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Village starts planning for next year's budget

Trustees to consider 'Special Charges' for Fire, Forestry & Snow Removal

By Cathy Scott
Mount Horeb Mail

Traditionally, the Finance & Personnel Committee (F&P) schedules weekly meetings for the end of September and throughout October to hash out the next year's operation and capital

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Blue Mounds talks dead end roads, share of fire budget and more

By Jill Jonas
Mount Horeb Mail

To accommodate the August 11 statewide primary election, the Town of Blue Mounds monthly Board of Supervisors meeting was moved to Monday, August 10. The board unanimously approved July's minutes as drafted.

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This (not so) little piggy went to market

Jackson Corrigan, son of Brenden and Gina Corrigan, sold his Swine Crossbred Barrow weighing 287 pounds for $4 per pound to Superior Stall Service at the recent Dane County Large Animal Sale. See more on pages 8-9.

How did Crowley and Hong fare in Mt. Horeb?

A closer look at local Assembly, Senate and Gubernatorial results

By Matt Geiger
Mount Horeb Mail

Jenna Jacobson convincingly won last Tuesday's three-way Democratic Primary for Wisconsin's District 17 State Senate seat. The victory sets up a November 3 showdown with Republican incumbent Howard Marklein.

Jacobson, who was running against Corrine Hendrickson and Lisa White, earned 65.5 percent of the vote (4,977 votes) in Dane County. Hendrickson earned 25.7 percent (1,953 votes)



Crowley

and White earned 8.6 percent (653 votes).

Full tallies from the 17th District were significantly delayed on Election

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Next generation of leaders gathers for American Legion's Badger Boys & Girls

As most students were starting their summer break, 20 up-and-coming Mount Horeb seniors attended Badger Boys and Girls State June 13-19 and June 21-26 at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, respectively. The American Legion program educates young leaders on how to become more impactful community members of Wisconsin. Students at Badger Girls are pictured here with Governor Tony Evers. See more on pages 4-5.

ASHLEY at RESTAINO HOMES

Check out these four amazing properties for sale in MHASD!



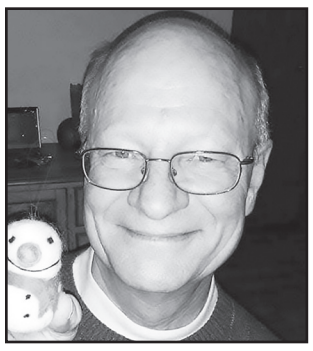
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Obituaries

Kenneth Nathan Landen

May 29, 1943 - August 7, 2026



MOUNT HOREB - Kenneth Nathan Landen, a devoted husband, loving father, Air Force veteran, and dedicated community leader, passed away on Friday, August 7, 2026, at the age of 83.

Born on May 29, 1943, Ken graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1961. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961 to 1965 in Fire and Crash Rescue, spending most of his service stationed in Évreux, France. While there, he admired the officers' sports cars, inspiring him to buy his first love upon returning home: a 1965 Triumph TR-4A. The TR became the backdrop for countless adventures.

That same year, 1965, he met the true love of his life, Anna Lee Henningsen. They were married on July 6, 1968, beginning a beautiful 58-year partnership built on devotion, laughter and family.

Following his military service, Ken began his career as an apprentice plumber before launching his own business, Landen Plumbing, in 1985, which he ran for 25 years. He genuinely cared for his clients, treating every home like a neighbor, and holding a special soft spot for those who insisted he enjoy freshly baked cookies before leaving.

His commitment to his community ran deep. Throughout the 1970s, he was active in the Jaycees, serving as President and helping launch a local tradition on the first Frolic Committee. In the 1980s, he served on the Village Board. On Saturday mornings, he taught youth how to bowl in the "Early Birds" and "Late for Lunch" leagues.

An avid golfer, Ken was happiest on the course. He spent many summers with friends golfing at numerous courses. Though health kept him from playing these past few years, he still loved watching matches. He was also a Wisconsin fan who rarely missed a UW basketball or football game, and he loved nothing more than ribbing his brother, a Notre Dame fan.

Above all, Ken's greatest devotion was to his family. He leaves behind a legacy of warmth, laughter and generous service. His daughters will miss his in-person flower deliveries with his simple note, "Love Dad."

He is survived by his wife, Anna Lee; children, Angela Leuzinger (James) and Alissa Landen (Dan Miller); grandchildren, Travis Leuzinger (Lex) and Jared Leuzinger (Kennedy); sister, Glenys Hastings and her children, Brandon, Mathew (Jen), and Heather (Rich) Thomas; brother, Jon Landen (Tammy) and his children, Lisa (Chris) Kennedy and Eric (Nikki) Landen; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Linda and John Monum and their children, Jill Monum (Graeme) and Lynsey (Shane) Weimer; and extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Milt and Ginny Landen; in-laws, Stu and Verna Henningsen; and sister-in-law, Patty Landen.

A celebration of life will be held at THE GRUMPY TROLL, 105 S. Second St., Mount Horeb, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2026. A private family service will take place at a different time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice or toward planting a tree in memory of Ken. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Barbara Ann Endres

March 10, 1934 - August 14, 2026



MOUNT HOREB - Barbara Ann (Statz) Endres, age 92, completed her final journey on this earth on Friday, August 14, 2026, at All Saints Community Living in Madison.

Barb was born in Waunakee on March 10, 1934, the oldest of 14 children of Albert and Elizabeth (Corcoran) Statz. Barb attended St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. After graduating from eighth grade, Barb attended one year of high school but then chose to work in order to help her parents. She never returned to school.

In 1949, on a Sunday afternoon, she rode her bicycle to a Home Talent baseball game in Cross Plains. It was at this game that she met a young man from Waunakee named Matt Endres. He asked her if he could take her out and she said "yes." On October 21, 1952, they were married in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. They began their married life on the Endres homestead on Woodland Drive near Waunakee.

In 1961, the Endres farm was sold, and Matt and Barb moved the family to a farm near Blue Mounds where they farmed until 1977, when they bought a house in Mount Horeb. Barb took a job cooking at Schubert's Restaurant and Matt started baking there. One by one, their children married and left home and soon they were "empty nesters." Barb started cooking at Ingleside Nursing Home in 1986 and worked there for 15 years.

In 1999, Matt was diagnosed with lung cancer and died 17 days later. He and Barb had been married for 46 years.

Barb retired from Ingleside in 2000. Since then, she has had some part-time jobs and did some volunteer work at the senior center, church, and the multicultural center. Barb was a faithful and proud blood donor and had donated 12 gallons of blood to the Red Cross.

Barb always looked forward to family get togethers. Her favorite was Mother's Day when every year she would host an "Open House" starting at 6:00 a.m. with fresh coffee and donuts and it would go on all day. Also, Christmas was never forgotten.

One of Barb's favorite pastimes was listening to polka music while rolling out pie crust. She will always be remembered for her rhubarb pies and her dill pickles, as well as her warm smile and her genuine friendliness.

Barb was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and its CCW in Mount Horeb. She was thankful to God for many things in her life; her parents, her brothers, and her sister, for her husband and her children, but most of all, for her love of God and his church. She always considered herself a very rich woman because of all the things God gave her in her life.

Barb is survived by her 11 children, Audrey Rue of Blue Mounds, Laura (Paul) Mieden of Barneveld, Donna Becker (Lonnie Schmid) of Monticello, Mary Ryan (Steve Eckstein) of Mount Horeb, Tony "Farmer" (Wendi) Endres of Verona, Lynn (Tom) Duerst of Westby, Gary "Hunts" Endres of Monticello, Julie (Manard) Schmitz of Mount Horeb, John Endres of Blanchardville, Dale (Kari) Endres of Plainfield, Ill., and Joe (Becky) Endres of Newark, Ill.

She is further survived by 32 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; and six step-great-great-grandchildren.

Barb is also survived by her eight siblings, Ray (Harriet) Statz of Waunakee, Ken Statz of Alma Center, Joe (Kay) Statz of Waunakee, Michael (Gale) Statz of Mineral Point, Maryellen MacLucas of California, Elmer (Lisa) Statz of Ashton, Gregg Statz of Nevada and Mark (Wendy) Statz of Fort Atkinson; in-laws, Vera Statz of Waunakee and Dorothy Voegli of Waunakee; cousins and countless nieces and nephews.

Barb was preceded in death by her husband, Matt; her parents, Albert and Betty Statz; a son-in-law, Jim Rue; five brothers, Harold, Donny, Richard, Marvin and Paul Statz; Statz in-laws, Helen Statz, Joanie Statz, Alice Statz, Arlene Statz and Monica (Melvin) Herring; and Endres in-laws, Joe and Cyrilla Dahmen, George and Rutilla Paar, Sr. Yvonne Endres, Sr. Marie Endres, Sr. Rebecca Endres, Leo and Marie Endres, Linus and Delores Ganser, Al and Sally Endres, Ed and Lilly Acker, Oscar and Monica Statz, and John Endres.

We thank All Saints Community Living for the wonderful care they gave to Mom. She loved living there and she loved all of you!! We also thank Agrace Hospice for their care of Mom, especially Toni and Gabbi. You made Mom's final journey so special and we are so grateful to all of you!

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2026, with Father Brian Dulli presiding. Following Mass, burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery, Mount Horeb, followed by a luncheon at the church. Visitation will be held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth St., Mount Horeb, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m., with a Rosary Service immediately following, on Friday, August 21, 2026, and also at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand and a beer in the other hand, body thoroughly used up totally worn out and screaming "Whoo-Hoo What A Ride!!'

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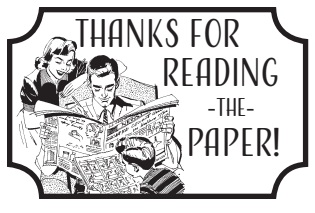
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Recreation Notes

Looking for a fun after school activity? Try **Floor hockey**! This exciting, action-packed sport offers participants a fantastic opportunity to get some exercise in a fun and competitive environment. Players, ages 7 to 9, will learn basic hockey skills including shooting, passing, and stick handling. The instructor will teach participants about the rules and stress the importance of safety and fun. The program takes place on Tuesdays from 3:40 to 4:30 pm, September 8 to October 13 in the ELC Gym. The class fee is $40R / $50NR when you register by 9/1!

New Program! Get your **Kids in Motion**! This is a fun and active program designed to help children develop fundamental movement skills through games, activities, and fitness challenges! Participants, ages 5 to 7, will improve coordination, balance, agility, and teamwork while building confidence and staying active in a positive, encouraging environment. Each class features a variety of age-appropriate activities that keep kids moving, learning, and having fun. Kids in Motion is every Wednesday from 3:45 to 4:30 pm, September 9 to September 30 in the Rec Department Multipurpose Room. The program fee is $30R / $40NR and the registration deadline is 9/2.

Is your child interested in learning soccer? **Little Star Kickers** is a complete soccer program for boys and girls! Not all children develop at the same rate and our dynamic soccer classes allow every child to have a chance to play and improve through our specifically designed games and drills. Our goal is for kids to learn soccer with a smile on their face, and look forward to every class! Classes are every Friday September 11 to October 16 at Sunrise Ball Field #2 (outfield). 3 year olds play from 3:30 to 4:10 pm. 4 year olds play from 4:15 to 5 pm. 5-6.5 year olds play from 5:10 to 6 pm. The fee is $160R / $170NR per session. Registration by 9/3!

