

Only murders in the buildings

“Imagination, of course, can open any door - turn the key and let terror walk right in.”
-Truman Capote, *In Cold Blood*

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail
The idea came to Robyn Booth while she was drinking a glass of wine in the shower: A podcast about murders and the homes in which they occurred.



Jeffrey Dahmer

Booth and her best friend, Molly Schmock, both of whom work in real estate, knew that every wall in every house has a story to tell. They would seek out ones to make people’s blood



Best friends Molly Schmock and Robyn Booth host the “Home is Where the Murder Is” podcast. Photo by Matt Geiger.

run cold. And so, in early 2023, the “Home is Where the Murder Is” podcast was born. The two friends convened above the Driftless Social in downtown Mount Horeb to chat about cases. A gruesome Thanksgiving double homicide. The life and horrific times of Ed Gein, the infamous Butcher of Plainfield, AKA the Plainfield Ghoul. The Amityville Horror. The Halloween Murder of Do-reen Erbert. They and their growing audience mined chills – but also a few laughs – at the absurd depravity of which the human species is capable. While the podcast deals with the grimmest of topics, the friendship upon which it is built is of the most wholesome variety. Both have called Mount Horeb home since childhood, and their

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Winners say goodbye to Little Norway

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail
In their final days in the Valley of the Elves, Scott and Jennifer Winner were playing the radio while they cleaned out separate rooms in the house where they had raised a family. The same house where Scott, himself, grew up. Suddenly, a song they heard on their first date emerged from the speakers.

“Hold on my heart,” sang Phil Collins. “Just hold on to that feeling...” The melody beckoned the two into the same room, where they embraced. The Winners were mostly pragmatic about their decision to leave Little Norway behind. It needed to be done. The property requires new energy, they said, and they are

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Jennifer and Scott Winner on Friday, their final day at Little Norway. Photo by Matt Geiger.

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ready for new adventures. But as they held each other, the tears tumbled down their cheeks.

“No matter where I go,” the lyrics continued, “she’ll always be with me.”

They will still have each other, wherever they go. And they will take much of what made Little Norway special with them, in their hearts at least. But the property itself, from the home to the hamlet of historical buildings around it and the verdant space on which they exist, will stay behind. They have been sold. The Winners are moving on. Their final day was Friday of last week.

Little Norway’s roots stretch back to 1926, when an insurance salesman named Isak Dahle visited Norway and was captivated by the things he saw there.

Before long, Dahle acquired a remote homestead in the Town of Blue Mounds and began converting it into a private retreat. Before he arrived, Norwegian settlers had built a shire-like cluster of buildings out of wood and sod. Dahle eventually filled them with Scandinavian antiques, amassing the largest collection outside of Norway. He called it “Nissedahle,” the Valley of the Elves.

In 1935, a mammoth, medieval-style building modeled after a Norwegian stave church, which had been one of the most striking features at the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair, was brought to the property. The following year, in 1936, Little Norway, a museum of Norwegian heritage, officially opened to the public.

It ran for 76 years as one of the Midwest’s most charming attractions. In



Little Norway has been closed to the public since 2012. The Winner family bid the property farewell last week.

2012, Scott Winner, Dahle’s grandnephew, facing rising maintenance costs, decided to close Little Norway’s doors. A special delegation from Norway traveled to Mount Horeb in 2015, deciding to purchase the stave church-style building, dismantle it and send it back to the Old World, where it was first created. Members of the Mount Horeb Sons of Norway Lodge visited it there a few years later.

Both before and after Little Norway closed to the public, the Winner family called the land home. Their children grew up and moved away. Eventually, after talking to dozens of prospective buyers, the Winners accepted an offer. Scott said he believes the property will be in good hands.

“Out of the many, many people we met and interviewed - families, businesses - I really feel strongly



they have the work ethics, the sweat equity to make it go, whatever they do,” he said. “I believe they will make it work. I felt in my heart when I first met them.”

The primary home on the property was built the same year Scott was born. Its towering windows look out onto a scene that seems to have magically resisted the aesthetic degradation of the modern age. There are no chain restaurants. No paved roads. Only a deep, green valley through which me-

anders a pristine creek; several grass-roofed, low-slung wooden buildings that harken back to the preindustrial age; and a forest that, like a phalanx of Ents, seems to protect this perfect place from the myriad horrors of the modern world.

The land, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was overseen by four generations of Winner’s family.

That chapter is now closed. The next is only beginning.

MURDER

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bond has been galvanized by the many ups and downs of both youth and adulthood over 27 years.

“We met in fourth grade, at the [Intermediate Center School],” Schmock says.

“Molly was the only person who would talk to me, so I hung onto that pretty hard...” jokes Booth.

“...and we’ve been friends ever since,” finishes Schmock.

They start and finish many of each other’s sentences, but they rarely talk over one another, a skill that comes in handy when recording a podcast.

They were Vikings together, playing a variety of sports in school, and their friendship never wavered as they grew into careers,

motherhood and the various responsibilities of being a grownup. While Schmock always loved scary movies, Booth said her interest in the macabre didn’t emerge until high school. When she was 15, while visiting Milwaukee for a dance event, she stumbled upon a book about one of Wisconsin’s most famous residents: cannibal, necrophiliac and serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer.

“I read it cover-to-cover,” she says, “and became obsessed with serial killers.”

Years later, in 2023, Schmock and Booth decided to come out of the true crime closet, so to speak, and they quickly discovered they aren’t the only ones who like a good story of murder.

Initially, the idea was only to use homicide houses to grow their real estate networking capability. During early brainstorming ses-

sions, they hoped to talk about death, real estate, and Bon Jovi, and while they were not (yet) able to find a way to organically make the singer a regular part of their podcast, the murder and real estate connection made for fascinating listening that transcended their original goals. Recording in a small kitchen directly over the top of the Driftless Social at 128 East Main Street, the episodes reach people far and wide.

“We’ve only been doing this since March, we bought all our equipment on Amazon, and we’re still learning,” says Booth. “We’re kind of flying by the seat of our pants. We work full-time jobs. We have kids. But we hold each other accountable and if one of us can’t pull together an episode, the other one will.”

One might wonder what

effect bloodstains on the carpets have on the value of a residential home? Well, it’s complicated.

