishes enforcement mechanisms to ensure prohibited technologies are kept out of the U.S. market; and

- Phases implementation with vehicle and software restrictions taking effect in 2027, and hardware restric-

tions in 2030, giving the U.S. industry time to secure a domestic supply, in line with the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) Connected Vehicles rule.

The bill is led by Senators Bernie Moreno (R-OH) and Elissa Slotkin (D-MI).

Gov. Evers Sends Letter Urging Congressional Delegation to Support Reauthorizing Federal Farm Bill, ‘Fix Harmful Federal Hemp Laws’

Gov. Tony Evers sent a letter to every member of Wisconsin’s Congressional delegation urging them to support a comprehensive Farm Bill that reflects the needs of Wisconsin’s agricultural economy, including taking needed action to safeguard Wisconsin’s hemp industry and strengthen the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known as FoodShare in Wisconsin. The governor’s letter also urges leaders to invest funding and staffing to support critical dairy, forestry, crop and animal health, and conservation and water quality programs that are at risk and that Wisconsin’s agricultural industries depend on.

Evers office said the letter comes “as farmers, producers, and rural communities continue to face significant challenges thanks to President Donald J. Trump’s trade wars and erratic tariffs, global market instability and supply chain disruptions due to animal disease threats, and workforce shortages.” Further, a recent Farm Bureau survey found that 58 percent of farmers are reporting worsening financial conditions due to rising fertilizer and fuel costs.

“I also once again urge you to take needed action to prevent mass disruption of the hemp industry due to the federal hemp definition change passed by Congress last year,” wrote Gov. Evers. “As Wisconsin’s federal delegation, I urge you to ensure the Farm Bill remedies this issue and encourage you to pursue a science-based federal framework that supports innovation, protects lawful businesses, and allows Wisconsin farmers and producers to compete in a rapidly evolving marketplace. ... Wisconsin farmers and businesses deserve the certainty and support necessary to fully realize the economic benefits of this thriving sector.

“The Farm Bill is more than agricultural policy; it is economic policy, nutrition policy, conservation policy, and rural development policy,” concluded Gov. Evers. “Its impacts are felt in every corner of our state, and I urge you to

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at the start of this year. She said it is a place of “fierce love.” Her role, she said, is to “nourish, support and listen to” the people who so-journ there each Sunday.

She said it’s important to “call out the gifts of God when you see them” and unveil the divine to those who come there for spiritual nourishment.

“Choose one small window of time—ten minutes, twenty minutes, maybe an hour if that feels possible,” she told them in a recent sermon. “Let go of whatever you would normally do during that time and instead make space simply to be with God.”

“Take a walk. Sit on your porch. Share a slow meal. Pray,” Brown continued. “Read scripture - starting

with the Psalms. Rest. Notice beauty. Breathe deeply. Do whatever helps you become present to God’s love.”

“That’s it. No pressure. No checklist,” she told them. “Just a small act of trust that the world will keep turning, and that God will meet you there.”

While many churches receive their new pastors from afar, Zwingli found theirs in the pews, a local member with vast training and experience as a religious leader.

“I was so happy being a member here,” Brown chuckled. “The people here are really earnest in their faith and their love for one another, and for a time I really loved being pastored rather than being the pastor.”

Brown grew up in a small, country church in Iowa. It was, she said, “a small community of people trying to do the work of God in the world as they understand it.”

She began college as a music major before switching to women’s studies and African languages and literature. Brown attended Seminary in Berkley, California, and has been ordained in the United Church of Christ for the past 25 years, leading multiple congregations.

By 2022, however, she was running a gluten- and dairy-free bakery out of Mount Horeb and thought her days of ministry were behind her.

“I was pretty burnt out and frustrated with the church as an institution,” she said.

“I just needed to be fed, spiritually,” she said. “To not be the one doing the feeding.”

Eventually, members of the congregation, as well as a certain enigmatic Deity, filled her up again. By the start of 2026, she was ready to return to the pulpit.

“God just hasn’t been

willing to let me go,” she said.

Brown’s theology is personal and complex, but she was heavily influenced by the feminist theologian Rosemary Radford Ruether, who wrote that God is a great womb from which all things come, something that surrounds and nourishes people, rather than a distant, bearded figure in the sky.

“Now, my theology is probably a lot more panentheistic [than it used to be]; God is in everything, everywhere,” Brown explained.

“With panentheism; God and the universe are one AND God is also transcendent - God is in the universe and the universe is in God,” she continued.

“This is definitely ‘womb-like’ where the womb is in the mother and the mother is also in the womb, so to speak,” Brown said. “They are one and also distinct

from one another and they influence one another throughout the pregnancy and even beyond.”

She said her theology allows her to maintain a place “for mystery and for a great, creative, beautiful dance to be taking place between God and the world with a dynamic give and take in intimate relationship between the Creator and the Creation.”

“I’m not going to accept a vengeful, vindictive, distant God,” she added.

It was a professor of Hebrew, a Rabbi, who helped Brown confront the Problem of Evil, the question of why a just God would let innocent people suffer.

She pondered the mystery: “If God is the creator of the full universe, of good and evil, and if this is the world and it is *good*...”

“I would never say suffering is good, but in our own

lives we can find meaning in it,” she discovered. “If we fail to grapple with our own suffering, if we fail to see God, we really miss something about what it is to be human.”

Brown said she is excited to open the eyes of her congregation to divinity in the world; to walk with them in a world that is, if looked at with open eyes, a good place.

“We are very excited about our new kind, compassionate, empowering, and hard-working pastor Tisha Brown who is in touch with the heartbeat of our congregation!” said church member Mary Penninga. “She is an amazing person who we feel will lead our church forward in some remarkable ways.”

Mount Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ is located at 1693 Washington St., Verona.