Improve fitness and overall health with **Total Body Fitness**! Tone muscles while boosting your balance, flexibility, endurance, and speed. We will use dumbbells, resistance bands, fitness machines, elevated benches, and other equipment. Exercises can be modified to accommodate all fitness levels. Classes take place from 6 to 6:45 pm in the Mt. Horeb High School Fitness Center.

Sess. 1: Tues, 9/15 - 12/15 *(no class 11/24, 12/1)*. **Sess. 2:** Thurs, 9/17 - 12/17 *(no class 11/26, 12/3)*. The session fee is $72R / $82NR. Registration Deadline: S1 = 9/8, S2 = 9/10.

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

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

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street.

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

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

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

9/1: Floor Hockey

9/2: Kids in Motion

9/2: Adult Coed Volleyball

9/2: Water Exercise Sess. 1

9/3: Little Star Kickers Soccer

9/7: Body Wise Yoga

Gleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Aug. 25, 1886

The Cornet Band will furnish good music at the picnic on Saturday next.

Ole Turhoug had a runaway Friday evening, wherein he was badly bruised, he is better now.

Peter Veum returned last Saturday from a trip to Iowa, having disposed of his horseflesh.

Gunnar Mandt and his lieutenants have beautified Lawrence Post's barn with a coat or two of paint. By looking at the barn from the road you can tell whose it is and when it was built. "L. Post," 1886, is in large white characters on the gable end.

As Eli Thompson was peaceably standing upon the depot platform on Tuesday afternoon last, some miscreant had the audacity to violently throw a stick which struck him on the elbow and breast, injuring him severely. Where is the man who threw the missile?

130 Years Ago- Aug. 27, 1896

Street corner politicians are getting noisy.

John Vilberg arrived last Friday from his European trip, and received many warm handshakes upon alighting to the depot platform. His increase in avoirdupois showed that the atmosphere of Norway had agreed with him.

David Conrad Skoien, of Stoughton, was found dead last Friday morning near Madison, having been killed by a train. When last seen alive he was under the influence of liquor. Thus another unfortunate is added to the list of victims of rum.

"Boys will be boys." But you can't afford to lose any of them. Be ready for the green apple season by having DeWitt's Colic and cholera cure in the house,

A company of Milwaukee capitalists has been organized and incorporated to build a summer resort on Blue Mounds. A large hotel will be built next spring.

110 Years Ago- Aug. 23, 1906

A couple of horses belonging to Fred Knorr of Blue Mounds were killed on the railroad track last Monday morning. They were grazing along the track and were run over and killed instantly.

Lee and Olson started up their threshing machine last Monday, commencing operations at the farm of Arne Bohle in the town of Springdale.

Nora Evans has had charge of the State Bank during the vacation of cashier Fosshage the past week.

A man will excuse any fault in the woman who is not his wife.

Warm has been the weather and plentiful has been the rains. Potatoes and corn in consequence are making rapid gains.

110 Years Ago- Aug. 23, 1906

The local telephone company is rebuilding their pole line west from this village. No less than 21 wires are now in service on this lead and require needed reinforcement in case of the event of another sleet storm next winter.

In Mississippi the Bell Telephone Company are making new rules compelling doctors to pay business rates, $2.75 for residence 'phones in place of $1.50 which is the rate for a residence 'phones other than doctors.

Had the fire last Monday gotten a good start at the tobacco warehouse the stockyards would also have burned and the large amount of stock brought in that morning would have been scattered in great confusion throughout town and country, each bunch scrambling for home.

Chas. E. Buell, attorney of Madison, was here Friday evening of last week and spoke at the Opera Hall in opposition to Senator LaFollette's advocacy as a choice for candidate for Governor. It was very evident Mr. Buell was not at home talking against his friend and admirer Bob Lafollette nor was he at all at home in a gathering composed principally of stalwarts.

110 Years Ago- Aug. 25, 1916

Ben Odegaard is drawing tile for a silo to be erected on his farm in the town of Vermont.

Mrs. Maragrete Gesme was given a pleasant surprise Friday of last week on her 87th birthday when several of her children and grandchildren gathered at the home together to celebrate this event which was to her pleasant moments for after all there are no greater pleasure to any individual than to see prosperity prospering and developing into men and women respected because they are respectable and above all that they respect their aged parent.

Ole Lokken brought home a new Super Six Hudson car, one day last week which he bought through the Mt. Horeb Auto Co. and drove the machine home from Detroit, Mich. coming across the lake on boat.

Hoff's store took on the appearance of having been struck by a cyclone last Saturday after 12 to 15 men had been at work tearing down the west portion, work is being pushed rapidly and the structure will soon be up and enclosed and when completed there will be another solid brick building to add to the good looks of Main Street.

Herman Efurth was a pleasant caller at our office while in town one day last week. Herman is very much interested in raising pure bred hogs and expects to show some of his productions at the county fair.

80 Years Ago- Aug. 8, 1946

Andrew Dosland returned to his homeland, Norway, after spending a number of years in Mount Horeb, where he operated a blacksmith and welding shop. Prior to this work he had been working on the Jeglum farm southwest of the village.

A former Mount Horeb resident, Henry Bakken, now living near Devils Lake, N.D., tried to dig his truck out of the mud and came up with a $3,000 to $4,000 profit. Mr. Bakken was digging to get his truck out of the soft mud on Graham's Island when his shovel struck a box wrapped in burlap. The box was filled with currency, most of it stuck together. Bakken counted between seven and eight hundred dollars in $20 dollar bills that could be separated and sent the rest into the Treasury Department to be redeemed. Residents were speculating on how the treasure got there. Some years ago when the land was owned by another party, a half-breed Indian loitered around the place. He had been rumored to be associated with a gang of hold up men. Bakken is the son of Mrs. Christina Bakken and a brother of Mrs. Nortie Espeseth, Mount Horeb.

60 Years Ago- Aug. 25, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Waldsmith moved here recently from Selvis, Ill. and are residing in the upstairs apartment in the Martin Hanson house on East Main Street. Mr. Waldsmith is the new barber at Witte's Barber Shop.

District school bells are set to ring in another school year Wednesday, Aug. 31. 700 pupils are scheduled to enter the grade system.

Nupital vows were exchanged by Miss Rita Kay Thousand and Lawrence M. Hefty at 2 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 20, 1966) in Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Raymond H. Reisdorf, 50, Cross Plains, an insurance agent and real estate broker, died Wednesday (Aug. 17, 1966) after an apparent heart attack.

50 Years Ago- Aug. 19, 1976

Karen Ranum has been selected as recipient of the 1976 CAROL Award and named "Outstanding Young Woman" of the Mount Horeb area.

Fire completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Disch on North Highway 78 during early morning hours last Saturday, claiming the life of their son, Aaron. The boy died when he was trapped in the burning house, which apparently caught fire from a bolt of lightning.

The wedding for Eleanor G. Brings, Cross Plains, and Joe Sukowatey, Pine Bluff, took place at noon, July 17, in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Cross Plains.

40 years Ago- Aug. 21, 1986

Wayne and Audrey Yapp narrowly escaped the fire that destroyed their home and business on the corner of Springdale and Main Streets on the night of Aug. 15. The building exploded into flames 60 seconds after they got out the door.

New teachers in the Mount Horeb School District are Lisa Cobb, Connie Curran and Robert Sladky.









Local teens shine at Badger Boys & Girls



Julia Straka



Claire Casey



Avery Monroe



Adrienne Hogseth



Mount Horeb students at Badger Girls State.

by Jerry Hook

As most students were starting their summer break 20 up-and-coming seniors attended Badger Boys and Girls State.

It takes a village

For such a small community, we send more students to Badger Boys and Girls State to get the "Experience of a Lifetime" than many very large cities. We have been very fortunate to receive financial assistance for students from the Mount Horeb Community Foundation, the Rotary, Lions, and Optimists Clubs, Mount Horeb American Legion and the Mount Horeb VFW.

The High School Staff and Faculty and especially Sateash Kittleson are vital partners in this process as well. Students that have a 3.0 Cumulative GPA or higher qualify to attend are notified and must submit their name to be considered. The High School Staff then vote to rank the students to create a listing of delegates and alternates. The students selected then attend Badger Boys State at UW Eau Claire in mid June, (roughly 900 boys each summer), and Badger Girls State is held on the campus of The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (approx. 725 girls each summer).

Here are your Mount Horeb Delegates and Alternates for 2026:

This was the list we started with from Mount Horeb High School :

BGS Delegates: Julia Straka, Lorelei Lawry, Adrienne Hogseth, Avery Monroe, Claire Casey, Elaina Imbus, and Maddie Neimetscheck **BGS Alternates**: Madelyn Potter, Courtney Monroe, Magali Forlines, Avena Meyers, Sydney Thelen, Lizzy Baumgartner, Natalie Evanson

BBS Delegates: Kyle Kasubaski, Jake Lawrence, Andrew Ahrens, Michael Powell, Landon Wright, Owen Ross, Cole Egnew **BBS Alternates**:** Nate Sherven, Aaron Fendrick, Nicholia Solodin-Braun, Austin Druid, and Herman Finn

The following students attended:

Kyle Kasubaski, Jake Lawrence, Andrew Ahrens, Michael Powell, Landon Wright, Owen Ross, Cole Egnew, Nate Sherven, Aaron Fendrick, Nicholia Solodin-Braun, Austin Druid, and Herman Finn attended Badger Boys State at UW Eau Claire 14 to 20 June. Julia Straka, Lorelei Lawry, Adrienne Hogseth, Avery Monroe, Courtney Monroe, Claire Casey, Elaina Imbus, and Maddie Neimetscheck attended Badger Girls State at UW Oshkosh 21-26 June. Badger Girls State

Congratulations to all these students!

Things change over time, students have fantastic opportunities that come up so some of our delegates attend other events and the alternates move up. Badger Boys State has more space and money for alternates to attend and over the years we have been very fortunate to get our alternates in.

Some of you have attended Badger Boys or Badger Girls State so you know all to well what the programs are all about. For those that haven't, here's a short synopsis.

Badger Boys and Girls State are American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Programs. Both started over 70 years ago as a way to teach young men and women about our government, our American way of life and about our traditions. The purpose of Badger Girls and Boys State is to develop leadership skills, instill pride as American citizens, educate citizens about American traditions, and to stimulate a desire to maintain our democratic government process. Students from Mount Horeb get an opportunity to meet and interact with students from across the State. The students have an opportunity to take classes or participate schools of interest, ie.law enforcement, law, medical, music / band public relations, etc… Students elect officials from their city, county and finally state level government electing legislative officials, supreme court justices, a governor. Typically the Governor, a former justice from Wisconsin's Supreme Court come to Badger Boys and Girls State along with several other key figures.



Andrew Ahrens



Austin Druid

Students come back to Mount Horeb better informed about their Government, ready to serve their community, and filled with a sense of pride in America. Many graduates go on to become leaders in their communities, doctors, lawyers, business leaders, school board members, teachers, and local and state representatives. To find out more about these programs, you can go to https://badgerboysstate.org/ for Badger Boys State and https://www.alabgs.org/ for Badger Girls State. Students make long-lasting friendships with other delegates from all over Wisconsin.

Numerous admissions officials from several colleges have told us that attendance at Badger Boys and Girls State gives the student additional points on their application, normally awarded in the leadership category.