“Jeffrey Dahmer’s first murder happened in Ohio at the family home,” Booth explains. “Initially, that house depreciated so fast. But then, as the interest in true crime sort of grew, it just went up and up and up.”

“I think nowadays people want to live in a murder house because of the story that comes with it,” she adds. “One thing I’ve learned in real estate is, it’s all about what the walls know.”

Schmock agrees: “It’s human nature to want the dirt.”

“And,” Booth says, “at the end of the day, people actually die in their homes all

the time, of natural causes and things like that, too.”

Sometimes, when faced with the horrid things people are capable of, all any sane person can do is laugh. And laughing is something both the “Home is Where the Murder Is” hosts and their growing fanbase do quite a lot.

“You have to make it a little lighter because the subject matter is so heavy,” Booth says. “A lot of our listeners know we do joke a bit, and if we didn’t, I think it would all be too much, too heavy.”

“We’re also complete widders, ourselves,” Schmock laughs.

“Yeah,” agrees Booth. “For one thing, we’re from the Midwest, so we pronounce a lot of words incor-

rectly.”

While they haven’t even been producing the podcast a full year, Schmock and Booth are closing in on 50 episodes. They show no signs of slowing down, and their fanbase is growing rapidly. It’s all in a day’s work for this local duo. They sum it up this way: “Our down time is true crime.”

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Counter

by Matt Geiger, Editor

Get

real

When I was little boy on a New England farm 210 years older than the state of Wisconsin, I had rabbits of both the “real” and toy varieties. The living ones eventually escaped; a floppy, long-haired creature and a little black bunny named Murphy. For years, I caught glimpses of wild rabbits that had signs of their unique coats among the wild gray rabbits of the woods and fields around our home.

I also had a stuffed, toy rabbit without any hind feet. Each Christmas, we would read its story, the tale of the Velveteen Rabbit. Long before “Toy Story,” it was the fable of a toy that wonders what being real is. The story of something that wishes to be real.

There was once a velveteen rabbit, and in the beginning he was really splendid. He was fat and bunchy, as a rabbit should be; his coat was spotted brown and white, he had real thread whiskers, and his ears were lined with pink sateen. On Christmas morning, when he sat wedged in the top of the Boy’s stocking, with a sprig of holly between his

paws, the effect was charming... the book begins.

The rabbit lives with its child for years, laying in bed with him when he nearly dies from scarlet fever, and voyaging outside when he plays during sunny summer afternoons. In the nursery, he meets an ancient toy horse.

The Skin Horse had lived longer in the nursery than any of the others. He was so old that his brown coat was bald in patches and showed the seams underneath, and most of the hairs in his tail had been pulled out to string bead necklaces, the story goes. He was wise, for he had seen a long succession of mechanical toys arrive to boast and swagger, and by-and-by break their mainsprings and pass away, and he knew that they were only toys, and would never turn into anything else. For nursery magic is very strange and wonderful, and only those playthings that are old and wise and experienced like the Skin Horse understand all about it.

One day, the rabbit asks the wise horse, “What is real?”

“Real isn’t how you are made,” said the Skin Horse. “It’s a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real.”

“Does it hurt?” asked the

Rabbit.

“Sometimes,” said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. “When you are Real you don’t mind being hurt.”

The horse, who is clearly a toy, tells the rabbit that he believes he is real, and was made so by a boy who is long since grown up.

The rabbit thinks he, too, is real, until one day he meets some wild rabbits in the yard.

“He hasn’t got any hind legs!” one of them calls out. “Fancy a rabbit without any hind legs!” And he began to laugh.

Then, the boy grows sick and almost dies. After the boy recovers from scarlet fever, the doctor says all his old toys, including the rabbit, must be burned to kill any remaining germs. So, the rabbit is swept into a bag and placed outside to be destroyed.

[The] little Rabbit lay among the old picture-books in the corner behind the fowl-house, and he felt very lonely. The sack had been left untied, and so by wriggling a bit he was able to get his head through the opening and look out. He was shivering a little, for he had always been used to sleeping in a proper bed, and by this time his coat had worn so thin and threadbare from hugging that it was no longer any protection to him. Near by he could see the thicket of raspberry canes, growing tall and close like a tropical jungle, in whose shadow he had played with the Boy on by-gone mornings. He thought of those long sunlit hours in the garden—how happy they were—and a great sadness

came over him. He seemed to see them all pass before him, each more beautiful than the other, the fairy huts in the flower-bed, the quiet evenings in the wood when he lay in the bracken and the little ants ran over his paws; the wonderful day when he first knew that he was Real. He thought of the Skin Horse, so wise and gentle, and all that he had told him. Of what use was it to be loved and lose one’s beauty and become Real if it all ended like this? And a tear, a real tear, trickled down his little shabby velvet nose and fell to the ground.

And then a strange thing happened. For where the tear had fallen a flower grew out of the ground, a mysterious flower, not at all like any that grew in the garden. It had slender green leaves the colour of emeralds, and in the centre of the leaves a blossom like a golden cup. It was so beautiful that the little Rabbit forgot to cry, and just lay there watching it. And presently the blossom opened, and out of it there stepped a fairy.

She was quite the loveliest fairy in the whole world. Her dress was of pearl and dew-drops, and there were flowers round her neck and in her hair, and her face was like the most perfect flower of all. And she came close to the little Rabbit and gathered him up in her arms and kissed him on his velveteen nose that was all damp from crying.

“Little Rabbit,” she said, “don’t you know who I am?”

The Rabbit looked up at her, and it seemed to him that he had seen her face before, but he couldn’t think where.

“I am the nursery magic Fairy,” she said. “I take care of all the playthings that the children have loved. When they are old and worn out and the children don’t need them any more, then I come and take them away with me and turn them into Real.”

“Wasn’t I Real before?” asked the little Rabbit.

“You were Real to the Boy,” the Fairy said, “because he loved you. Now you shall be Real to every one.”

When my daughter was born 10 years ago, we received a copy of *The Velveteen Rabbit* as a gift. For some reason, she never let me read it to her, in all these Christmases. Every time I gave her a few options, she would choose a different Christmas book. Until this year, that is, when we sat next to one another and read it, together, for the first time.

When I finished and closed the cover, she looked at me and asked what I thought it was about.