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continue working across the aisle to advance a comprehensive Farm Bill that protects Wisconsin’s farmers, strengthens our food systems, safeguards our natural resources, and invests in the future of rural communities.”

The governor’s latest letter outlines the importance of Wisconsin’s FoodShare program that nearly 700,000 Wisconsinites, including seniors, veterans, and approximately 270,000 Wisconsin kids, rely on for basic food necessities. Unfortunately,

new requirements for the program enacted through President Trump and Republicans’ so-called ‘Big Beautiful Bill’ are imposing significant new administrative burdens on states, creating unnecessary complexity in administering the program and increasing the risk of benefit disruptions for eligible households. In fact, according to national reporting, more than 770,000 kids have already been cut off from receiving this vital food assistance due to these changes nationwide.

Gov. Evers also underscored that Wisconsin has consistently maintained one

of the lowest SNAP error rates in the nation. Last month, he announced Wisconsin is just one of nine states that will avoid paying exorbitant new penalty fees to the Trump Administration next year, which could have been as much as \$205.5 million for Wisconsin’s taxpayers alone. In his letter, Gov. Evers is urging federal leaders to reverse these harmful changes and protect food security for Wisconsin’s kids, families, and seniors in the next Farm Bill.

In addition to supporting Wisconsin’s FoodShare program, a summarized list of the recommendations outlined in Gov. Evers’ latest letter for the comprehensive Farm Bill includes funding for:

- * Specialty crop and organic agriculture programs, including the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and the National Organic

Certification Cost Share Program, which support research, innovation, market development, and producer competitiveness;

- * Trade, local food, and supply chain investments, including the Market Access Program, which expands domestic and international markets for Wisconsin producers and strengthens local food systems;
- * Farmer assistance and risk management programs, including the Certified Mediation Program, which provides critical financial counseling and dispute resolution services for producers;
- * Dairy support programs, including the Dairy Business Innovation and Dairy Margin Coverage programs, which help dairy farmers diversify, manage market volatility, and strengthen the long-term competitiveness of Wisconsin’s dairy industry;

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- * Conservation and watershed protection programs, including the Conservation Reserve Program and subprograms, which help improve soil health, protect wildlife habitat, reduce nutrient runoff, and strengthen climate resilience;
- * Water quality and source water protection initiatives, including the “Grassroots” Source Water Protection Program and U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin’s (D-Wisconsin) Healthy H2O Act, to safeguard drinking water, support private well owners, and help communities address PFAS, nitrate contamination, and other emerging water quality challenges;
- * Forestry and forest health programs, including the Forest Service’s Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetic Resources Program, Statewide Forest Action Plans, and Good Neighbor Authority partnerships, which support healthy working forests, sustainable forest management, and long-term partnerships between Wisconsin and the Forest Service; and
- * Plant and animal health programs, including the Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program, which strengthen disease prevention, biosecurity, and the resilience of Wisconsin agriculture.

in the letter, Gov. Evers emphasized the need for revision of the new restrictive federal hemp law passed by Congress at the end of last year, either within the Farm Bill or in additional legislation. The governor expressed in his letter, and in a previous letter earlier this year, that if Congress does not revise the new federal hemp laws, it is projected to jeopardize \$700 million in economic impact and nearly 3,500 jobs in Wisconsin, as well as the growing sector of legitimate hemp businesses and producers across the state. The new federal definition, which is set to take effect in November 2026, sets the legal limit of THC in final hemp-derived cannabinoid products at 0.4 milligrams per container, ultimately causing many existing lawful products to be reclassified in a manner that effectively eliminates existing business models, forcing closures, layoffs, and lost investment. The impacts of the new federal hemp bill will be further intensified in Wisconsin due to the fact that Wisconsin has not yet legalized medical or recreational marijuana, despite multiple attempts by Gov. Evers to do so.

“The need to revise the federal hemp law is also critical to the state’s agricultural economy, as the growing of hemp has become a strong diversification option for Wisconsin farmers, and as of November 2025, Wisconsin had 470 federally licensed hemp producers. Without timely federal legislative action, Wisconsin producers may be forced to abandon hemp cultivation altogether, resulting in lost income and diminished economic opportunities, especially in rural communities.”

CHURCH NOTES

New Hope Evangelical Free Church
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Phone: 608-437-3273
www.newhopeefc.org
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Mt. Horeb United Methodist
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Vermont Lutheran Church-ELCA
9886 Vermont Church Road
Black Earth, WI 53515
www.vermontlutheran.org
608-767-3312 (office)
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Good News Lutheran Church -WELS
9975 Pepper Dr, Mt Horeb
Pastor Jonathan Bauer
Thursday Worship: 6:30 pm
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
Sunday School and Bible Study: 10:15 am
608-437-4646
GoodNewsLC.org

St. Michael The Archangel Parish
~St. Ignatius Catholic Church
109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb
608-437-5348
Mass: Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday, 5:30 pm,
Weds-Friday, 7:30 am;
Sat. 5:00 pm
~Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
10070 Spring Valley Dr., Mount Horeb
Mass: Sunday 8:00 am

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

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

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

West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church
2962 Church St., Blue Mounds
608-437-3493
Pastor Jim Ranney
Worship: Every 2nd & 4th
Sunday of the month, 10 am
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Perry Lutheran Church ELCA
1057 Hwy 78 S, Mt. Horeb
608-437-5294
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SHOWCASE

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where a speech by President Jimmy Carter inspired a lifelong career in agricultural education. The display also includes “Nesy’s Nuthouse” memorabilia celebrating generations of school spirit alongside the historic 2015 Boys Basketball State Championship, and a 1969 Mount Horeb Primary School Dedication Pamphlet that traces a single family’s connection from the building’s very first class to today. Other poignant artifacts range from nostalgic student mixtapes and classroom support staff col-

lages to historic multi-generational photographs and early student artwork that highlight the evolving—yet timeless—culture of Mount Horeb schools.