Cole Egnew



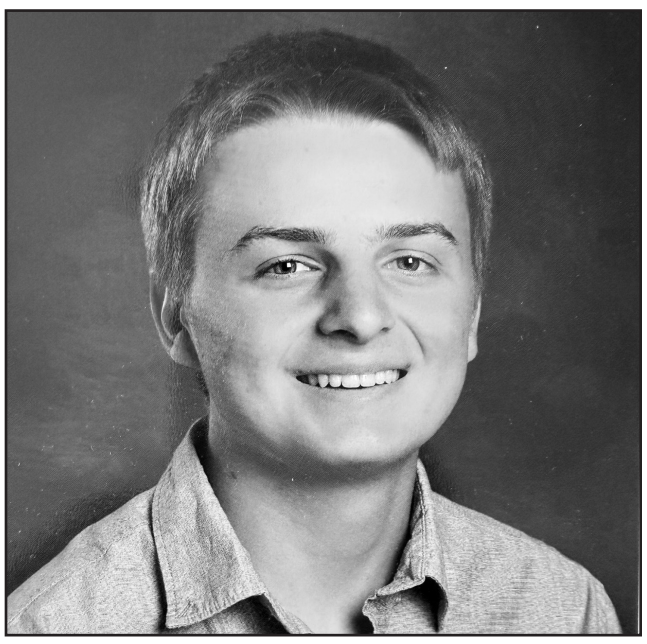
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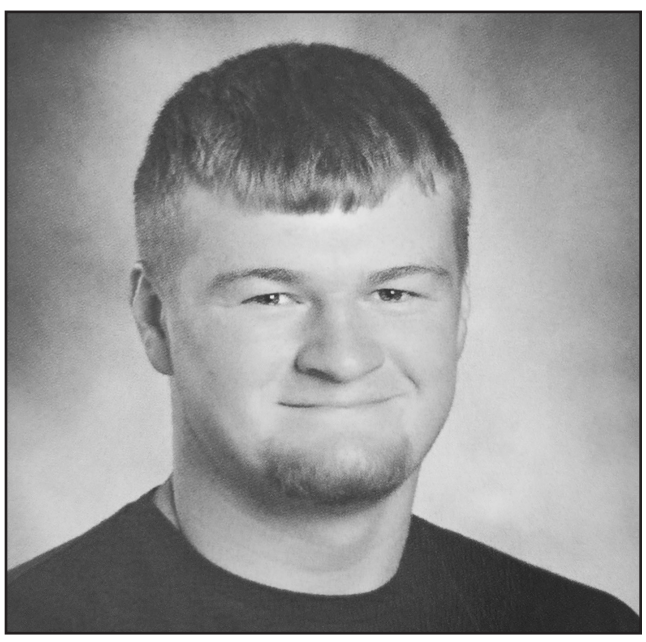
Landon Wright



Lorelei Lawry



Madison Niemetscheck



Michael Powell



Nate Sherven



Nicholai Solodin-Braun



Owen Ross



Courtney Monroe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upland Hills Health is actively monitoring and responding to the recent increase in measles cases in Iowa County

Physicians, nurses, infection prevention specialists, and clinical teams are working closely with local public health officials to protect patients, staff, and the broader community while ensuring access to safe, high-quality care.

During times like these, our community depends on us not only for medical care, but also for reliable information and guidance. Upland Hills Health remains committed to providing both.

Our community can be confident that Upland Hills Health is prepared to safely care for patients while helping limit the spread of measles. Vaccination remains the most effective protection against this disease, and we encourage anyone with concerns about exposure or symptoms to contact their healthcare provider before arriving for care.

Measles is a highly contagious viral illness that typically begins with fever, fatigue, cough, runny nose, and red or watery eyes, followed by a characteristic rash. Symptoms generally develop 7 to 21 days after exposure.

The concern surrounding measles is both its contagious nature and its potential severity. The virus spreads through direct contact with infectious droplets and can remain in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves an area. Up to nine out of ten people without immunity who are exposed to measles will become infected.

Measles can lead to serious complications, including pneumonia, swelling of the brain, hearing loss, hospitalization, and, in rare cases, death. Children, infants, pregnant individuals, and those with weakened immune systems are at the highest risk for severe illness.

The most effective way to prevent measles is through vaccination. The Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine is safe and highly effective. Children should receive two doses, with the first typically administered between 12 and 15 months of age and the second between 4 and 6 years of age. Adults who are unsure of their immunity or vaccination status should discuss their options with their healthcare provider.

Two doses of the MMR vaccine provide approximately 97% protection against measles. Side effects are generally mild and may include soreness at the injection site, fever, or a mild rash. Serious reactions are extremely rare. Individuals born before 1957 are generally considered immune.

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to measles should contact their healthcare provider as soon as possible. People who are not immune and receive the MMR vaccine within 72 hours of exposure may receive some protection or experience a milder illness. Certain individuals at higher risk for severe disease may also be eligible for immune globulin treatment within six days of exposure.

Community members who develop symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose, red or watery eyes, or a rash should contact their primary care clinic before seeking in-person care. Our triage nurses can help determine the most appropriate next step, whether that is a telehealth appointment, clinic visit, or emergency department evaluation.

If you believe you have measles and are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911 or the Emergency Department before arrival and communicate your concerns about possible measles exposure. Calling ahead allows care teams to prepare appropriately and helps reduce exposure to other patients and staff. No one should delay seeking emergency medical care when it is needed.

Our community has faced public health challenges before, and we have seen the strength that comes from responding with preparation, compassion, and a commitment to one another. Upland Hills Health will continue working closely with local and state public health partners, monitoring the situation, and adapting our response as needed.

For the latest public health guidance and information about measles, visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services measles information page:

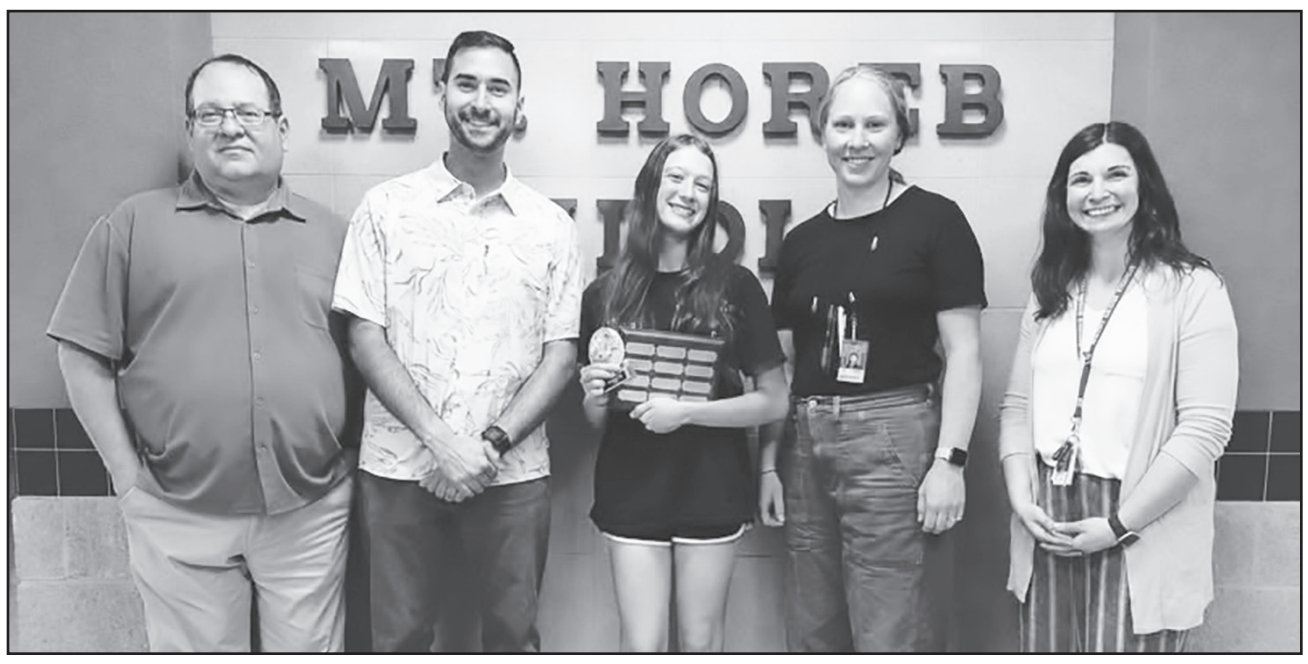
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Tranel and Smith honored by music boosters



Senior Anna Tranel with her Hanneman award.



From left to right, MHMS music teachers John Mesoloras, Dominic Leising, 8th grade Hanneman Award recipient Jayden Smith, MHMS music teachers Alyssa Thuli, Calli Ingebritsen.

Each year the Mt. Horeb Music Boosters recognize Mr. F.H. Hanneman's pioneering contributions to music in Mt. Horeb by honoring an outstanding musician in the 8th Grade and the Senior Class.

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

This year's senior recipient was Anna Tranel. Tranel was a very active musician at Mt. Horeb High School involved in band, choir, and orchestra, as well as a vast number of co-curricular groups and clubs. She appeared on stage as Mrs. Banks last fall in the MHHS production of *Mary Poppins*. In the fall, Tranel will be attending UW-Madison for Biology and Environmental Sciences. She is planning to participate in the University Band and to audition for a choir on campus as well. Tranel is also a repeat Hanneman award winner, having received the 8th grade award in 2022!

This year's 8th grade recipient was Jayden Smith. Smith is an active and hardworking musician in all three curricular music ensembles: choir, band, and orchestra. She also participates in many co-curricular music activities at Mt. Horeb Middle School and with Verona Area Community Theater. She also recently appeared on stage at the Mt. Horeb Auditorium starring as Katherine Plumber in MHMS's production of *Newsies, Jr.*

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

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

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

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

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About Your Library: Mount Horeb Public Library has existed in its current location at 105 Perimeter Rd. since 2002. September is a great time to get involved in all library activities. As fall approaches, nothing is better than facing the shortening days with a good book and a warm beverage. In addition, we will launch many fall program opportunities including an amazing line-up of programming for children and adults. Visit our website to learn more! Hope to see you soon at the library signing up for your new card!

Dane County Recognizes National Emergency Management Awareness Month

County Executive Melissa Agard proclaimed August 2026 as National Emergency Management Awareness Month, underscoring the critical role that Dane County Emergency Management (DCEM) plays in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and disasters throughout the region.

Emergencies can occur with little to no warning. Dane County Emergency Management works year-round to reduce risks and strengthen community resilience. Through comprehensive planning, coordination, training, and public education, DCEM helps ensure that residents, businesses, and local governments are equipped with the tools needed to recover from emergency events, such as severe thunderstorms, flooding, winter storms, and tornadoes.

"Emergency management isn't something that happens only when disaster strikes," said County Executive Melissa Agard. "It is the daily, behind the scenes work of preparedness and mitigation that embodies the Dane County Way of commitment to the community and looking out for our neighbors."

Dane County Emergency Management serves as a central hub for countywide preparedness and response. The department works closely with municipal partners, first responders, schools, nonprofits, state agencies, and federal authorities to strengthen our county's ability to respond to emergency situations.

Residents to take steps to increase preparedness, including signing up for Dane County's emergency alerts, which can be done at https://em.countyofdane.com/emergency-alerts

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budgets. Behind the scenes, the department heads meet with the village administrator and finance director to discuss each department's operation budget needs as well as its capital improvement requests. With Gabe Altenbernd as Mount Horeb's new Village Administrator, bringing tools in his toolbox that he garnered serving Belleville, Waunakee, Cottage Grove and Kansas City, the village has a fresh set of eyes reviewing the entire 2027 budget and the processes used to develop it for approval by the Village Board at the November board meeting, followed by a public hearing two weeks later. With potential changes to the norm, a few articles will be written to keep readers informed of possible changes to the method of determining their 2026 property tax bills.