“I don’t know for sure,” I said. “But I think it’s probably about the fact that our suffering is part of what makes us real.”

“Yeah,” she said. “I thought so.”

Dostoyevsky wrote that to love is to suffer and there can be no love otherwise. In fact, that great author once called suffering “the sole root of consciousness.”

This is, in its own way, joyous news. Because in our suffering, all living things are united. We face the world together. Young and old. Conservative and progressive. Theist and atheist. Rich and poor. Sick and healthy. Fools and geniuses.

“A true friend of human-

kind whose heart has but once quivered in compassion over the sufferings of the people, will understand and forgive all the impassable alluvial filth in which they are submerged, and will be able to discover the diamonds in the filth,” Dostoyevsky wrote.

The laziest observers among our species, all of whom love to share their sentiments on social media, are quick to see, fixate on, lament and spread the filth in which we walk. They are, however, blind to the diamonds on which we stub our toes.

As Northern Exposure’s Chris Stevens once said: “We all carry around so much pain in our hearts. Love and pain and beauty. They all seem to go together like one little tidy, confusing package. It’s a messy business, life. It’s hard to figure - full of surprises. Some good. Some bad.”

To ignore either the pain or the love is to ignore the things that make us real.

“There’s a dark side to each and every human soul,” Stevens said. “We wish we were Obi-Wan Kenobi, and for the most part we are, but there’s a little Darth Vader in all of us. Thing is, this ain’t no either-or proposition. We’re talking about dialectics, the good and the bad merging into us. You can run but you can’t hide. My experience? Face the darkness. Stare it down. Own it. As brother Nietzsche said, being human is a complicated gig. So give that ol’ dark night of the soul a hug. Howl the eternal yes!”

Hug the bad and the good each and every day. That’s the only way to get real.

Letter to the Editor

How I really feel about the Pride flag

A recent letter to the editor strongly encouraged us to express our feelings about the Pride Flags flying over our schools each June. So I am offering this open letter to Dr. Steve Salerno, the School Board, our excellent

teachers, counselors, and administrators, and my Mt Horeb neighbors.

Dear Dr. Salerno,

Let me tell you how I really feel about the Pride Flag flying across the street from my house every June.

First, I feel proud of you, the Board, and our teachers. It is clear to me that your first concern is for the health and safety of our kids. You are helping to form them

into people who will learn to read and write, but who will also grow to live full, authentic lives. While in recent years you all have faced a barrage of criticism that has ranged from the simply mean to the outright hateful, you have stood strong in affirming the lovely diversity of our young people. The Pride Flag flying over the places where you serve is a testament to your courage and your commitment to the well-being of every student. You all make me proud to be a resident of Mt. Horeb.

I don’t know how to describe what you do for our kids except to call it love. So the second feeling rising in me when I see those colors flying is immense gratitude.

It isn’t easy to be a young person these days. In many places around the country it is immeasurably more difficult to be a queer young person. The love our teachers and support staff live out towards these kids, whatever their orientation or identity, is life affirming. It is also often *lifesaving*. You know this. And it is your consistent and compassionate determination to be part of that lifesaving force that I am so grateful for.

The third feeling elicited by those Pride Flags waving in the breeze is a mixture of concern and determination. I am an old, very straight, very white, very Christian guy who, through no effort of my own, is loaded with

enormous privilege. When I see neighbors similarly privileged (whose “heterosexual lifestyle” is supported, affirmed and protected by the full force of church, state and culture through all twelve months of every year), who are threatened by a rainbow on a flagpole in June, I am mystified. But because *they* feel threatened, I am concerned for the well-being of my LGBTQ friends.

Your determination to stand with and for the people too many want to silence—symbolized by that rainbow flag, encourages me to do the same.

The sad irony, for those who take offense at the affirmation of their LGBTQ neighbors, family members and friends, is that the affirmation would cost them nothing. I could stand beside every oppressed and marginalized person of any

stripe over the whole globe and I would, at the end of the day, still be an old, very straight, very white, very Christian guy; only I’d be much richer for the experience. What more of us need to realize, and what your flying of the Pride Flag reminds me, is that kindness, generosity and love are only *increased* by giving them away.

So how do I *really* feel about that Pride Flag flying over our schools? Pretty darn good.

Please keep it out of the closet and flying proud. And know that many more of us are with you, and with our LGBTQ kin, than are against you in this community. Thank you all for all you do. Keep up your good and important work.

Rev. Brad Brookins
Mount Horeb

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MoHo students collect 2,700 books for the Madison Reading Project

Mount Horeb National Honor Society hosted a book drive this fall to benefit the Madison Reading Project, which provides free books and literacy enrichment programs to youth in the greater Dane County area. The goal of 200 donated books was blown out of the water by the generous Mount Horeb community and local students collected more than 2,700 books. Pictured are Brinna Retzlaff, Tate Boatman and Caden Thelen with some of the donations.



Optimists help fund Badger Boys and Girls

Pictured above is Mount Horeb Optimist Amy Kellesvig (left) with Jerry Hook. The Mount Horeb Optimist Club donated \$400 to the Mount Horeb American Legion for Badger Boys and Girls State. The programs educate young leaders about how to become more impactful community members of Wisconsin. The check passing took place November 29.

Knights donate essential supplies to Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Knights of Columbus Council No. 10559 recently donated more than 125 essential care products to Neighbors Helping Neighbors for their food closet. The Knights also provided an in-kind financial donation of \$500 to further support NHN in its mission. Above left, a team of Knights collected the essential care items during the St. Michael the Archangel Parish Spaghetti Dinner. Above right, Janna Hansen of NHN accepts a \$500 check from Council No. 10559 member Kevin Hefty.

Library event digs into Israel/Palestine conflict



Fifty-three people attended UW-Madison professor Nadav Shelef's talk about the Israel/Palestine conflict at the library on December 11. Shelef is the Harvey M. Meyerhoff professor of Israel Studies and professor of political science. He teaches and studies nationalism, religion and politics, Israeli politics and society, and Middle East politics. His current projects focus on understanding how homelands change and the conditions under which religious parties moderate their positions.

Mounds View Mountaineers 4-H Club gifts Christmas cards, fruit to Meals on Wheels recipients



Members of the Mounds View Mountaineers 4-H Club recently put together 25 Christmas cards and bags of fruit, which they delivered to area Dane County Senior Center Meals on Wheels recipients.