“Our schools have always been the heartbeat of this community, and this showcase beautifully captures that by sharing the personal journeys of staff members whose connections to Mount Horeb span up to four generations of learning, teaching, and service,” said Mount Horeb Area School District Superintendent Dr. Steve Salerno. “The Viking Leadership Legacy exhibit honors our past while inspiring future generations,



The exhibit is accessible during regular museum hours.

and we are incredibly grateful for our partnership with the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society in preserving and sharing these priceless

stories.”

Community members are invited to celebrate the exhibit during a public open house on Tuesday, August

11, at 11:15 a.m. at the Driftless Historium. Guests will have the opportunity to explore the exhibit, learn about the stories behind the

artifacts, and celebrate the enduring impact of Mount Horeb’s schools and the people who have helped shape them.

The Viking Leadership Legacy exhibit will be on display in the Kalscheur Family Foundation Community Gallery at the Driftless Historium, 100 South 2nd Street, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, from Saturday, July 25, through Tuesday, October 6. The exhibit is accessible during regular museum hours. For current hours and additional information, please contact the Driftless Historium at (608) 437-6486 or visit www.driftlesshistorium.org.

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the Eye.” This colorful and engaging display featured a variety of paintings and enhanced sketch work, as well as ceramic and mixed media peices. After a successful five-week run in the museum’s Kalscheur Family Foundation Community gallery, the show closed on July 21.

June 27th’s artist reception, hosted by Gasch and Hubbard, was the capstone of their semester-long Student Spotlight experience and followed an intensive six-month exhibition planning, promotion and installation process. Gasch will be a Senior at Mount Horeb High School this fall; Hubbard graduated this spring



The 2026 Student Spotlight artists pose with their mentors. L to R: MHHS Art Educator Dana Showers, MHAHS Director Destinee Udelhoven, Featured artists Raniah Hubbard and Delilah Gasch and MHHS Art Educator Anna King.

and recently relocated in anticipation of attending Middle Tennessee State University.

The Student Spotlight

initiative--in its seventh year--is an annual partner program of the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society and the Mount Horeb

High School Art Department, with a student-managed project budget made possible by MHAHS members and donors. For more



Featured student artist Raniah Hubbard, center left, mingles with guests at June 27th’s reception.

information, call Director Destinee Udelhoven at 608-437-6486 or email mthoreb@msd.wisconsin.gov.

ASSEMBLY

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vide only minimal protections while limiting the ability of local governments to enact stronger ordinances based on local conditions. That is deeply concerning. Wisconsin’s lakes support fishing, tourism, recreation, wildlife, and local economies across our state. We deserve better from our leaders and stronger protections for the natural resources that make Wisconsin such a special place.

Oemichen: Our judicial elections have become partisan. We need independent state courts with thoughtful judges who make decisions based on facts proven in court and not based on personal opinions and philosophies. The amount of money spent by outside groups seeking to influence our judicial elections is corrupting our system. This leads to voter apathy and a downward cycle in government quality and effectiveness. The U.S. Supreme Court in Citizens United tilted political influence towards wealthy donors and corporations. I believe in the First Amendment right to free speech, but this tsunami of unlimited campaign

spending is corrupting our elections.

People (quite understandably) get swept up in various hot topics of the day. But no one knows exactly what issues Wisconsin and its citizens and elected officials will face in the coming years. (For example, no one was asking candidates questions about COVID prior to the pandemic.) So, in addition to your stance on specific issues, it’s helpful to know your general beliefs regarding governance. Philosophers have grappled with what government could (and should) be for thousands of years. Hobbes argued government exists to save people from a life that is “nasty, brutish and short” but there are myriad other takes. What, in your opinion, should government do (and not do)? What does good government look like to you?

Aleckson: I lean closer to the political philosopher Locke: government exists to protect people’s basic rights and referee fair play — not to run their lives or pick winners and losers. Its job largely is to do a short list of things well: safety,

infrastructure, a good education system, a fair legal framework — and then get out of the way of families, workers, and small businesses to do the rest. However, there are times when government must become involved when people or the private sector can’t solve critical problems. When that happens, government help must be limited, and the private sector takes over as soon as possible. My test for any proposal is simple: does this make an ordinary family’s life easier?

Caves: One of the biggest reasons I decided to run was to show my children what it means to be a true public servant. Too often, politics has become dominated by theatrics, and we’ve lost sight of the people our elected officials are supposed to serve. I believe public service is about showing up, listening, and working to improve people’s lives — not chasing headlines or scoring political points. My faith calls me to love my neighbor, and I take that calling seriously. That means my neighbors who are immigrants, low-income, disabled, incarcerated, or LGBTQIA+. It also means the neighbors who disagree with me politically. I promise to care about

you, too. To me, leadership means making sure the least among us are not left behind. Before every vote and every decision, I will ask myself one simple question: Who am I helping? My answer will always be the people of District 50— my neighbors— not the billionaires and special interests that profit from keeping us divided. If you entrust me with the honor of representing you, I will lead with compassion, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to our community.

Mittness: Listen. Gov’t should be accountable to its citizens. That is who we are here to represent. I will always legislate using my conscience to do the right thing. That is why I refuse to take money from corporate lobbyists. I am not going into the legislature with puppet strings already attached. I will base all of my decisions on the facts at hand.

Anything else?

Aleckson: I am pro-classroom, pro-economic development, pro-jobs for the future, pro-housing for young people and seniors, and pro-agriculture. Importantly, I am PRO-CIVILITY. We must be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

If that sounds old-fashioned, I’m okay with that.

Caves: I completely self-funded my campaign.