The F&P met on August 5 and in addition to the usual committee discussions and reports, the focus was spent on a presentation by Altenbernd on alternate funding sources for fiscal year 2027 budget. All members were present, including Chair Ben Jones, Trustees Sarah Best and Michelle Kelley, and citizen members Jeff Hook and Mike Healy. Village staff Denise Schwenn, Treasurer/Finance Director and Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk rounded out the group.

Earlier this year, the Village retained R.W. Baird & Co. as a financial consultant to assist and guide the Village with financial management planning. The 2026 budget was balanced using a one-time $700,000 resource. This amount needs to be addressed when preparing the 2027 budget in addition to determining the usual budget challenges, such as levy limits, health insurance increases, residents' financial capacity, infrastructure costs, inflationary pressures and fleet/equipment expenses.

The municipal General Fund is the main operating account of the Village, covering expenses for public works, public safety, parks and recreation, government administration as well as collecting property taxes, state shared revenues, permits, and license fees. The General Fund does <u>not</u> include capital projects, utilities, debt or special revenues.

Mount Horeb Financial Policy for the General Fund requires a minimum of 20% of the annual operating expenses, with a maximum of 25%. (Should it go over the maximum, the excess can be transferred to debt reduction or capital improvements.) As a reference, the median General Fund minimum balance for our peer municipalities over the last five years ranges from a low of 29.41% to 30.90%. Mount Horeb's trend from 2021 – 2025 was 21.5%, 0%, 7.5%, 0%, and 0%, respectively, with the last four years well below the 20% minimum requirement.

To address the financial challenges, Altenbernd presented six potential steps to meet the goal of replacing one-time funding (such as the $700,000 used for the 2026 budget) with sustainable, recurring funding. Baird, and Baker-Tilley (Village auditor) worked with Altenbernd to create the list. The six steps to consider:

1.) Quit using the General Fund cash to pay for capital projects (saves $300,000)

2.) Remove any capital projects from the General Fund budget (anything over $5,000 and five year+ lifespan)

3.) Review of all sections for potential budget cuts/find inefficiencies

4.) Review for correct budget allocations for Salaries/Benefits/TIF usage

5.) Review current Pellitteri fees to ensure all expenses are included in users' bill

6.) Consider implementation of Special Charges for Urban Forestry, Snow & Ice Removal, and Fire Protection

Wisconsin Statute 66.062719(2) allows municipalities to impose a special charge against real property for current services provided to that property. Real property special charges may also apply to tax-exempt properties, such as churches, private educational institutions and non-profits, per Wisconsin Statute 70.11, despite being tax-exempt from property taxes. The Special Charges may be for all, or part of the cost directly related to the property, such as 100%, 50%., etc.

Other than the monthly Pellitteri expense listed on Mount Horeb Utility bill, the concept of the other possible special charges is new to Mount Horeb. The State requires a municipality to use the 2013 budgeted amount should it elect special charges other than for Urban Forestry. Urban Forestry is the expense for new and replacement trees on terraces of homes. The charge is based on the property acreage. Other special charges include Snow/Ice Removal (based on acreage) and Fire Protection, based on square footage of the property.

Altenbernd requested our accessor to provide the actual numbers (acreage/square footage) for all properties for an estimate of the special charges for discussion at the F&P September 2 committee meeting. By considering special charges for any or all of the three categories mentioned above, the savings by implementing special charges on the property tax bill will have a positive impact on the levy. Here is the levy impact for the three areas using the 2026 budget actual allocations:

Snow/Ice Removal 2026 Budget $171,853 - 2013 Budget $57,965 = **$113,888** impact

Fire Protection 2026 Budget $697908 – 2013 Budget $326,223 - **$371,685** levy impact

Urban Forestry 2026 Budget $107,172 – 2013 Budget n/a = **$107,172** levy impact

With the example above, $592,745 in special charges would be added to the available levy allocation. The 2027 levy limit for the General Fund is 1.26%, meaning all expenses, many subject to inflation, such as health insurance premiums and staff salaries, may only increase by 1.26%. Altenbernd said the pro of implementing special charges allows the Village to alter the fee based on financial status, stating in a good year, the Village could have 50% levy supported and 50% fee supported. During a bad year, the entire fee could be 100% fee supported with zero used from the levy, allowing for flexibility. The con of special charges is nothing is really cut from the budget, residents are still paying, just in a different manner.

For any special charge added to a property tax bill {State Statute 66.0628(1)(b)}, the Village charge structure must ensure through documentation the amount of revenue collected does not exceed the Village's cost of maintaining, for example, the snow/ice removal expense. Also, the Fire Protection special charge does not include any EMS expenses, simply fire protection.

Since special charges is only one of six steps being considered in the financial management plan, it may or may not come to fruition. However, to do the budget planning in an orderly, organized manner, Altenbernd will present the F&P Committee with a Resolution to give the ok to move forward with the concept as an option at its September 2 Committee meeting that starts at 5:30pm. If the majority of the Committee approves, it will be considered at the September 2 Village Board meeting for approval. That meeting starts at 7pm. As with all open Village meetings, residents are allowed to speak up to three minutes on any agenda item by completing a blue card, located in the back of the 2nd floor meeting room.



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Jasper Lokken son of Lori & Todd sold his 256 lb Barrow Poland China Champion pig to Brickl Farms for $6.00 per pound.



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Work continues on village-wide survey of Mount Horeb's historic properties

By Erin Herndon
Mount Horeb Mail

Progress continues on the village-wide historic property survey. The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met July 22 and received updates from representatives of the project's primary contractor, Urbana Preservation & Planning, LLC. They also welcomed Gabe Altenbernd as the new village administrator and discussed and approved their June meeting minutes and 2027 Operating and Capital Budget Requests.

Urbana Associate Historian and Preservation Planner John Hyche and Associate Planner and GIS Manager Alexandrea Baker shared the current status of the ongoing historic property survey.

"This is an intensive village-wide survey that focuses on recording previously undocumented historic area properties built by 1986 and within the village boundaries," Hyrche said. "Critical collaborators of this project have and will continue to include members of the commission and individual residents throughout the community."

Urbana's progress is being overseen by the HPC and funded through a certified local government grant awarded by the Wisconsin Historical Society. Hyrche said the Commission's July meeting served as an opportunity to present their efforts thus far with the Village. According to their presentation, following the project's kick-off in March 2026, the Urbana team identified properties important to Village history, provided updates to the HPC and solicited feedback. The group is currently in the process of completing fieldwork and property research, recording data in the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Database and preparing their historic context statement and final report packages. Their ultimate goal is to submit comprehensive GIS mapping data for future use by Village decision makers.

"As we get the spreadsheet more populated we'll be able to link the data that we're putting in there and then to each individual parcel so that it can be used by the city. We'll have the parcel number, ownership, year built and any history that we can link, so it's in one nice little map," Baker said. "This is still a work in progress, but we think it'll be helpful for the future to have the eligibility of each site, and we'll give you the base files for updates as more sites become eligible."

Urbana is set to present their full draft findings to the HPC in November 2026.

The Historic Preservation Commission next meets Aug. 26, 2026 at 6 p.m.

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Zoning

With no one signed up to give public comments, the board moved on, addressing four zoning matters. The first was an Aavang Road concept meeting scrapping a previously discussed plan, noting a driveway location change and adding an accessory building. The accessary building is intended to house a business. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Curt Winter, stated he forwarded a new engineered plan to Chris Smith, Land Use Committee (LUC) chair. Smith noted the owner's intention to return for discussion on the new plan in September.

The second concept meeting involved a County Highway ID property, where owners are exploring options to create farm staff housing. One stated option was building a shed, with one half for cold storage and the other half housing. Following significant discussion, including potential limitations, the owner, Jason Ihm, was provided regulatory language on creating farm residences and farmworker temporary housing. Given the property's location along Highways 18-151 and ID, he was also reminded that driveway access will need to be permitted and may involve state and county regulations. Chair Richard VanDomelen suggested approaching Dane County about possibilities, most specifically driveway options. Winter reiterated an option to "create a parcel, rezone it single family residence, build a home or a duplex on it, and have farm workers stay in it." Winter will have a followup discussion with Ihm on a potential rezone, perhaps returning the issue to the September meeting. Supervisor Kevin Depies emphasized that "finite details are going to be on where that driveway access is" and the need to work with Dane County. He went on to say, "unfortunately, we have no control over ID driveways."

A Straubhaar Road public hearing involved combining three parcels, then redividing them in two, one for the homestead and one for a newly created residential parcel. LUC's Smith noted a small discrepancy with the proposed Certified Survey Map (CSM) acreage and inconsistency in the General Engineering Company's (GEC) report. The LUC recommended the owner work with Winter for correction and that the board make the final recommendation given the inconsistency. Depies mentioned needing the correction for taxability purposes, noting no other concerns. With no public comments, the board unanimously approved the associated rezoning ordinance.

The last zoning matter highlighted creating a West Blue Mounds Road residential lot and changing a previously discussed driveway approach. The owner submitted a construction application and will have an engineered driveway plan by August 31st.

Public Works

Patrolman Ross Powers reported mowing, chip sealing and patching progress continues, while carefully watching the budget. He reminded the board of the five year plan that may need to change a little, however is "pretty close." He emphasized completion of the board's "road tour" and Cave of the Mounds Road ditching work to "get water off the road."

Dead End Roads

VanDomelen initiated board discussion on dead end roads. He noted there are "some we might want to turn back," so they would no longer be town roads. He said he didn't know what the abandonment approach would be but it would "obviously bring some heated comments from people at the end of these, and I don't know what kind of criteria we can have for that" and whether to "take the obvious ones." He went on to express concern regarding maintenance costs. Depies and Supervisor Mary Ann Bellazzini added concerns about town liability and school bus turn arounds. Powers added that on some dead ends, the turn arounds are no longer on town roads. Supervisors were not aware of the current criteria.

Depies offered, "I'll do some research, try to see what I can find on abandonment requirements, and get it to you guys in an email and we can talk further next meeting." Although the other supervisors appeared to agree to Depies offer, it wasn't clear how the board might hold a subsequent discussion.

Winter offered that there is a process that the state and county dictates. Resident, Dennis Jelle was recognized to comment, reminding others that there should be existing town records on approximately three driveways that were abandoned for different legitimate reasons. VanDomelen said, "let's look at the criteria." He then mentioned Amacher Road. Bellazzini questioned whether further discussion be held during Power's Public Works Report or as a separate agenda item. VanDomelen said, "until we're ready to take action, we can kinda just, keep it under public works for now, then if there's anything, then we kinda have the ability to speak about it at public works." He added that he didn't think there was "a huge rush on this."

Land Use Committee

Chris Smith reported on the LUC's July 27th meeting and their continuing comprehensive plan work. Since the board already had the committee's minutes, Smith highlighted two defining themes. The first is the committee's need for more official board documentation on their roles, execution points, and direct responsibilities. The LUC's meeting minutes state the "LUC has been an integral part of the towns land use processes for years, but has never had a written definition of roles and responsibilities…With the Town of Blue Mounds having their own zoning ordinance, the responsibilities of the LUC are not the same as they were 10+ years ago. How does the LUC know they are doing the tasks needed with the appropriate context if the LUC is not defined?" As the committee's board liaison, Depies offered to pull a document together on responsibilities and guardrails for the next meeting.