Mount Horeb Area School District

Mount Horeb Area School district awarded \$168,800 to replace aging Chromebooks

MHASD will use money from the Federal Universal Connectivity Fund

Computers have a short lifespan and the student Chromebooks at Mount Horeb Area School District are no exception.

The district has an aging fleet of over 1,000 Chromebooks that will no longer update past June of 2024. These updates include secu-

rity updates, bug fixes, and new features for Chromebooks. Existing features can also stop working.

The technology team at MHASD recognized the issue early on and acted quickly. In April of 2022, the Federal Government opened up a third wave of funding

for the Universal Connectivity Fund. The Mount Horeb area School District applied for these funds to purchase new Chromebooks.

In July 2023 their application was accepted! This allows MHASD to fund 422 new Chromebooks to the tune of \$168,800.00. This

number of Chromebooks will allow the School District to fully cover the 2024 5th and 9th Grade Chromebooks that normally would be purchased using the technology budget.

“We remain grateful to our technology team, led by Technology Coordinator

Will Bruggeman, for finding time in their already hectic schedules to apply for this competitive grant,” said Dr. Salerno, Superintendent of MHASD. “\$168,000 is a game changer. Their collective efforts will supplement the generosity shown by our community in meeting our

Technology Replacement Plan.”

“In the end, our students will be even stronger as a result of access to state-of-the-art tools and our employers will be enriched by a workforce that is ready for not just ‘best’ practices, but ‘next’ practices.”

Gleanings

By **Barb Johnson**
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- Dec. 23, 1893

We were rather astonished this week when it was reported to us that our townsman, T.N. Lund, has been taken to the county poor house, by his own relatives at Stoughton, to whom he went from here. We know he gets good care there, but it shows a lack of sympathy on the part of his folks to send him away when they knew he had only a short time to live.

Last Tuesday many of our citizens gathered at the Academy and partook in a general clean up about the building. The old stoves that had been used were removed as the steam-heating apparatus is now in operation.

Olaus Goldben has been furnishing the people around Forward.

George T. Gyle, Riley, is selling wheelbarrows for \$1.45 each.

The sale of Rasmus Lunde’s carpenter tools was held last Tuesday, as advertised and figured up to something over \$70. J. L. Malone was the auctioneer.

C.O. Ruste was in town Wednesday handing over the cash for 80 acres of the Engen estate, which he has

bought in addition to the Rippling Rill farm. Consideration \$1,800.

The past week has been a week of business in Mount Horeb. The streets have been crowded with teams.

The Daleyville Creamery receives about 9,000 pounds of milk daily, consequently everything is booming in Daleyville.

Miss Morella Post, Madison, has brought suit for breach of promise against H. T. Hanson, of the Oregon Observer.

The Sand Hill Cheese Company has concluded to manufacture its own cheese the coming season.

120 Years Ago- Dec. 17, 1903

John Birrenkott of Pine Bluff was in the village Saturday. He is active in the Pine Bluff Central telephone line, and said the company expects to extend their line to Middleton in the spring, and also branch out in other directions to line up the farming.

Attorney L.H. Taylor has been keeping close to the house the past week with a severe cold. He has now ventured out, and believes the best medicine for the ailment is proper doses of stir-about.

It behooves our citizens

to be watchful about the fire these cold days. Remember it is very inadequate apparatus the fire department has at the present time to stay the flames.

The Sunday train is now running on different time than at first, leaving Madison at 8:20 in the morning, due here an hour later, bringing the Sunday morning papers at an early hour.

“How much water have you now in the big reservoir.” was asked of Supt. Doyle. His answer was 1380 barrels, and adding to the supply every day, so that when the machinery comes we shall have an abundance of water to test the plant and enough on hand to fight a fire should one break out.

110 Years Ago- Dec. 12, 1913

A new circular floor is being laid in the opera house, which will greatly improve the place and will be a pleasant feature to those who trip the light fantastic. Playing basketball will be permitted to those wearing suction shoes. No one will be allowed to dance wearing cowhide boots.

Dr. E. J. Mithus is having up-to-date electrical equipment installed in his dental office.

Funeral rites for Lars Swiggum were held Saturday at Springdale church. They paid glowing tribute to the deceased as a true Christian gentleman, father and husband after which the remains were viewed and escorted to the silent city and placed by the side of his loved ones who had gone before.

The Chicago and Northwestern Railway Co. has installed a large water tower south of the depot.

A contemporary conceded that the world may be growing better, but it insists that there are too many 3-cent men riding around in \$3,000 autos.

100 Years Ago- Dec. 14, 1923

Frank Sheldon is attending the Sweeney Automobile School at Kansas City.

A new cheese factory is being built on the line between the Grimstad and Brennan farms on the Mt. Horeb-Riley Road.

Selmer Grinde, Chicago, transacted business here last week.

Mrs. Melvin Lewis, 19, Springdale died Friday morning.

The rural mail carriers will not deliver mail on Christmas day and city carriers will have a half day off duty.

The owners of radio sets at Mt. Horeb heard President Coolidge’s address on the Harding Memorial.

A new cheese factory is being built in the town of Springdale on the line between the Grimstad and Brennan farms on the Mount Horeb Riley road.

90 Years Ago- Dec. 14, 1933

At a Village Board meeting Monday night it was decided that 6% beer by weight will be allowed to be sold in taverns here. “No Hard Liquor” licenses will be granted.

This week is National Cheese Week and Hoff’s Store is observing it by a fine display of cheese.

Anton Hellend brother of Henry Hellend, Mount Horeb, died at his home in Elmore, Minn., on his 72nd birthday.

80 Years Ago- Dec. 16, 1943

For the convenience of patrons desiring Christmas mailing service, the post office will remain open until 8 o’clock on December 22 and 23. It will be appreciated if village patrons will turn on porch lights to facilitate evening deliveries of mail by carriers.

Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Vasen entertained on Sun-

day in honor of the former’s sister, Sister Verna, who spent the past four years teaching in St. Joseph’s Middle School, Tsingtoa, China. The past two years she has been imprisoned by the Japs.

The former H. J. Lohff place was purchased by Morris Berg from Chas. Palenck.