Mittness: We will have a trifecta this year. It is important that we elect leaders with fresh ideas, and the energy and willingness to fight for the people. We need bold leadership that will hit one out of the park for the people of Wisconsin who are struggling to survive. The hardworking people of Wisconsin need to have a vision of the future that lies beyond our next paycheck.

Oemichen: I do not come from a political family, but I do come from a family that believes deeply in civic engagement and giving back to the community. In that spirit, I have been active in county, village and town government. I have never run for partisan political offices at the state level. As a St. Croix County board member many years ago, I worked to change state law to eliminate partisan county positions like sheriff and clerk because I felt partisanship at the local level was so damaging. While that effort was unsuccessful, I still believe serving on local public bodies like school boards should not be about partisanship, but rather should focus

on what is best for children, citizens, and the community. I started working at the age of twelve cleaning toilets in a bar to pay for my college and law school education because I knew my parents could not afford to help me. I have worked hard since then to be a productive and contributing member of the New Glarus and greater Wisconsin community. I would bring this same commitment to hard work to the Wisconsin Assembly. I want to get things done and solve problems. We have no time to waste, and I believe I have the experience and skills that will allow me to hit the ground running. Many agree, as shown by endorsements from State Representatives Mike Bare and Clinton Anderson. Both are Democratic Assembly leaders who used to represent parts of the 50th Assembly District. I have also been endorsed by many local elected officials across the district. For more information, please go to billforwisconsinassembly.com. I hope to earn your vote on August 11th. Please vote!



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SPORTS

Gators end their season in style

Mount Horeb finishes fifth at conference

The Mount Horeb Gators swim team concluded another memorable summer season with a fifth place finish at the Tri-County Conference meet on July 25-26 at Sauk Prairie High School.

The Gators also competed at the Tri-County Invitational on July 21.

Throughout the season, the Gators demonstrated growth, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

From first-year swimmers to veteran athletes, every Gator contributed to a season filled with personal achievements, lasting friendships, and unforgettable memories.

Here are the Gators that notched top-eight finishes at conference at the Tri-County Invite.



Roxanne Nankee and the Mount Horeb Gators swimmers finished in fifth place at the Tri-County Conference meet held July 25-26. Photo submitted

Tri-County Invitational Top 8 Individual Finishes

8 & Under Girls

- Vera Raboin — 2nd, 25 Free; 4th, 50 Free

8 & Under Boys

- Conley Krueger — 3rd, 25 Free; 3rd, 50 Free

- Eddie Hall — 7th, 25 Back
- Balam Sanchez Traun — 8th, 50 Free

9–10 Girls

- Chelsea Smith — 3rd, 50 Back; 2nd, 100 Free

- Caroline Jashinsky — 4th, 50 Back; 5th, 100 Free
- Millie Peters — 5th, 50 Back
- Alice Richardson — 7th, 100 Free

- Paisley Maring — 7th, 50 Fly

9–10 Boys

- Rhett Monfils — 1st, 50 Back; 1st, 100 IM; 1st, 50 Breast

- Evan LaVenture — 5th, 50 Free; 4th, 50 Back; 5th, 100 Free

11–12 Girls

- Ellie Fenoglia — 4th, 50 Back; 1st, 50 Fly

- Anne Clerkin — 2nd, 100 IM; 2nd, 100 Free
- Brinley Hall — 6th, 100 IM; 2nd, 50 Fly

- Llewyn Rogney — 2nd, 50 Back; 4th, 50 Breast
- Scarlett Erickson — 3rd, 100 Free; 7th, 50 Fly
- Margeaux Kazda — 4th, 50 Free
- Evelyn Eggers — 5th, 50 Breast
- Ellie Sheahan — 7th, 50 Back; 5th, 100 IM; 6th, 50 Fly

11–12 Boys

- Porter Monfils — 1st, 50 Free; 1st, 50 Back; 1st, 100 Free
- Teddy Raboin — 5th, 50 Back; 5th, 100 Free
- Weston Krantz — 7th, 50 Free; 4th, 50 Breast
- Bruno Smith — 1st, 50 Fly

13–14 Girls

- Leah Aeschlimann — 3rd, 50 Free; 3rd, 50 Back; 3rd, 50 Fly
- Heidi Sheahan — 5th, 50 Free; 4th, 50 Back; 2nd, 100 IM

15–18 Girls

- Natalie Sheahan — 5th, 50 Back; 6th, 50 Breast

Tri-County Conference Top 8 Individual Finishes 8 & Under Girls

- Eve Karcz — 1st, 25 Free; 1st, 25 Back; 2nd, 50 Free

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Bring on the postseason!

Will Neuroth and the Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb Home Talent League team finished the regular season with a 12-2 record and earned the No. 2 seed in the Western Section playoffs.