Smith also noted a second theme: possible committee expansion and bringing in new voices. Although not sure, Clerk Amanda Burghy said she believes the committee numbers may be limited based on the town's population. She offered to provide verification. Smith offered that the request for expansion is also because of the comprehensive plan work and questioned whether it could be a temporary extension or expansion.

The LUC members are also looking for clarity when advising the board. Their meeting minutes identified the "Rules of engagement for the comprehensive plan" and "indemnity and responsibility for decisions being made as a part of the approval process." Smith offered that at the end of the day it is defining who is ultimately responsible for the town's decisions. VanDomelen stated that ultimately, "it goes up to the board." He also emphasized GEC's review and that the LUC is a valuable resource yet "simply advisory."

Resident Dennis Jelle gave the Fire District (FD) report. He mentioned the FD board continues working on next year's budget. Jelle anticipates schedule changes in how the villages and townships provide financial support, although he stated there was no established timeline. He explained that any schedule changes would be voted on by the various FD governmental boards. He remarked that right now the "townships are kind of short changed on the whole thing, we're ending up paying more than our fair share." He also offered that the new ambulance is in service.

Administrative Matters

Neither supervisors nor staff reported receiving any town correspondence in the past month. Miscellaneous administrative matters included discussion on a Town of Springfield sample Data Center Moratorium Ordinance. VanDomelen asked whether supervisors had any feedback. Depies offered not seeing any big hurdles, noting it is effective for only one year and wondering about the amount of time necessary to complete due diligence. VanDomelen emphasized not having an understanding of the impacts of a maximum rated power capacity or total peak power loads in excess of 20 megawatts or which consume more than 200,000 gallons of water in a 24-hour period. Bellazzini mentioned seeing the ordinance as fairly comprehensive and believing the board should move forward "as soon as possible." All supervisors acknowledged a lack of detailed understanding of data center energy needs. VanDomelen mentioned "people tell you what they want you to hear." He went on to say "the buzz word on the street is that they're all bad…that's what I hear…I don't know what's true." After some brief board comments on technology dependence, Depies offered the need for "due diligence because they're not going to go away." VanDomelen opined "some people that complain…are some of the people who benefit from it on a regular basis… its something we've grown dependent on…everybody says not in my back yard… they've got to be somewhere." Depies suggested that before completing an ordinance, the board reach out to GEC and complete their own due diligence, specifically on potential concerning levels of power and water usage impacts within the area. VanDomelen stated, "it's kinda unfair to ask people like us to do that…we all have our different areas of expertise." Bellazzini noted she believes the Town of Springfield chair is on the county data center subcommittee that's working towards their moratorium. Bellazzini offered to reach out for more information. Depies and Winter suggested contacting Attorney Mark Hazelbaker. Winter noted that all the "opt-outs need to have their own agreement outside of whatever Dane County comes up with…let's see if anybody else is doing anything." VanDomelen will reach out to Hazelbaker.

The board then considered purchasing and installing a secure ballot box. Burghy acknowledged the town has received some mail-in ballots after elections were held. She noted that, in Wisconsin, "ballot boxes are optional." She also provided that, given the number of voters, the town wouldn't need something big. With some quoted prices seeming unnecessarily high, the board seemed to agree to explore other options. Depies offered to gather more options. VanDomelen requested knowing the specs. Powers noted the Town of Vermont's locked ballot box inside their locked building. Resident Susan Ludington offered the Village of Blue Mounds as another nearby example. Winter offered that "we need a drop box here because residents do like being able to drop things off and know that we'll get them the next morning."

Bellazzini then mentioned an upcoming WI Town's Association meeting in Mt. Horeb she plans to attend and also the September 15th Fall Workshop.

Without questions, July's monthly bills were approved unanimously.

Future Agenda Items noted were the ballot drop box and dead end roads.


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Conservation Congress and DNR meet

Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources leaders (DNR) met in July to discuss their shared commitment to conserving the state's natural resources and how to continue providing excellent opportunities for outdoor recreation.

The WCC is the only statutory body in the state where residents elect delegates to advise the Natural Resources Board and the DNR on how to responsibly manage Wisconsin's natural resources for present and future generations. For more than 90 years, the WCC and DNR have worked collaboratively to provide a forum for the public to advise policy decisions related to our shared resources.

This meeting was another milestone in that long-standing relationship to broaden the reach and impact of the WCC, improve communications and relations with the DNR and leverage the partnership to inspire creative solutions to natural resource challenges.

The intention of the meeting was set by WCC Chairman Paul Reith of Dane County.

"As leaders in conservation, it is important that we seek to find understanding, work across the aisle on all issues under the jurisdiction of the department and produce defensible solutions that best represent the interests and ideals of the great people of Wisconsin," Reith said.

"One of my priorities has been to strengthen the DNR's partnerships in conservation," said DNR Secretary Hyun. "I appreciated the opportunity to strategize about important topics like fish and wildlife funding, stewardship of land and youth participation in outdoor recreation. We did strengthen our partnership, and I am looking forward to doing even more."

During this meeting, the leadership of the WCC and DNR covered a variety of topics, including the state budget, priorities of the secretary's office, strategies to support a mission-oriented partnership between the WCC and state agency, opportunities to use their shared influence to connect Wisconsinites to the outdoors and more. The group left feeling hopeful for the future of their relationship and empowered to work together to carry out their shared mission.

Kevin Schanning, an at-large executive committee from Bayfield County, said, "The most significant takeaway from this meeting was the willingness between the Conservation Congress and the agency to collaborate to address conservation challenges faced by the state."

Kevin Smaby of La Crosse County echoed these sentiments and shared similar optimism in promoting "open and respectful communication," and going into this new chapter with the agency with "positive intentions to best represent the citizenry of the state, whether we agree on an issue or not."

When discussing the influence of the WCC and DNR, the group gave careful consideration to the ripple effects this meeting and future collaboration will have on the next generation. Reed Kabelowsky of Manitowoc County praised DNR Secretary Hyun's prioritization of the recreationists and conservation leaders of tomorrow. Secretary Hyun expressed gratitude to the work done by the Conservation Congress's Youth Conservation Congress (YCC) to connect youth to the outdoors and introduce them to conservation careers, public service and volunteerism.

"I am motived by the passion I saw today in support of the perpetuation and advancement of the YCC. Our youth are our greatest resource for the future of conservation and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. Losing sight of this when building the roadmap of our partnership, would be a disservice to our shared future," Kabelowsky said.

Looking ahead, the WCC and DNR have expressed their commitment to working together respectfully to broaden the influence of Wisconsinites' voices in natural resource decision-making.

"I could not be more excited to work with this team for the betterment and protection of our natural resources," said WCC Vice-Chair Mike Britton of Barron County.

"Our successes are [also] strongest when we work together," Reith said. "As chairman for the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, I am excited to lead the congress moving forward and support strong communication with the department to ensure your ideas are heard and valued."

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ELECTION

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Night by a "server issue" in Green County, according to Green County Clerk Arianna Voegeli. According to Voegeli, election results were successfully transmitted from 16 municipalities to the Green County server: "However, Green County has been informed by its election equipment vendor, Liberty Vote, that the County's server and results reporting program are currently not communicating with one another. As a result, the transmitted results are currently contained in encrypted files that County staff are unable to access or open for reporting."

"Green County staff are actively working to resolve the issue and are continuing to contact municipal clerks in an effort to manually obtain and load results this evening. However, a complete set of unofficial election results may not be available until Wednesday, August 12, as municipal clerks bring their physical memory devices to the County Clerk's Office and results are loaded directly into the County's election database," said a statement by the county late Tuesday night. "Green County understands the importance of timely election results and sincerely apologizes for the delay and any inconvenience this may cause. The delay in reporting does not indicate a problem with the election itself or the votes cast by Green County voters. Our priority is to ensure that results are accurately reported and properly verified."

"We take the responsibility of protecting and accurately reporting the votes of Green County voters very seriously," said Voegeli. "Our staff, municipal clerks, and election technology vendor are working diligently to resolve this issue and make accurate unofficial results available as soon as possible."

On Wednesday, the full results were available, and they confirmed Jacobson's victory.

In Green County, Jacobson earned 53 percent of the vote (2,827 votes) while Corrine Hendrickson had 40 percent (2,163 votes) and White had seven percent (365 votes).

"The Wisconsin State Senate is the most flip-able chamber in the country this year, and Jenna Jacobson will make an incredible Senator for the people of the17th District," said Senate minority leader Dianne Hesselbein. "She has spent over a year on the campaign trail meeting with voters across Southwestern Wisconsin and showing them how a democratic majority will cut costs and strengthen our state. In November, Jenna will defeat Howard Marklein and help us deliver the first Democratic majority in over a decade."

Oemichen wins Assembly Primary

Bill Oemichen had an impressive showing in the three-way Primary determining which Democrat will be on the ballot for Wisconsin's 50th State Assembly seat. Oemichen will go on to face Republican candidate Jon Aleckson. The seat is currently held by Jenna Jacobson, who is not seeking re-election due to her pursuit of the state's 17th Senate seat.

Oemichen faced fellow Democrats Josh Mittness and Bryna Caves in last week's Primary.

In Dane County, Oemichen earned 49.2 percent of the vote (2,416 votes), while Mittness took 31 percent (1,520 votes) and Caves took 20 percent (969 votes).

In Green County, Oemichen won 52 percent (2,640 votes). Mittness won 30 percent (1,563) and Caves won 18 percent (899 votes).

"I am truly honored voters in the 50th Assembly District nominated me to be the Democratic candidate in the November 3 General Election," said Oemichen. "I am particularly honored Belleville, Monticello and New Glarus voters gave me very large election margins. I am honored to have earned citizens' trust and will do all I can to make our communities stronger."

"Going forward to November and beyond, I will continue to focus on solving problems and getting things done," he continued. "This includes fixing the broken public school funding system, incentivizing affordable housing construction, restoring state financial support for childcare, creating affordable health care options so that an illness won't lead to personal bankruptcy or to a choice between food and seeing a doctor, and ensuring the continued support of our family farmers across Green and Dane counties."

"I have visited thousands of doors across the district and that won't stop now. I want to hear voters' stories," said Oemichen. "And, I want to take the messages I hear to the State Capitol next January if I have the privilege of being the first New Glarus resident in over one hundred and fifty years to serve in the State Assembly."

Oemichen goes on to face Jon Aleckson, who was unopposed in the Republican Primary, on November 3.

"Government that can't solve problems has lost the confidence of people," said Aleckson. "Promises, sympathy, hopes, and popular pronouncements are ringing hollow. It's clear to me that voters of all kinds want action."

"We have a crisis of government effectiveness that highlights issues and troubles but rarely fixes them. Good intentions are not enough," Aleckson continued. "As a retired businessman whose educational technology company was successful. I had to overcome all challenges to deliver for my customer. That is the difference between me and those who work within the political system. That's why I decided to run, a first for me."

"Legislators usually have good intentions, but a weak record of achievements," Aleckson stated. "The Legislature is a big committee that struggles. Struggling is not a plan, but success is. Restore Wisconsin is my strategy. So far, I have addressed issues related to seniors being taxed out of their homes, young people finding affordable starter homes, and farmer's access to group health insurance. I intend to get ideas before the legislature."

"Also, I plan to be an advocate. That means organizing popular support within the 50th District which is Green County and southwestern Dane County. But also, I will find ways to extend that support elsewhere in Wisconsin so that the legislature will know that there is lots of popular support for these changes. That's how things get done," Aleckson concluded.