Free Kiddie Movie at the Strand Theatre Friday afternoon at 1:30 o’clock. Because of the war Santa will be unable to be there with his treats.

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70 Years Ago- Dec. 17, 1953

Thomas Ellefson, 84, lifelong resident of the Mount Horeb area, died at his home here Dec. 5. He had been blind for 44 years and was engaged in making brooms the past 23 years.

Phil’s Café, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Intravia, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Friedli, Gratiot.

A car driven by Glen Erbe, Mount Horeb, and a Badger bus were involved in an accident on Hwy. 69, one mile south of Verona Friday morning. Erbe, who is a patient at St. Mary’s Hospital,

Madison, sustained a fractured left knee and underwent surgery Monday.

60 Years Ago- Dec. 12, 1963

The wedding of Miss Carol Lynn Lokken, Madison, and Peter Joseph Riphahn took place Saturday, Nov. 23 at 11 am at St. Mary’s Church, Pine Bluff.

Michael A. Birrenkott, 73, a long-time Mt. Horeb area resident, died Monday, Dec. 9, 1963 in a Madison hospital after a long illness.

For the first ten months of 1963 the total circulation of books at the Mt. Horeb Public Library was 5622.

20 Years Ago- Dec. 18, 2003

Hilton Swiggum, 71, of Mount Horeb died unexpectedly from complications in surgery on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003 at Meriter Park Hospital in Madison.

Ken and Joyce Wittenwyler of Mount Horeb, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with their family. They celebrated with an Alaskan tour this past summer. Barbara Brown, of Mount Horeb, is very happy to announce the adoption of her daughter, Madeline Louise Xiaolan Brown on Nov. 10 from Wuchuan City, Guangdong Province, China. Madeline was born on March 24, 2001.

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Joyce H. Bollig

Feb. 26, 1929 –
Dec. 9, 2023

PINE BLUFF - Joyce H. Bollig went to her eternal home on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023.

Joyce was born in Pine Bluff on Feb. 26, 1929, to Jacob and Mae (Engelberger) Kalscheur. She attended St. Mary's of Pine Bluff grade school and graduated from Mount Horeb High School.

She married Raymond Bollig on Nov. 25, 1948. They farmed for many years, then they moved their family to Madison where Joyce worked for Cuna Mutual for many years until retirement.

Joyce loved to dance. She and Dad would cut a rug at different dance halls over the years spending many hours on the dance floor. She was also a sports enthusiast. She would watch Brewers baseball and Packers and Badgers football as she was an avid fan. As season ticket holders, she and Dad never missed a Badgers home game for years.

She is survived by her family: sons, Mike (Judy), Kerry (Bonnie), Dennis (Linda) and Reed (Janet);

daughters, Jeanne Schroeder, Brenda Bollig (Mike Lemke) and Keli Bollig; 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She is further survived by brothers, Tom Kalscheur and Jip (Lucy) Kalscheur; sisters, Gwen (Bowar) O'Connor, Pidge Meffert and Kathy (Randy) Kneebone; sister-in-law, Katie Bollig; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; parents, Jake and Mae; sisters, Jeanne, Joane and Chub; sisters-in-law, Clarice Kalscheur, Teresa Ripp, Katie Kalcheur, Mary Haack, Beatie Bollig and Rhoda Bollig; brothers-in-law, Don Bowar, Mike Cunneen, Bob Sutter, Joe Meffert, Bob Bollig, Leonard Bollig, Walter Haack, Herb Bollig and Ed Bollig; father and mother-in-law, Fred and Clara Bollig; daughter-in-law, Linda Bollig; grandsons, Tyler Pagel and Grant Fitch; and great-grandsons, Joe Lenoir and William Shanks.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at ST. MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC CHURCH, 5313 Flad Ave., Madison, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, with Father Scott Emerson presiding, followed by a luncheon at the church. Visitation will be held at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of the Mass on Wednesday. A private burial will take place at Sunset Memory Gardens.

A special thanks to All Saints Assisted Living for their wonderful care for Joyce.

Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Brenda G. (Bescup) Adler

Sept. 20, 1950 -
Dec. 14, 2023

VERONA – Brenda G. Adler, age 73, passed away on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at her home surrounded by family.

She was born on September 20, 1950, in Portage, Wisconsin, the daughter of William and Lois (Gay) Bescup. Anyone who knew Brenda could easily attest to her selfless nature, always wanting the best for others. Her beauty radiated through her gorgeous smile

and from her sweet heart. Whether you were family, a friend, or a stranger on the street, Brenda made you feel special. She left a positive impact on anyone she met and her love and kindness knew no bounds. After graduating from Portage High, Brenda received a degree in interior decorating, where she followed her passion in helping others make a space their own. Brenda had a talent for taking a vision and bringing it to life, whether it was decorating, creating something new or fixing something old. She also had a knack for cooking and baking and passed down many family recipes as well as creations of her own. However, no matter how closely you'd follow her recipe, it never seemed to turn out quite as good as when Brenda made it.

In addition to all of these passions, Brenda also had a career as a dental assistant. She started working at Adler Dental DDS, where she met her husband, Dennis. They married in 1996 and made a home in Verona, WI. Brenda and Dennis enjoyed regular trips to Milwaukee, going to the movies in the

winter months and nice dinners around Madison and the Wisconsin Dells. They frequented Door County and eventually purchased a home there that became known as "the north house." Brenda's children and their families would visit often and some of her most cherished memories were made there.

Brenda's greatest love was her family. She always let it be known how important you were to her. Her very favorite role was being a Grammy to her two grandchildren, Stella and Henry. She felt so much joy anytime she was around them.

Brenda was as strong as they come and she met any challenge in life head on. Her diagnosis of ALS was no different and she handled every moment with positivity, grace and a sense of humor.

Brenda is survived by her husband, Dennis; her children, Adam (Rachel) Graap and Sara (Kayla) Graap; grandchildren, Stella and Henry; her brothers, Robert (Jane) Bescup and Jim (Stacey) Bescup; sister, Angela Gray; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by parents, William and Lois; and brother, Michael Bescup.

Thank you to Good People who provided in-home care for Brenda throughout the last year of her life. A special thanks to Zuzanna and Jane for dedicating their time so selflessly to Brenda and the entire family.