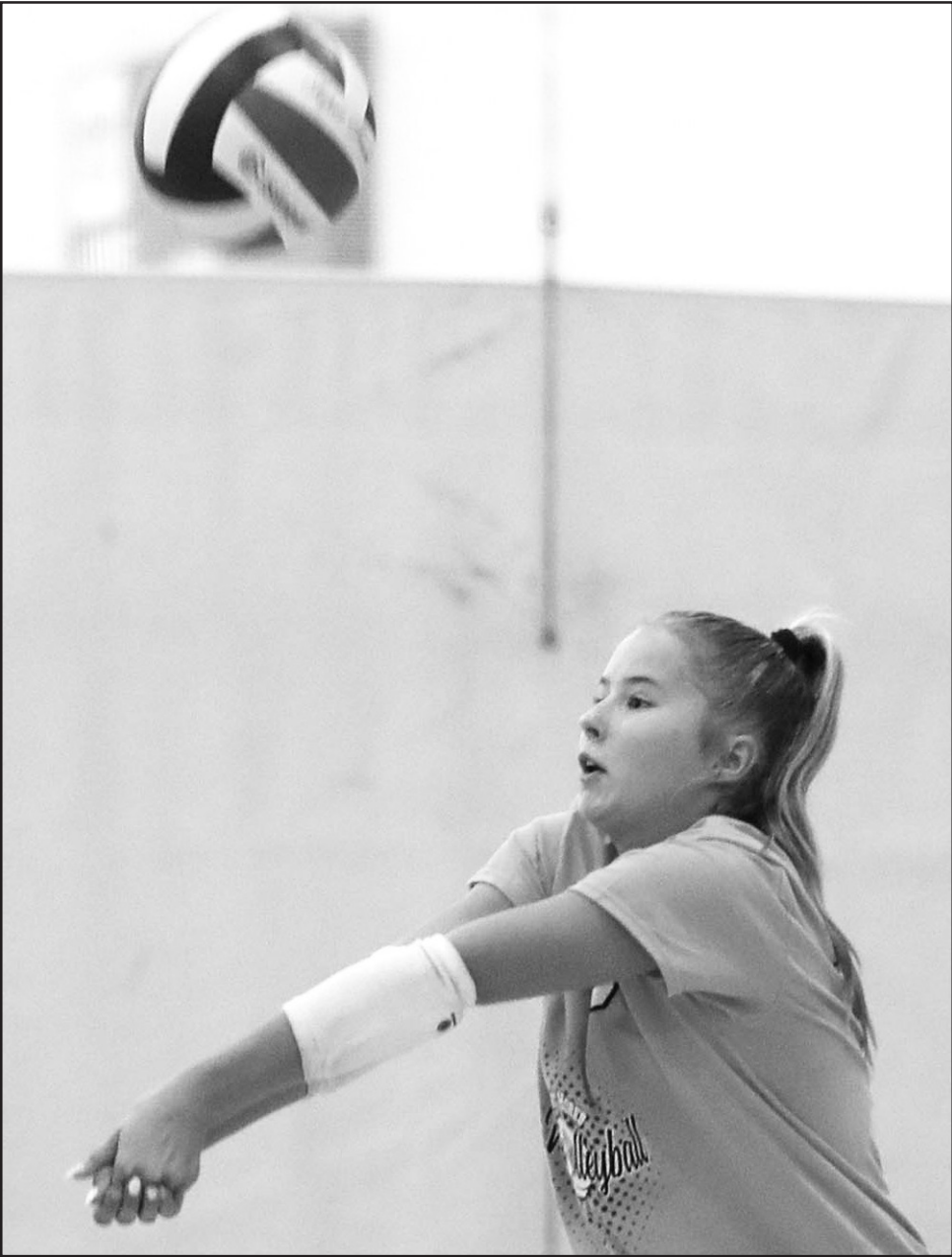
The Bluffers now host seventh-seeded Hollandale in an HTL Western Section semifinal Sunday at 1 p.m.

PB/MH enters the postseason on a five-game winning streak after rolling past Shullsburg/Benton, 7-3, on Aug. 2.

Jonas Kittoe had two hits and two RBIs for the Bluffers, while Alex Rech and Derek Meinholz also had two hits.



MOUNT HOREB FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES



Varsity football

Aug. 14	at DeForest Scrimmage	DeForest Stadium	6 p.m.
Aug. 21	vs. Grafton	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Aug. 28	at Port Washington	Port Washington High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	vs. Edgewood	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Beaver Dam	Beaver Dam High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	vs. Fort Atkinson	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	vs. Sauk Prairie	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Monroe	Monroe High School	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Stoughton	Stoughton High School	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	vs. McFarland	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.

JV1 football

Aug. 14	at DeForest Scrimmage	DeForest Stadium	6 p.m.
Aug. 20	at Grafton	Grafton High School	7 p.m.
Aug. 27	vs. Port Washington	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	vs. Beaver Dam	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Sauk Prairie	Sauk Prairie High School	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	vs. Monroe	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	vs. Stoughton	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.

JV2 football

Aug. 20	at Grafton	Grafton High School	5 p.m.
Aug. 27	vs. Port Washington	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Edgewood	Badger Ridge MS	6 p.m.
Sept. 14	vs. Beaver Dam	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Fort Atkinson	Fort Atkinson High School	5 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Sauk Prairie	Sauk Prairie High School	5 p.m.
Oct. 5	vs. Monroe	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Oct. 12	vs. Stoughton	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Oct. 19	at McFarland	McFarland High School	6 p.m.

Girls varsity volleyball

Aug. 29	at Wilmot Invite	Wilmot High School	9 a.m.
Sept. 1	vs. Dodgeville	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 3	at McFarland	McFarland High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	at Middleton Invite	Middleton High School	9 a.m.
Sept. 10	vs. Sauk Prairie	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Portage	Portage High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 17	vs. Edgewood	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Mount Horeb Invite	Mount Horeb High School	9 a.m.
Sept. 24	at Fort Atkinson	Fort Atkinson High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Edgewood Invite	Edgewood High School	8 a.m.
Oct. 1	vs. Reedsburg	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Stoughton	Stoughton High School	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Badger Small Conf. Tourney	Sauk Prairie High School	8 a.m.
Oct. 15	vs. DeForest	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.

Girls JV1 volleyball

Aug. 27	Badger Conf. Quad	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	vs. Dodgeville	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	at McFarland	McFarland High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	vs. Sauk Prairie	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Edgerton Invite	Edgerton High School	8 a.m.
Sept. 15	at Portage	Portage High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	vs. Edgewood	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Fort Atkinson	Fort Atkinson High School	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	vs. Reedsburg	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Baraboo Invite	Jack Young Middle School	9 a.m.
Oct. 6	at Stoughton	Stoughton High School	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	vs. DeForest	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	JV Conf. Tourney	Fort Atkinson High School	8 a.m.