A very tight race for Crowley and Hong

Garren Randolph, David Crowley for Wisconsin campaign manager, issued the following statement after Crowley won the crowded Democratic field in that tight race: "David Crowley is grateful to Wisconsin voters, the volunteers who powered this campaign, and everyone who stepped forward to participate in this primary.

"To Francesca, Kelda, Joel, and every candidate who shared their vision for Wisconsin, thank you. They challenged all of us to think bigger about what our state can become," the statement continued.

"From day one, this campaign has been about what comes next for Wisconsin: making life more affordable, strengthening our schools, creating good-paying jobs, and making sure opportunity reaches every corner of our state.

"Now, David is focused on bringing people together, earning the support of Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and anyone who believes Wisconsin is at its best when we work together and deliver results," Randolph said. "The choice in November has always been clear. We can move Wisconsin forward with leadership focused on solving problems, or we can bring the division and extremism of Tom Tiffany and Donald Trump to Wisconsin.

While Crowley, a Democrat backed by outgoing Governor Tony Evers, won the statewide Primary, it was Hong, a Madison-based Democratic Socialist, who won the most votes in Dane County. Bolstered by a strong showing in Madison, Hong earned 44 percent of the Primary vote in Dane County while Crowley won 37 percent.

Crowley had a dominant showing in nearby counties that are home to more moderates and more swing voters, however. In neighboring Green County, Crowley earned 46 percent (2,567 votes) over Hong's 33 percent (1,825 votes). Both candidates far outpaced the five other Democrats on the Primary ballot.

In the Village of Mount Horeb, Crowley and Hong finished in a dead heat. When all the votes were tallied, Crowley earned 735 votes in the Primary while Hong earned just 12 fewer, with 723.

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MOUNT HOREB-BARNEVELD VS. GRAFTON: FRIDAY, 7 P.M.

Bring on Grafton

Mount Horeb-Barneveld opens with defending state champs

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

No fear.

That's the message Eli Maier wants to hammer home to his Mount Horeb-Barneveld teammates before they host Grafton in their season opener Friday at 7 p.m.

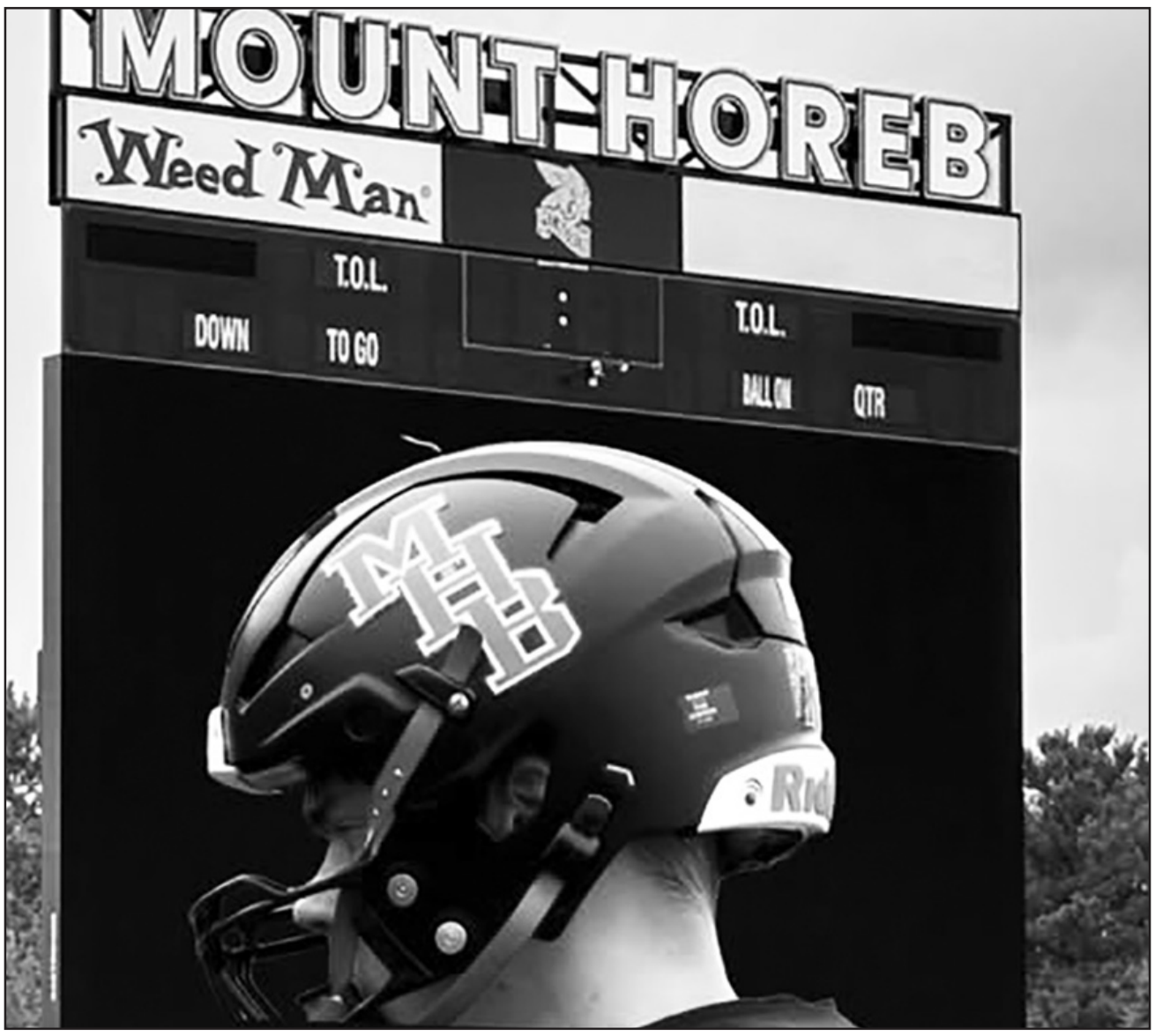
"I think last year we were like a little scared playing them," said Maier, whose team lost at Grafton, 24-7, last season. "But I think we just need to believe in ourselves that we can hang with anybody. But I'm super excited to have them here this year. We just want to win really bad."

There was certainly no shame in losing to the Black Hawks a year ago. Grafton went 14-0 overall and won the WIAA Division 2 state championship, defeating Reedsburg, 17-15, in the title game.

Grafton returns six starters on offense, led by 2,000-yard rusher Jack Nelson, and two on defense. While the Black Hawks graduated a gifted senior class, coach Jim Norris has built Grafton into one of the state's elite programs, and its next group of standouts always seem to be waiting in the wings.

"We graduated multiple players who accumulated more than 40 career starts and played significant roles in four consecutive conference championships and a

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team begins its new season Friday when it hosts Grafton at 7 p.m. Photo submitted

Bluffers advance to HTL tournament series

PB/MH heads to Ashton for Elite 8 game

by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Reporter

When opportunity knocked on Sunday afternoon, the Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb Bluffers answered the call.

Despite missing several key players, the Bluffers showed why they are making their first-ever appearance in the Home Talent League Tournament series, rolling to a 9-1 win over Blanchardville in a Western Division playoff game.

"Our starting right fielder (Finn Pohlman) came today and was sick, so he went home," Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb manager Jerome Krantz said. "Jonas Kittoe, our second baseman, and Tyler Vogel, our closer, were both gone, too."

No problem for the Bluffers, who simply employed the 'next man up' philosophy.

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Scottie Gordon and Mount Horeb/Pine Bluff's Home Talent League team downed Blanchardville in a Western Division playoff game Sunday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

BADGER SMALL CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PREVIEW

MH-B picked for second in Badger Small

Editor's Note: This preview of the Badger Small Conference was compiled by Boundwisconsin.net. Check out previews from across the state at their website.

Predicted Order of Finish

1) Beaver Dam
2) Mount Horeb/ Barneveld
3) Edgewood
4) McFarland
5) Sauk Prairie
6) Stoughton
7) Monroe
8) Fort Atkinson

Players to Watch

Tristen Anderson, RB, Monroe — Anderson earned second-team all-conference recognition last year after leading the team with 1,149 yards on the ground.

Garrett Crull, QB, McFarland — Crull threw for 1,941 yards and 24 touchdowns last year to earn first-team all-conference recognition in the Rock Valley Conference.

Caleb DeZarn, OL, Beaver Dam — DeZarn is a standout offensive lineman who earned first-team all-conference and Offensive Player of the Year accolades in the East Central Conference a year ago.

Evan Leibfried, OL, Mount Horeb/Barneveld — Leibfried is part of a strong offensive line group and has given a commitment to Northern Illinois.

Eli Maier, RB/LB, Mount Horeb/Barneveld — Maier rushed for 658 yards and 11 touchdowns last year and is also an elite linebacker, earning first-team all-conference for the Vikings.

Ben Morey, WR, Edgewood — Morey is an explosive wide receiver that caught 41 passes for 876 yards and 12 touchdowns a year ago as a first-team all-conference selection.

Ashtyn Seifert, WR/DB, Beaver Dam — Seifert was the leading receiver for the Golden Beavers last year and also picked up first-team all-conference recognition as a defensive back.

Azindo Takoro, DL, Edgewood — Takoro is one of the state's top players in the 2028 class, already holding scholarship offers from Missouri and North Dakota with a host of other D1 interest coming for the big man.

2026 Team Previews

1) Beaver Dam

The Beavers won just four games last year and fell in the first playoff game, but there's reason to believe they'll be much improved in 2026.

After missing a good amount of time last season, junior running back Brock Hiley is back and expected to provide a big boost. He'll join returning quarterback Jaxon Ladron as well top receiver Ashtyn Seifert, with a total of seven starters back on offense, which includes talented lineman Caleb DeZarn.

After missing some time with injury last year after a promising start to the season, senior running back Brock Hiley is a name to watch as a breakout candidate. Six starters are back on the defensive side of the ball. The Golden Beavers make a conference change, moving from the East Central to the Badger Small.

2) Mount Horeb/ Barneveld

The Vikings were part of a three-way tie for the Badger Small Conference title last year, as they beat Sauk Prairie but fell to Edgewood.

MH-B saw a familiar end to its season, losing to Catholic Memorial in Level 3 of the playoffs and finishing 9-3 overall.

A talented senior class moves on, especially at the skill positions, but head coach Bret St. Arnauld does return six starters on offense and five on defense.



Bret St. Arnauld and Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team was picked to finish second in the Badger Small Conference this season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

"The strength of our team will be on the offensive line," St. Arnauld said. "We bring back four starters on the offensive line from last season and they have all gotten bigger, faster, and stronger."

One of those is Evan Leibfried, who recently committed to Northern Illinois. Eli Maier is an experienced running back and doubles as an outstanding linebacker, while Django Christian got plenty of run at receiver a year ago.

3) Madison Edgewood

The Crusaders won their first eight games of the season, including a 27-20 victory over Mount Horeb/ Barneveld in Week 8 that guaranteed a share of the Badger Small Conference title. The Crusaders dropped their next game to Sauk Prairie to leave a three-way tie for the crown, then lost to Reedsburg in Level 2 of the D3 playoffs as a top seed.

Head coach Jesse Norris graduates a strong senior class, but a good amount of talent returns as the Crusaders drop from Division 3 to Division 4 this season. Ben Morey is an electric receiver who led the team with 41 catches for 876 yards and 12 touchdowns. Chris Lee, Owen Rist, and junior Azindo Takoro, who holds D1 offers, are strong players in the front seven on defense.