Thank you to the staff at Agrace for all of their support and care throughout this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Brenda's name to the ALS Association or to any charity of your choosing that would reflect Brenda's desire to help those in need.

A visitation was held from 4pm to 7pm on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at RYAN FUNERAL HOME, 220 Enterprise Dr., Verona. A private burial will take place at St. Andrew Catholic Cemetery.

To view and sign this guestbook, please visit: www.ryanfuneralservice.com.

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Rec Notes

No School? Let's have some fun! Join Sara Lenz at her Painting Class on January 15th, which is a no school day! Participants ages 5-12 years old will use acrylic paint on a 16 x 20 canvas to create an awesome cocoa mug. Through the painting, painters will work on shading and blending along with background, middle ground, and foreground. Sara will walk participants through step by step, but each child will put their own personal touch on their project. Class

on January 15th is at the Rec Department Multipurpose Room from 9:00-11:00 AM. Resident fee is \$50 and non-resident fee is \$60. Registration deadline is January 8.

Have you ever wanted to learn to decorate fancy cookies? Learn how to decorate holiday-themed cookies in a fun atmosphere with Courtney from Court's Cookies at our upcoming Cookie Decorating Classes! Her next session is on January 13 from 9:00-11:00 AM for 6-9 year olds and 11:30-

1:30 PM for 10-15 year olds. Each attendee will get to decorate and take home five delicious Winter-themed cookies. All supplies will be provided. Resident fee is \$50 and non-resident fee is \$60. Registration deadline is January 5.

With the upcoming holiday, please note the Recreation Department Office will be closed on the following dates: December 22, December 25, December 26 and January 1. We wish you all a holiday season filled with happiness (and hopefully a little recreation activity)!

HOW TO REGISTER: There are multiple ways to

register for programs and activities.

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UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Coding for Middle Schoolers (12/27)

Martial Arts – Winter 1 (12/28)

Taekwondo – Little Lions (12/29)

Sugar River Euchre

By Stan Hook
Sugar River Euchre

The Norsk Cowboys dominated the Viking Trolls and corralled 70 points more than the Trolls. Cowboy captain Don Field and partner Roger Olstad rounded up 112 Long Horns. While Bob Darrow and Ferdie Schmitz roped another 111 for the Cowboys. Trolls Jeff Grassman and Shane Callen had this week's low score of 74 points.

The Norsk Pranksters pulled a quick one on the Morgan Express putting an end to their 8 match win streak. Larry Loseneger and Chris Hook's 113 points, this week's high score, led the Pranksters on to a 19 point win.

Nothing too exciting to report from the match between

the Red Mouse Uff-das and the Sportsman's Bar Cheese Eaters. Team Uff-da ended up winning 398 to 389.

The J&M Bar River Rats had their way with the Kleeman Hay Shakers. Dan Palmer (Honker) and Tracy Funseth recorded 110 points for the River Rats. The best news from the Hay Shaker camp is that Roger Truttmann and Don Williams were very happy with the one point they received from Mark Raders and Jack Gehin. Don and Roger were a little worried about receiving a visit from Pepé Le Pew in their first game of the night. The River Rats led the entire match and won by 31 points.

The Red Mouse Shufflers had to travel all the way to Morgan's Bar to take on

the Pipe Benders. Shufflers Tom Meyer and Randy Skogen withdrew 110 points from the Pipe Benders. Tom Burns (LB) and Ryan Arneson held Ed Chancellor and Dewey Haag to 2 points in the 8th frame, right after Ed and Dewey had held Tracy Buetel and Ross Nesheim to 2 in the 7th frame. The Shufflers pulled out a close one defeating the Pipe Benders by 8 points.

Statistics from the first half of the season are: The five highest averages, for players that have played 4 or more matches, are Tom Meyer 106.875, Jim Day 105.778, Lavern Maier 105.714, Marvin Thompson 105, and Ferdie Schmitz 104; High Team Score for a match was 453 points by the Kleeman Hay Shakers back

in week 2; Low Score was a 60 recorded by Tracy Buetel and Scott Prohaska; There were 6 skunks and only 2 perfect scores. The second half of the season will start on January 4, 2024. Happy Holidays!

Standings:
Express 8-1
Uff-Da 7-2
Cowboys 5-4
Kleeman's 5-4
Pipe Benders 5-4
Shufflers 5-4
J&M Bar 4-5
Cheese Eaters 3-5
Pranksters 2-7
Trolls 1-8

Mid-Winter Tournament Dec 21 - To be held at the Red Mouse in Pine Bluff. Registration at 6:30, play at 7. The tournament is open to anyone that has ever played in the league as a full-time player or sub. The cost is \$10 per person.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

MT. HOREB SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Trivia - Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 12:30pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Foot Clinic, Senior Center, 9:00am-3:30pm, by appt. 608-437-6902

Lunch for Mt. Horeb Seniors at Fink's Cafe, 11:00am-1:00pm.

Euchre - Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 12:30pm

Information for the Community Calendar must be emailed for the by noon on the Monday of the week of publication.
Information should be emailed to mhclassies@newsplibinc.com.
We reserve the right to edit for length.

COMMUNITY

Community Band gets ready to return



Pictured above, the saxophone section from 2023.

The Mount Horeb Community Band will be resuming its indoor concert season for 2024. This year's program is called Voices in our Community. Local vocal artist Kyle Keene will be joining the band for some Broadway and Americana. They will also be premiering a work entitled "Like the Wind" by composer Erika Svanoe to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wisconsin Arts Board. And as always, the group will perform some classics from the wind band repertoire. Will Janssen and Patty Schlafer are excited to gather community musicians together for a performance on February 21, 2024.

If you have ANY experience with a band instru-

ment and would like to join the group for the 2024 concert season, you are sincerely invited to come and play. Rehearsals will be held at the Mount Horeb High School Band Room on Wednesday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m. beginning January 10th and continuing consecutive Wednesdays until the concluding concert on Wednesday, February 21st.

Come and relive your musical past! Any level of experience is welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Schlafer at schlaferpatty@gmail.com or Will Janssen at willjanssenmh@gmail.com who can send you all the links you need to get signed up.