Girls JV2 volleyball

Aug. 26	at Dodgeville Invite	Dodgeville High School	4 p.m.
Aug. 27	Badger Conf. Quad	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	vs. Dodgeville	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	at McFarland	McFarland High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	vs. Sauk Prairie	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Edgerton Invite	Edgerton High School	8 a.m.
Sept. 15	at Portage	Portage High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	vs. Edgewood	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Fort Atkinson	Fort Atkinson High School	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	vs. Reedsburg	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Stoughton	Stoughton High School	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Barneveled Tourney	Barneveld High School	8 a.m.
Oct. 15	vs. DeForest	Mount Horeb High School	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	JV Conf. Tourney	Fort Atkinson High School	8 a.m.

Girls varsity swimming

Aug. 27	at Badger Small Relays	Sauk Prairie High School	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Fort Atkinson	Fort Atkinson High School	6 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Lodi Invite	Lodi High School	10 a.m.
Sept. 15	at Portage/Poynette	Sauk Prairie High School	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Lodi Triple Dual	Lodi High School	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Jefferson Invite	Jefferson High School	10 a.m.
Sept. 29	at Edgewood	Edgewood High School	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Monroe/New Glarus	Green County YMCA	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Stoughton	Stoughton High School	6 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Fort Atkinson Invite	Fort Atkinson High School	10 a.m.
Oct. 20	at McFarland	Angie O'Donnell Pool	6 p.m.
Oct. 31	Badger Small Conf. Tourney	Stoughton High School	1 p.m.
Nov. 7	WIAA D2 McFarland Sectional	McFarland High School	1 p.m.

MOUNT HOREB FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Girls JV swimming

Aug. 27	at Badger Small Relays	Sauk Prairie High School	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Fort Atkinson	Fort Atkinson High School	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Portage/Poynette	Sauk Prairie High School	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Lodi Triple Dual	Lodi High School	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Edgewood	Edgewood High School	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Monroe/New Glarus	Green County YMCA	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Stoughton	Stoughton High School	6 p.m.
Oct. 20	at McFarland	Angie O'Donnell Pool	6 p.m.

Girls varsity cross country

Aug. 29	at Arrowhead Invite	Arrowhead High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Monroe Invite	Twining Park	TBD
Sept. 5	at Verona Invite	Verona High School	9 a.m.
Sept. 12	at Spring Green Invite	Spring Green Golf Course	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 19	at Mount Horeb Invite	Norsk Golf Club	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 26	at Edgewood Invite	Blackhawk Golf Course	9 a.m.
Oct. 3	at Platteville Invite	UW-Platteville	9:30 a.m.
Oct. 10	at Albany Invite	Baertschi Memorial Course	9 a.m.
Oct. 17	Badger Small Conf. Meet	Stoughton High School	9:30 a.m.
Oct. 23	WIAA D1 Verona Sectional	Verona High School	9 a.m.

Girls JV cross country

Aug. 29	at Arrowhead Invite	Arrowhead High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Monroe Invite	Twining Park	TBD
Sept. 5	at Verona Invite	Verona High School	9 a.m.
Sept. 12	at Spring Green Invite	Spring Green Golf Course	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 19	at Mount Horeb Invite	Norsk Golf Club	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 26	at Edgewood Invite	Blackhawk Golf Course	9 a.m.
Oct. 3	at Arrowhead Invite	Arrowhead High School	10:30a.m.
Oct. 10	at Albany Invite	Baertschi Memorial Course	9:30 a.m.
Oct. 17	Badger Small Conf. Meet	Stoughton High School	9:30 a.m.

Boys varsity cross country

Aug. 29	at Arrowhead Invite	Arrowhead High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Monroe Invite	Twining Park	4:15
Sept. 5	at Verona Invite	Verona High School	9 a.m.
Sept. 12	at Spring Green Invite	Spring Green Golf Course	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 19	at Mount Horeb Invite	Norsk Golf Club	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 26	at Edgewood Invite	Blackhawk Golf Course	9 a.m.
Oct. 3	at Platteville Invite	UW-Platteville	8 a.m.
Oct. 10	at Albany Invite	Baertschi Memorial Course	9 a.m.
Oct. 17	Badger Small Conf. Meet	Stoughton High School	9 a.m.
Oct. 23	WIAA D2 Monroe Sectional	Monroe High School	9 a.m.

Boys JV cross country

Aug. 29	at Arrowhead Invite	Arrowhead High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Monroe Invite	Twining Park	TBD



Sept. 5	at Verona Invite	Verona High School	9 a.m.
Sept. 12	at Spring Green Invite	Spring Green Golf Course	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 19	at Mount Horeb Invite	Norsk Golf Club	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 26	at Edgewood Invite	Blackhawk Golf Course	9 a.m.
Oct. 10	at Albany Invite	Baertschi Memorial Course	10:30a.m.
Oct. 17	Badger Small Conf. Meet	Stoughton High School	



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MOUNT HOREB FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES



Boys varsity soccer

Aug. 25	vs. West Salem	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Aug. 27	at Sugar River	Belleville High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Evansville	Evansville High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Portage/Poynette	Veterans Memorial Field	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	vs. Edgerton	Mount Horeb High School	11 a.m.
Sept. 8	vs. Platteville/Lancaster	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	vs. Edgewood	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Janesville Parker	Janesville Parker High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 17	at Fort Atkinson	Fort Atkinson High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	vs. Dodge-Point	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	vs. Stoughton	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Sauk Prairie	Sauk Prairie High School	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Monona Grove	Monona Grove High School	Noon
Oct. 8	vs. Reedsburg	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Lakeside Lutheran	Lakeside Lutheran	11:30a.m.
Oct. 13	vs. Wisconsin Dells	Mount Horeb High School	7 p.m.
Oct. 15	at McFarland	McFarland High School	7 p.m.