4) McFarland

The Spartans dropped a couple early non-conference games to Reedsburg and Edgewood, and weren't far from being a contender in the Rock Valley, but had to settle for a fourth place finish at 4-3 in league play.

After getting shutout, 42-0, by Whitnall in Level 1, the Spartans ended the year at 4-6 overall.

Veteran coach Paul Ackley picked up his 100th career win last year, and returns a strong group of athletes as they make the move back into the Badger Small.

Quarterback Garrett Crull put up big numbers last year, throwing for nearly 2,000 yards. Leading rusher Jayden Bloodsaw, as well as talented pass-catchers Parker Roh, Grayson Gauwitz, and Eli Krueger are returning this season.

McFarland brings back seven starters on offense and seven on defense.

5) Sauk Prairie

The Eagles put together a historic season in 2025, as their 20-7 win over Edgewood to close the regular season led them to a share of the Badger Small title, their first conference crown in 44 years.

A strong senior class led the way, and with that group moving on, it will be a challenge for head coach Randy Wallace to keep that going, but things are trending positively for the Eagles.

6) Stoughton

The Vikings won three of their first four games, including the two crossovers against the East Central Conference schools, but dropped five straight to close the regular season.

After downing Fort Atkinson in an extra game, they finished 4-6 overall.

"The team will be looking to replace most of its backfield production with the graduation of Gatlin Empey and Logan Hedstrom," head coach Jason Becker said. "A year after starting seven different offensive line groups due to injuries, numbers are allowing us to fully commit to two platoon."

Look for juniors Brooks Richter and Tate Schneider to battle it out for the starting quarterback spot.

7) Monroe

The Cheesemakers move back into the Badger Small after several years competing in the Rock Valley Conference. Monroe was 2-7 last year, missing out on the playoffs for the first time since 2018.

"We return a fair amount of offensive players, with a good junior class, including five that played on offense as sophomores last year," said head coach Tom Witt. The Cheesemakers will continue to run the Wing-T offense, and bring back junior Tristen Anderson, who ran for more than 1,100 yards last year.

8) Fort Atkinson

The Blackhawks went winless last year, going 0-10 including an extra game loss to Stoughton.

Fort scored just 48 points last season, but head coach Nick Nelson returns seven starters on offense along with nine on defense as the team is looking forward to some welcome changes in 2026.

"After several years away, the Fort Atkinson Blackhawks are excited to return to the Badger Small Conference," Nelson said. "Our young Fort football program competed hard last season and returns a strong core of players in key roles.

"Nearly the entire starting offensive and defensive lines are back, along with solid depth and size up front. We look forward to younger players stepping into skill positions and building on the leadership and resilience demonstrated by last year's senior class."

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MoHo golfers begin new year

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls golf team began its season last week.

The Vikings finished seventh out of 12 teams at the Reedsburg 3-girl best ball held at Reedsburg Country Club on Aug. 13.

Mount Horeb then finished 11th at the 18-team Watertown Invite held at Watertown Country Club on Aug. 14.

Here's a recap of the Vikings' two tournaments.

REEDSBURG BEST BALL

Mount Horeb finished seventh with a team score of 424.

Tomah was first with a 330, followed by Onalaska with a 386 and Wisconsin Dells (395).

"It was a solid start to the season for our team," said Vikings coach Nolan Krentz. "With only three practices under our belt and many new faces in our lineup, I was not sure what to expect, but I was really pleased with the number of quality shots we hit as a group."

Junior Ella Baber led Mount Horeb with a 91, finishing in 11th place individually in the 65-player field. Baber parred five holes during her round.

Senior Jadyn Schellpfeffer finished with a 104, tying for 25th after parring No. 12 and closing her round with a birdie on the par-four, 18th hole.

Junior Harper Birkeland added a 112 and made three pars. Sophomore Maddie Mechler added a 117.

"Not only was it the first-ever varsity meet for several of our players, but also the first 18-hole meet for several them, as well," Krentz said. "The experience they gained at Reedsburg will be extremely valuable, especially playing in such difficult conditions as we played in a steady rain for much of the round."

WATERTOWN INVITE

The Vikings posted a team score of 438 to finish 11th in the 18-team field.

Brookfield East claimed the team title with a 350, followed by Milton (355) and Sussex Hamil-ton with a (368).

"Watertown Country Club was playing very difficult," Krentz said. "While not overly long at just over 4,900 yards, the greens were lightning-fast, making putting a challenge for everyone no matter where they were on the greens. That was definitely the case for us as we had several holes with three putts, or more, and finished with 179 putts collectively among our four players."

Baber led the way for Mount Horeb once again with a 93, tying for 17th place individually in the 83-player field. Baber started her round with a birdie on the par-three, ninth hole and added pars at No. 6, 7, 15 and 16.

Schellpfeffer finished with a 106, parring a pair of par-3s on the back nine.

Mackenzie Meinholz added a 113, while Mechler had a 126 to round out the scoring for the Vikings.

"Ella had a good start to the season for us, posting top-20 results in both meets," Krentz said. "I was really happy with the resiliency Mackenzie showed, improving her first nine score by 11 or more strokes both days.

"We now have a better idea of where we are as a team after these two meets and what we really need to improve upon moving forward. We have a busy stretch to begin the season with six more meets in the next two weeks, so most of our learning will be done in competition on the course during this time."

HTL

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"We're solid," Krantz added. "We've got a good pitching staff, we've got a good defense, and we have timely hitting."

That was all on display as left-hander Scottie Gordon allowed one run on five hits through 8 2/3 innings, and center fielder Alex Rech sparked the offense with three hits to lead the second-seeded Bluffers past the third-seeded Bullets.

"Scottie has carried us all season," Krantz said of Gordon, a seven-year veteran with the Bluffers. "He gave us another great performance today.

"Alex, defensively, he's a nice all-around player. He takes away the gaps. He reads the ball well. But you see what he did offensively for us, too. He's a quality player, and we're glad he's with us."

Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb (14-2), which extended its winning streak to seven games, advanced to the HTL Tournament quarterfinals. The Bluffers, the No. 2 seed in the West, now travel to Ashton (14-2), the Northern Section's top seed, on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The HTL tournament semifinals are Aug. 30 and the championship game is Sept. 6.

"After 42 years, I'm finally there," Krantz said of the upcoming HTL Tournament series. "I was born and raised in Pine Bluff. So I know all the former players who played their entire career for Pine Bluff.

"Small-town baseball, that's what makes the Home Talent League baseball special. It's small towns that are still willing to get together and get a team together."

Rech, a Verona alum who is in his second year playing for Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb, said the Bluffers are ready to compete in the new HTL eight-team, single-elimination tournament bracket.

"I love our chances. I think we've got the best pitching staff in the league," said Rech, who also drove in two runs, stole two bases, scored a run and finished with five putouts in center field including a pair of highlight-reel plays.

"They're going to keep us in every game. We only have to sneak a couple of runs out every game and we have a chance. The pitching staff is the strength of this team and will hold us in any game coming up in the future."

Gordon showed why he is considered one of the elite pitchers in the HTL, coming up one batter short of a complete game. He threw 102 pitches with six strikeouts and two walks.

"My high changeup was really working really well today," said Gordon, who needed just six pitches to get through the first inning and tossed no more than 11 pitches in any of the first eight innings to dominate the Bullets (12-4). "I was able to get guys ahead on the count.

"I think they were swinging at my first pitch stuff. They wanted to swing at that, and I was able to get ahead. They wanted to see my fastball. Once I got ahead with my fastball, my changeup works a little bit extra because they think the fastball is coming and it's a little slower."

Gordon gave credit to the Bluffers' defense, which was flawless in the field.

"My center fielder (Rech) was making plays for me, and my left fielder (Logan Ford) was huge," Gordon said.

Blanchardville grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning when first baseman Drew Schliem ripped a one-out double to center field, and scored two batters later on center fielder AJ Hendrickson's infield single.

But the Bullets delivered nothing but blanks the rest of the way as Gordon retired 13 of 14 batters spanning the fourth through eighth innings.

Rech said it was business as usual for Gordon.

"He is amazing, eight and two-thirds, pretty much a complete game," Rech said. "A one run game is going to win us pretty much every game you can play. We couldn't ask for any more than he gave us today.

"We didn't have our usual defense out there and we didn't have our closer, which makes Scottie's outing even more impressive. We had to have him go deep in the game today, and that's exactly what he did."

After managing just one base hit through the first three innings off of Blanchardville left-hander Hunter Enloe, PB/MH grabbed the lead for good in the fourth inning.

The Bluffers loaded the bases with one out with two walks and a hit batsman to set the table for Logan Ford, a 2026 Mount Horeb graduate who was making only his third appearance and first start of the season.

Ford, who had lined out to first base in his first plate appearance, blasted a double to right field to score third baseman Mike Scharenbroch and second baseman Will Neuroth.

One out later, Rech's infield single plated designated hitter Brad Kittoe for a 3-1 Bluffers lead.

Ford said the timing was right for him to deliver his first career hit in HTL play.

"I attacked a first-pitch fastball," said Ford, who was sidelined most of the summer with a broken leg and was making his first start, filling in for Pohlman. "It's a first pitch fastball. I'm going after it every time. It was where I like it.

"I was thinking 'just put it in play, put it in play.' I was just trying to help the team out, down one in the fourth inning. I just put the bat on the ball and good things happened."

Rech said the timely hit was just what the Bluffers needed to take control.

"Amazing, he finds out 15 minutes before the game that he's going to start," Rech said of Ford. "He got the runs for us to break it open. That was awesome."

Neuroth's run-scoring single pushed the Bluffers' lead to 4-1 in the fifth inning. PB/MH then put the game away with five runs in the bottom of the eighth inning.

"Getting the lead and getting a few more (runs) always gives the pitcher a sense of relief and a little more freedom to settle in," Gordon said. "So I appreciate that from my boys. We won 9-1, that's even better."

Rech's RBI single and shortstop Mitch Marty's two-run single extended the Bluffers' lead to 7-1.

After Scharenbroch drove in a run with an infield out, catcher Charlie Bogue, who had walked, scampered

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state title run," Norris told Bound Wisconsin. "While there are talented players ready to step into those opportunities, developing game experience and replacing the leadership of that senior group will be an important part of the team's growth throughout the season."

MH-B, which went 9-3 last season and reached Level 3 of the WIAA Division 3 playoffs, has high hopes of its own.

The Vikings return six starters on offense, five on defense, and MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld believes this group has something that was missing in 2025.

"We were missing a swagger," St. Arnauld said. "We didn't have a swagger. This team has swagger, swagger and more swagger. And the kids who were the pieces filling in last year have massively improved."

The Vikings lost a lot of star power from their 2025 team, including quarterback Brooks Hendrickson, running back/linebacker Jack Wilson and tight end Hayden Anderson, who are all playing collegiately.

After taking those hits in graduation, many might think MH-B will be down this year. The Vikings can't wait to quiet the doubters, though.

"I feel like a lot of people probably think we lost a lot of star power," said left tackle Evan Leibfried, who's committed to Northern Illinois. "But I think we're coming back really good overall.

"I feel like this year we're really together as a team. There's no beefs or anything going on. Everyone's close and friends, so it's really good to have."

St. Arnauld agreed.

"I think we're taking a big jump," St. Arnauld said. "No one thinks we're going to and that's perfectly fine with me. But one-to-22 on this football team, we have dudes. We have a lot of dudes."