Scholarship honors Charlie Bledsoe's legacy of creativity



The Charlie Bledsoe Memorial Scholarship is a fund of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Endowment, honoring the legacy of Mount Horeb's Charlie Bledsoe.

More children will have the opportunity to attend Camp Invention®, a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment camp program, in the Mt. Horeb area thanks to a new, permanent scholarship fund established in honor of a local student.

STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) was a driving force in the life of Charles "Charlie" Bledsoe. When Charlie passed away in 2018 at age 10, his family partnered with the National Inventors Hall of Fame® to raise support for a permanent fund to provide local children with scholarships to attend Camp Invention. And now, the Charlie Bledsoe Memorial Scholarship is a named fund of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Endowment, and it will be sustained into the future to benefit the next generation of young creators, innovators and entrepreneurs in Mount Horeb.

Charlie's parents, Valette Piper-Bledsoe and Alex Bledsoe, saw how much Charlie loved participating in Camp Invention and wanted to ensure more children could take part in the same kinds of confidence-building camp experiences that allowed Charlie to experiment, investigate and invent.

Charlie "adored"

Camp Invention, Valette said. "Camp was one of Charlie's favorite activities. Charlie was a very creative and unique thinker. I think that's why he loved Camp Invention so much — it's a place where ideas are encouraged."

The desire to give more children the chance to engage in meaningful, innovative experiences is something the entire Bledsoe family shares.

"We love Camp Invention in our family and firmly believe that all kids, no matter their economic background, should be able to be excited about opportunities for creativity," said Valette.

Camp Invention, a National Inventors Hall of Fame program in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, provides a unique experience for children in grades K-6 to learn about the importance of intellectual property while exploring, creating and designing. Using hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes STEM learning; builds confidence, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness and problem-solving skills; and encourages entrepreneurship — in a fun and engaging environment.

Camp Invention has been benefiting children in Mt. Horeb since 2015. To make

a donation to the Charlie Bledsoe Memorial Scholarship, visit <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/cbledsoefund> or contact Olivia Wakeling, National Inventors Hall of Fame, at 330-437-7106 or owakeling@invent.org.

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Three football Vikings named all-state

MHB's Helgeson, Leibfried and Kiel all earn honors

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb-Barneveld landed three players on the Associated Press All-State football team.

Quarterback Kasey Helgeson was named second-team all-state. Senior offensive lineman Austin Leibfried was named high honorable-mention all-state. And junior wide receiver Chris Kiel was named honorable-mention all-state.

Helgeson was named the Offensive Player of the Year in the Badger Small Conference where he threw for 2,719 yards — just 60 yards short of Max Meylor's single-season school record — and 29 touchdowns. He had just three interceptions, completed 70% of his passes, ran for 707 yards and added eight rushing touchdowns while leading MH-B to an 11-1 record and a trip to Level 3 of the WIAA Division 3 playoffs.

In addition to all-conference honors, Helgeson was named all-region and now

all-state.

"I believe Kasey is the one of the two best quarterbacks in the state," MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld said of Helgeson. "He is an extremely bright kid who has a great understanding of defenses and throws one of the best deep balls I have ever seen."

"This paired with his speed and strength makes him an exceptional talent. He was our leader and drives our offense that averaged 42 points per game this year."

Leibfried, a University of Indiana recruit, was named first-team all-conference, the league's Offensive Lineman of the Year, all-region and honorable mention all-state. At 6-foot-6, 285 pounds, Leibfried has a rare combination of size, power and athleticism which he displayed on the field throughout the year.

"Austin is a dude," St. Arnauld said. "I don't know how else to put it. He is a dominant run blocker with heavy hands and has a great

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld quarterback Kasey Helgeson was named second-team all-state. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Mount Horeb routs Edgewood

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Coaches typically have something to harp on — no matter how well their team plays.

After Mount Horeb's boys basketball team routed Madison Edgewood, 68-29, on Dec. 12, though, Vikings coach Todd Nesheim would have had to look long and hard for something to complain about.

Nine different Vikings scored. Mount Horeb's defense was sublime. The Vikings outrebounded the Crusaders, 30-15. And Mount Horeb yanked its starters with 13 minutes left.

Afterwards, Nesheim — a tough man to please — was downright giddy.

"I was really pleased with our defense," said Nesheim, whose team improved to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the Badger Small Conference. "I thought we could make it re-

ally difficult for Edgewood to score. I wasn't expecting to keep it under 30, especially with our subs getting significant minutes against their starters in the second half."

"Offensively, I thought we shared the ball well and had very balanced scoring. I was most pleased with our rebounding. We figured there would be a lot of misses and it was really important we didn't give Edgewood second and third chances."

Sophomore guard Josh Manchester led the Vikings with 22 points, four steals and four assists, while junior guard Zach Maguire added 17 points and seven rebounds. Senior guard Nick Vorwald chipped in seven points, three rebounds and two assists, while sophomore center Hayden Anderson had six points and five rebounds.

Sophomore guard Kam Nesheim had five points,

two assists, two rebounds and two steals, while junior forward Griffin Hannah had four points and three rebounds.

In all, Mount Horeb shot 29-of-54 from the floor (53.7%) and held Edgewood to 7-of-35 shooting (20.0%).

The Vikings made a concerted effort to start fast after falling behind, 12-2, in their previous outing against Sauk Prairie.

"We wanted to get off to a fast start," Nesheim said. "Who doesn't? We didn't want to give this Edgewood team any momentum."

They didn't.

Maguire knocked down three early 3-pointers and Mount Horeb raced to a 17-7 lead midway through the first half. Manchester took over the remainder of the half, scored 17 points before the break and helped the Vikings stretch their lead to 40-17 by intermission.

"At halftime, the talk



Griffin Hannah and Mount Horeb's boys basketball team routed Madison Edgewood on Dec. 12. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

was really about playing this game like it was 0-0," Nesheim said. "We had the same talk at River Valley and allowed that team to crawl back into the game."

"Does this team have the killer instinct? Plus, Edgewood has shown the ability to come back in just about every game they played."

Not in this game, though.

Mount Horeb outscored Edgewood, 23-4, in the first 5 minutes of the second half and stretched its lead to 63-21. When the Vikings' lead reached 40, it also kicked off a running clock.

Nesheim then cleared his bench and there was no drop-off with the Vikings' reserves. And if the head coach was looking for anything to nitpick about, he probably came up blank.