Boys JV soccer

Aug. 25	vs. West Salem	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Aug. 27	at Sugar River	Belleville High School	5 p.m.
Aug. 31	vs. Waunakee	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Evansville	Evansville High School	5 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Portage/Poynette	Veterans Memorial Field	5 p.m.
Sept. 5	vs. Edgerton	Mount Horeb High School	9 a.m.
Sept. 8	vs. Platteville/Lancaster	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Sept. 10	vs. Edgewood	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Verona	Verona High School	5 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Janesville Parker	Janesville Parker	5 p.m.
Sept. 17	at Fort Atkinson	Fort Atkinson	5 p.m.
Sept. 22	vs. Dodge-Point	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Sept. 24	vs. Stoughton	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Sauk Prairie	Sauk Prairie High School	5 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Monona Grove	Monona Grove	10 a.m.
Oct. 5	vs. Madison Memorial	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Oct. 8	vs. Reedsburg	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Lakeside Lutheran	Lakeside Lutheran	10 a.m.
Oct. 13	vs. Wisconsin Dells	Mount Horeb High School	5 p.m.
Oct. 15	at McFarland	McFarland High School	5 p.m.

Girls varsity golf

Aug. 13	at Reedsburg Invite	Reedsburg CC	8 a.m.
Aug. 14	at Watertown Invite	Watertown CC	8 a.m.
Aug. 17	at Tomah Invite	Hlawatha Golf Club	9 a.m.
Aug. 18	at Portage Mini-Meet	Portage Country Club	9 a.m.
Aug. 19	at Sparta Invite	River Run Golf Course	9 a.m.
Aug. 21	at Darlington Invite	Darlington CC	9 a.m.
Aug. 24	at Mount Horeb Triangular	Norsk Golf Club	2 p.m.
Aug. 25	at Baraboo Invite	Baraboo Country Club	9 a.m.
Aug. 27	at Adams-Friendship Invite	Northern Bay Golf Course	9 a.m.
Aug. 31	Badger Small Mini-Meet	Yahara Hills Golf Course	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Badger Small Mini-Meet	Norsk Golf Club	2 p.m.
Sept. 8	Badger Small Mini-Meet	Koshkonong Mounds CC	3 p.m.
Sept. 9	Portage Invite	Portage Country Club	9 a.m.
Sept. 15	Badger Small Mini-Meet	Reedsburg Country Club	1 p.m.
Sept. 17	Badger Small Mini-Meet	Coachman’s Golf Course	2 p.m.
Sept. 21	Badger Small Conf. Tourney	Wild Rock Golf Club	12:30p.m.
Sept. 30	WIAA Division 1 Tomah Regional	Hiawatha Golf Club	9 a.m.

Girls JV golf

Aug. 18	at Portage Mini-Meet	Portage Country Club	9 a.m.
Aug. 24	at Mount Horeb Triangular	Norsk Golf Club	2 p.m.
Aug. 27	at Baraboo Scramble	Fairfield Hills Golf Course	8 a.m.
Aug. 31	Badger Small Mini-Meet	Yahara Hills Golf Course	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Badger Small Mini-Meet	Koshkonong Mounds CC	4 p.m.
Sept. 10	Badger Small Mini-Meet	Norsk Golf Club	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Badger Small Mini-Meet	Reedsburg Country Club	1 p.m.
Sept. 22	Badger Small Conf. Tourney	Norsk Golf Club	3:30 p.m.



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MOUNT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the Mount Horeb Area School District that the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing of said district for the transaction of business will be held at the Mount Horeb Intermediate Center Cafeteria, 200 Hanneman Boulevard, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin 53572, at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, August 10, 2026.

Leah Lipska
July 13, 2026
Board of Education
Mt Horeb Area School District
Mount Horeb, WI 53572
Publish: 7/30/26, 8/6/26
WNAXLP

TOWN OF PERRY NOTICE OF ELECTION Tuesday, August 11, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Partisan Primary will be held in the Town of Perry on Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Polls will be open at the Perry Town Hall, 10084 County Rd A, from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM.
Stephanie Zwettler
Clerk/Treasurer
Publish: 8/6/26 **WNAXLP**

TOWN OF PERRY NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW Perry Town Hall, 10084 County A Teleconference - 425-585-6272 access - 394-722-206 # Monday, August 17, 2026, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review of the Town of Perry, Dane County, will reconvene on Monday, August 17, 2026, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Perry Town Hall, 10084 CTH A. Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board.

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.

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 to, a member of the Board of Review information about the person's objection except at a session of the Board.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or contest the amount of assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the objection is heard and 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 of a member of the Board of Review under sub.(6m) and if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of length of time that the hearing will require.

When appearing before the Board, a person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at the estimate.

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 the person supplies the Assessor all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under Sec. 73.03(2a), that the Assessor requests. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Section 19.35(1) of Wis. Statutes.

Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk
Posted: Town Hall, Daleyville signpost; Town Garage, Town website, July 30, 2026
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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB PUBLIC HEARING August 26, 2026

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

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the following requests:

Request for a zoning change from PR Parks and Recreation to CON Conservancy for stormwater purposes further described as parcel 0606-121-1208-8 Village-owned land ASSESSOR'S PLAT PRT OUTLOT 118.

Request from Community Developers Inc, for the zoning change from A-1 Agriculture to CON Conservancy described as outlot 1 on the preliminary plat for parcel 0606-121-3205-1.

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

Publish: 8/6/26, 8/13/26 **WNAXLP**

VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB RESIDENTS LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

The following polling locations will be used for the wards indicated, at the Partisan Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 in the Village of Mount Horeb:

Mount Horeb Public Library, 105 Perimeter Road
Wards 1 – 5, 12

Mount Horeb Senior Center, 107 N Grove Street
Wards 6 - 11

Both polling places will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. The polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Wisconsin law requires voters to be a resident of the Village of Mount Horeb for at least 28 days before the election to vote in the village. You can find your polling place on the My Vote Wisconsin website at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>. If you have any questions concerning your polling place or voting requirements, please contact Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney at 138 E Main Street or call 437-9404.