Maier can also understand why some people might be sleeping on the Vikings right now. He can't wait to wake those people up.

"From a fans' perspective, I can see that because we had three Division 1 players on our team," Maier said. "There's not that one guy on the team right now that night jump out like that, but when I think about our starters, I think we will be deeper and I have a lot of faith in them, for sure.

"Comparatively to last year, I feel like this year's guys want it more than we did last year. Everybody really wants to win this year."

MH-B will boast a potentially dominant offensive line. Maier and Haiden Jeglum could form a deadly backfield duo and the wide receiver group has more speed and athleticism than the Vikings had in 2025.

There are holes to fill on defense, but the Vikings have terrific foundational pieces in Maier and Henry DeRosier at linebacker, nose tackle Dilyn Randle, and cornerback Django Christian.

"What we had last year was four high level seniors and everything else fell off hard after that," St. Arnauld said. "This year, our overall roster will be better."

MH-B will be put to the test right away against the defending state champion Black Hawks.

A year ago, Maier believes his team went to Grafton and played tentatively — especially early on when they dug themselves a 21-7 halftime hole. The Vikings played much better in the second half, when they were outscored, 3-0.

No matter the outcome Friday, Maier and the Vikings want to play with an edge this time, and whatever happens, happens.

"Nobody's going to expect us to win, so I just want us to go out there play free and have fun," Maier said. "They're not going to lay down for anybody and neither are we. It's super exciting."

Leibfried agreed.

"I'm so ready for the rematch," he said. "We don't have to take the two-hour bus ride. That was not fun. People were tight off the bus. Now we get them here and we'll be ready for it. I'm so ready for it."



Eli Maier and Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team are excited to battle Grafton Friday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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Town of Vermont Plan Commission Meeting

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See townofvermontwi.gov for meeting agenda.

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Send bids to the Vermont Town Hall, 4017 County Road JJ, Black Earth, WI 53515 by 7:00 pm on September 14, 2026. Bids will be opened at 7:00 pm on September 14 at the Town Hall and accepted bids will be awarded at the regular Board meeting on September 14, 2026.

Katie Zelle, Clerk

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ADAMS COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
By Zoom Teleconference Phone: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 846 4547 8737 Passcode: 281473

A Public Hearing has been scheduled regarding the 2027 Adams County Health & Human Services Department Budget.

TIME AND PLACE: **August 31, 2027 at 4:00 P.M.**, Adams County Courthouse, 401 Adams Street, Friendship, WI 53934

Documents relating to the item listed above will be available for review at the Adams County Health & Human Services Department at 108 E North Street, Friendship, Wisconsin 53934.

Written comments may be submitted to the Adams County Health & Human Services Department at 108 E North Street, Friendship, WI, and will be accepted for the record through August 28, 2026.

For more information or to request copies of the Health & Human Services Proposed 2027 Budget, please call Kelly Oleson, Director (608-339-4505).

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT
DANE COUNTY

Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc.
Plaintiff, Case No. 2025 CV 3581
v
Christopher Olson
Defendant.

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATION ORDER

It appears to me by the following Affidavit of Attorney Hannah L. Lemke that Judgment was duly rendered and docketed in favor of the Judgment Creditor, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc., and against the Respondent, Christopher Olson.

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby order and require you, Christopher Olson, before myself Tanya M. Salman, Supplemental Court Commissioner in and for Dane County, Wisconsin by Zoom Video Conferencing on **SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**, and answer under oath, concerning any property and assets you may own. The Zoom information necessary to connect to the hearing is **Meeting ID 711 6841 2510 and Passcode 8mC9kP**. To join the hearing please visit the website https://zoom.us, click the 'join' tab and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode, or download the Zoom smartphone application and join the meeting using the same Zoom information. Additionally, you may connect to the hearing by telephone by dialing 1-312-626-6799 and entering in the Zoom information provided to you by Attorney Lemke.

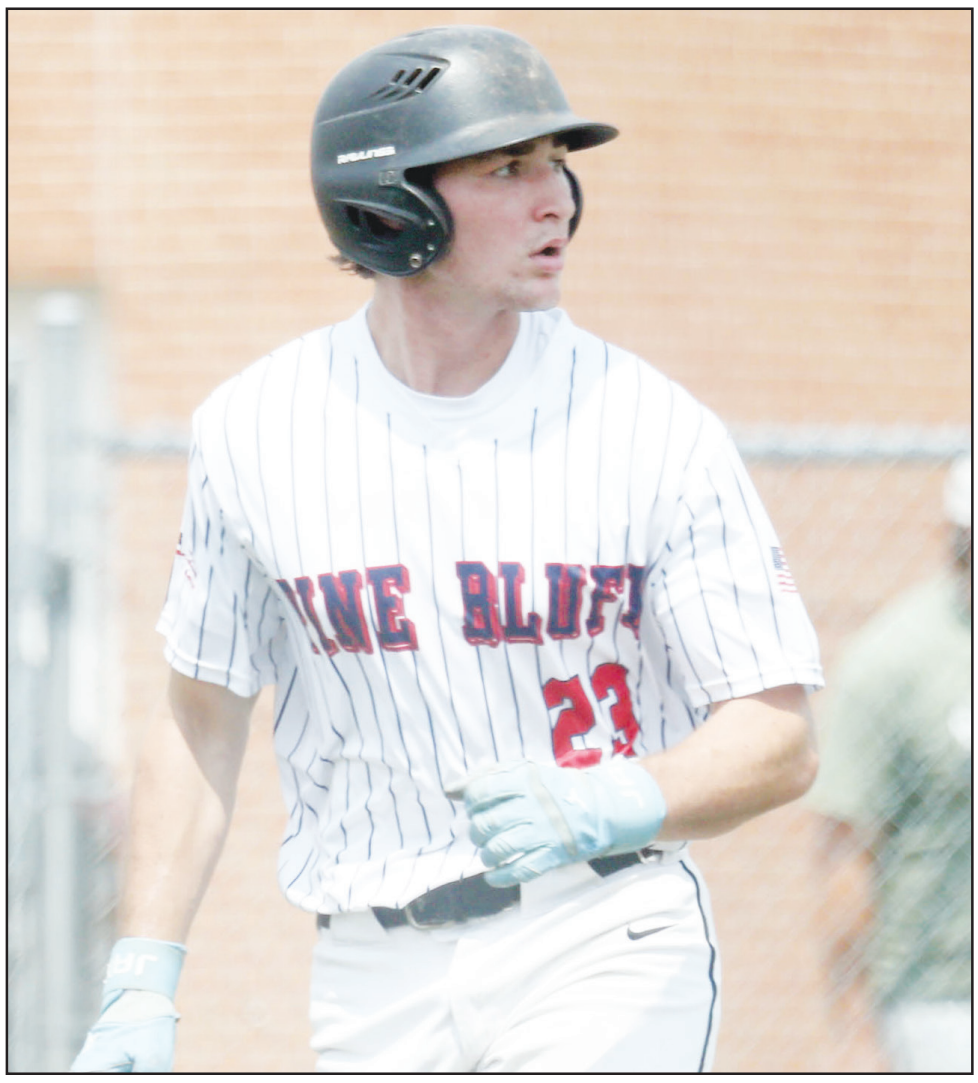
You are further ordered to produce at the time of the hearing as set forth above any documents necessary to answer the attached document, Appendix A: Information sought by Examination. You shall provide those documents to Attorney Lemke by mailing or delivering copies to her office at 303 E. Court St., Janesville, WI 53545 or by e-mailing her copies at her e-mail address hlemke@janesvillelaw.com **on or before September 15, 2026**. You are hereby enjoined and restrained from making any transfer or other disposition of your property not exempt by law from execution, and from interference herewith.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER AND TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING MAY RESULT IN YOUR BEING HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2026.

BY THE COURT:
/s/ Tanya M. Salman
Supplemental Court Commissioner for Dane County

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Mike Scharenbroch (23), Derrick Meinholz (18) and Mount Horeb/Pine Bluff's Home Talent League team travel to Ashton Sunday for an HTL tournament quarterfinal game. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

HTL

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home on a wild pitch to cap the scoring.

How balanced was the Bluffers' offense?

All nine starters scored a run and seven of nine recorded base hits. Right fielder Derrick Meinholz had two hits batting in the ninth spot in the batting order.

"How cool was that?" Krantz said with a grin.

Krantz said the Bluffers' chances of bringing home the HTL championship trophy are as good as anyone's.

"We've never been in the Final Four. When I was playing in the late 1980s, we got beat in the Northern Section final by Black Earth," Krantz said. "We know it's a tough sled when you're playing the Middleton's and Cross Plains and the Verona's. But we've got a nice, little quality team here that can compete."

Verona (15-1), which has won three of the last four HTL Final Four titles, secured the No. 1 seed in the Western Section. The Cavaliers defeated Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb, 1-0, on July 4 to earn a tiebreaker with the Bluffers.

But Verona, which defeated Belleville, 2-1, in the other Western Section semifinal, is on the opposite side of the bracket and hosts Northern Section No. 2 seed Cross Plains (7-9) on Sunday.

Rech, who played at UW-Eau Claire for the past two years, would like a rematch with Verona, which would only happen if both teams advanced to the HTL championship game.

"It's super fun playing with guys you knew from high school," Rech said. "Obviously, we've got several (Verona grads) on our team. We get to go against Verona every year, which is super fun. We know all the guys and love to compete against them."

Gordon, a Gurney, Ill., native who pitched at UW-Platteville for four years, is eager for the Bluffers to deliver payback to the Cavaliers for their early season loss.

But he said that hasn't been the team's primary motivation all season.

"We lost a lot of close games last year and learned a lot from those losses," Gordon said. "Last year, we were knocked out of the playoffs from Blanchardville, too. This year, we got momentum from last season. We got some new guys on the team and it's all paid off."

Blanchardville had one last shot at a comeback when the Bullets loaded the bases against Gordon in the top of the ninth inning.

Schliem led off with a single to center field, his second hit of the game. Two outs later, shortstop Tyler McKeon singled to left field, and Hunter Enloe drew a walk to load the bases.

Ben Conway came on, though, to strike out Blanchardville leadoff hitter Brooks Chandler on five pitches to end the game.

"The runs in the bottom of the eighth were huge just to give us that luxury that we don't have to pull him," Krantz said of Gordon. "But how often do you get a flare hit to start the ninth after a big inning like that. He's been a reliable stud for us all year long."

Krantz said Conway, a former Wiota pitcher who assumed Tyler Vogel's closer role for the game, has been a boost for the staff.

"He came in and did what we needed him to do," Krantz said of Conway. "We're still playing baseball. That's a good thing. We'll get the kids who were gone today back, and we'll get our closer back. We'll take our starting pitching anywhere."

• **On deck:** Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb travels to Ashton for a quarterfinal game in the HTL Tournament on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Aug. 16

Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb 9, Blanchardville 1

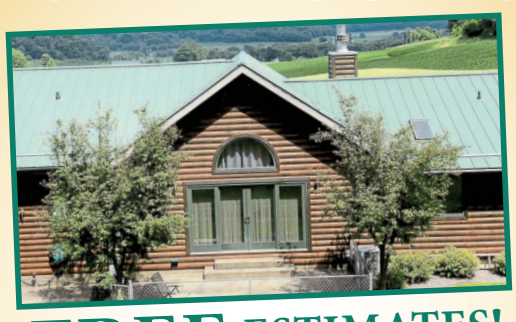
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