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VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUNDS LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the Primary election to be held on August 11, 2026, in the Village of Blue Mounds, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

Location	Wards
Blue Mounds Village Hall 11011 Brigham Avenue	1

ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Beverly Petrolis, 608.437.5197 ext. 1
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Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers
At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Notice of Meeting of MBOC to Process Rehabilitated Provisional Ballots
If provisional ballots have been issued and are subsequently cured by the voter before 4:30 p.m. on the Friday after the election, the MBOC must meet no later than the following Monday at 9:00 a.m. to process the cured provisional ballots. This is a public meeting and requires applicable notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Village of Blue Mounds Residents, that the Public Test of the electronic voting equipment to be used at the Village of Blue Mounds Primary Election will be conducted on August 6, 2026, at noon. The testing will be held at the Village Office, located at 11011 Brigham Avenue, Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, 53517.
Posted & Published August 6, 2026
Publish: 8/6/26 **WNAXLP**

TOWN OF PRIMROSE NOTICE LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the primary to be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, in the Town of Primrose, the following polling locations will be used for the wards indicated:

Location	Wards
8468 County Road A, Verona, WI	1

All polling places will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and voters with disabilities.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Matthew Waite, 608-571-2988, clerk@townofprimrose.com by appointment
Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers
At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

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TOWN OF PERRY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS DANE COUNTY, WI, TOWN OF PERRY DRIVEWAY PROJECT #07811001

General Notice
The Town of Perry will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (Quest vBid) for the construction of Town of Perry Driveway until August 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. All plan holders will receive information via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening.

The Project includes the following Work: 835 LF of base aggregate Town driveway reconstruction and widening along with a parking lot, removal of existing culverts, grading and excavation for ditch construction, traffic control, 1 ¼ and 3 inch base aggregate, concrete curb and gutter, expanded parking and turnaround area, storm culvert installation, construction of two stormwater biofiltration basins, riprap with fabric installation, salvaged topsoil placement, seeding, erosion matting, and other associated erosion control.

The anticipated substantial completion date is **10/09/2026** and final completion date is **10/16/2026**.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: www.Questcdn.com
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• Miriam Scoll — 4th, 25 Back

8 & Under Boys

• Clay McGowan — 6th, 25 Back; 6th, 25 Fly

9–10 Girls

• Lydia Hanson — 4th, 50 Free; 4th, 100 Free

• Fiona Clerkin — 8th, 50 Free; 7th, 50 Back

• Coralynn Hall — 8th, 100 Free; 6th, 50 Fly

• Nora Wienkes — 7th, 50 Breast

9–10 Boys

• Cillian Murphy-O'Rourke — 6th, 50 Free; 3rd, 50 Back; 8th, 100 Free

• Addison Klaetsch — 3rd, 100 IM; 3rd, 50 Breast; 4th, 100 Free

• Leo Bindl — 8th, 100 IM; 6th, 50 Breast; 7th, 50 Fly

11–12 Girls

• Gia Smith — 7th, 50 Free; 6th, 100 Free; 8th, 50 Fly

• Piper Gagner — 8th, 50

Breast

• Grace Peterson — 7th, 50 Fly

11–12 Boys

• Reid Zuckerman — 3rd, 50 Free; 3rd, 100 Free

• Mason Lieven — 2nd, 100 IM; 2nd, 50 Breast; 3rd, 50 Fly

• Conrad VandeVelde — 8th, 50 Breast

13–14 Girls

• Penelope Murphy-O'Rourke — 3rd, 50 Free; 4th, 200 Free; 5th, 50 Fly

• Olivia Karcz — 5th, 50 Free; 3rd, 50 Back; 6th, 100 IM

• Magnolia Coe — 5th, 50 Breast

13–14 Boys

• Jackson Ballew — 1st, 50 Free; 1st, 50 Back; 1st, 50 Fly

15–18 Girls

• Poppy Sickler — 1st,

200 Free; 2nd, 100 IM; 5th, 50 Back

• Lucy Peterson — 3rd, 200 Free; 3rd, 50 Fly

Tri-County Conference Top 3 Relay Finishes

8 & Under Girls 100 Free Relay — 2nd Place

• Miriam Scoll, Annie Bowar, Maggie Lonergan and Eve Karcz

8 & Under Boys 100 Free Relay — 2nd Place

• Ro Berg, Blaise Mulhern, Miles Scoll, Clay McGowan

9–10 Girls 200 Medley Relay — 3rd Place

• Fiona Clerkin, Nora Wienkes, Coralynn Hall and Lydia Hanson

9–10 Boys 200 Medley Relay — TRI-COUNTY CHAMPIONS

• Cillian Murphy-O'Rourke, Leo Bindl, Ad-

Clockwise from top left, diver Gavin Benglinger, swimmer Josie Gresock, and divers Aiden Mulhern (lane 3) and Julian Moreira (lane 6) helped the Mount Horeb Gators finish in fifth place at the Tri-County Conference meet held July 25-26. Photos submitted

dison Klaetsch and Will McGowan

11–12 Girls 200 Free Relay — TRI-COUNTY CHAMPIONS

• Tenley Simonson, Roxanne Nankee, Piper Gagner, Gia Smith

11–12 Boys 200 Medley Relay — 3rd Place

• Buckley Coe, Mason Lieven, Reid Zuckerman and Conrad Vande Velde

13–14 Girls 200 Free Relay — 2nd Place

• Olivia Karcz, Ava Be-

glinger, Haylie Becker and Penelope Murphy-O'Rourke

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