• **On deck:** The Vikings hosted Baraboo Tuesday, then host McFarland Friday at 7:15 p.m.

During the holiday, Mount Horeb will compete at the Rick Majerus Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook Shootout at Concordia University.

On Dec. 28, the Vikings meet Racine St. Catherine's at 1:45 p.m. And on Dec. 29, Mount Horeb faces Franklin at 1:45 p.m.



Mount Horeb-Barneveld wide receiver Chris Kiel (above) was named honorable-mention all-state, while offensive lineman Austin Leibfried (right) was named high honorable-mention all-state. File photos



FOOTBALL

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pass set to complement. Austin has outstanding feet for a player at any size, let alone 6-6, 285.

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

Kiel had a huge junior year, catching 52 passes for 1,073 yards. In addition to first-team all-conference honors, Kiel was named all-region and honorable-mention all-state.

“Chris is one of the best athletes I have ever coached,” St. Arnauld said. “Chris has the full package as a wide receiver. He is an outstanding route runner and also has dangerous deep ball speed.

“Chris can climb the ladder and high point the football and is almost impossible to tackle in the open field. He pops on film and is one of the top receivers in the state. He set a school record for receiving yards in a season, as well as receiving touchdowns for a season.”

The full All-State team is listed here:

- 2023 ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL- STATE FOOTBALL TEAM
- PLAYER OF THE YEAR – Colton Brunell, Columbus
- COACH OF THE YEAR – Matt Hensler, Lake Geneva Badger
- x - unanimous selection
- OFFENSE FIRST TEAM
- QB – Adam Skifton, 6-2, 190, Sr., Onalaska

- RB – x - Colton Brunell, 6-1, 205, Sr., Columbus
- RB – x – Terrance Shelton, 6-0, 206, Sr., Franklin
- RB – Christian Collins, 5-10, 190, Jr., Green Bay Notre Dame
- OL – x - Donovan Harbour, 6-5, 320, Sr., Waukesha Catholic Memorial
- OL – x – Garrett Sexton, 6-7, 270, Sr., Hartland Arrowhead
- OL – Derek Jensen, 6-7, 315, Sr., Hartland Arrowhead
- OL – Nathan Roy, 6-6, 295, Sr., Mukwonago
- OL – Mitch Verstegen, 6-5, 300, Sr., Kaukauna
- WR/TE – Robert Booker II, 6-6, 217, Sr., Waunakee
- WR/TE – James Flanigan Jr., 6-5, 230, Jr., Green Bay Notre Dame
- PK – Sean West, 6-2, 175, Sr., Mequon Homestead
- ALL-PURPOSE – Karter Butt, 5-10, 215, Sr., Edgar
- ALL-PURPOSE – Chase Matthias, 6-0, 220, Two Rivers
- OFFENSE SECOND TEAM
- QB – Kasey Helgeson, 6-4, 210, Sr., Mount Horeb/Barneveld
- RB – Owen Carlson, 6-0, 200, Sr., Kewaunee
- RB – Grant Dean, 6-0, 180, Jr., Neenah
- RB – Jayden Gordon, 5-10, 190, Sr., Kenosha St. Joseph
- OL – Jackson Braden, 6-2, 285, Sr., Lake Geneva Badger
- OL – Logan Gross, 6-4, 270, Sr., Sun Prairie East
- OL – Josh Klann, 6-7, 268, Sr., Lodi
- OL – Kristian Peterson, 6-1, 312, Sr., Middleton
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- ALL-PURPOSE – JP Doyle, 6-1, 200, Sr., Lake Geneva Badger
- ALL-PURPOSE – Koehler, Kilty, 6-1, 210, Sr., Stratford
- DEFENSE FIRST TEAM
- DL – Sam McGivern, 6-3, 255, Sr., Kimberly
- DL – Jace Miller, 6-3, 270, Sr., Franklin
- DL – Grey Rumohr, 6-4, 285, Sr., Kettle Moraine
- DE/OLB – Wade Bryan, 6-1, 212, Sr., Waunakee
- DE/OLB – Jace Gilbert, 6-5, 260, Sr., Hartland Arrowhead
- ILB – x - Brock Arndt, 6-3, 235, Sr., Appleton North
- ILB – Drew Braam, 6-2, 225, Sr., Oak Creek
- ILB – Easton Stone, 6-2, 220, Sr., Rice Lake
- DB – x - Keagen Jirschele, 5-10, 185, Sr., Mosinee
- DB – Sam Ostrenga, 5-11, 185, Sr., Sun Prairie East
- DB – Carson Van Dinter, 6-3, 195, Sr., Kaukauna
- PUNTER – Connor Breunig, 6-3, 215, Sr., Sauk Prairie
- DEFENSE SECOND TEAM
- DL – Talan Crist, 5-10, 195, Jr., Darlington
- DL – Jakob Duren, 6-1, 224, Sr., Waunakee
- DL – Max Matthias, 5-10, 200, So., Two Rivers
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- DE/OLB – Mitchell Nigro, 6-2, 220, Sr., Milwaukee Marquette
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- ILB – Sam Pilof, 6-3, 218,

- Sr., Middleton
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- Adam Backus, DB, Sr., Mishicot
- Colton Brunell, ILB, Sr., Columbus
- Damarcus Chappell, DE, Sr., Glendale Nicolet
- Ethan Feldner, WR, Sr., University School of Milwaukee
- Liam Fingerson, P, So., Richland Center
- Charles Garvey, OL, Wrightstown
- Jack Hardt, OL, Sr., Milwaukee Marquette
- Tyler Hatcher, QB, Sr., Sussex Hamilton
- Sam Hogland, ILB, Sr., Waunakee
- Nick Kihn, WR, Sr., Sussex Hamilton
- Eric Kenesie, DB, Sr., Kenosha St. Joseph
- Jonathan Ksobiech, ILB, Sr., Kettle Moraine
- Mason Lane, QB, Sr., Lodi
- Austin Leibfried, OL, Sr., Mount Horeb/Barneveld
- Ben Lindley, RB, Sr., Waunakee
- Chase Matthias, RB/ILB, Sr., Two Rivers
- Murphy Monreal, DB, Sr., Milwaukee Marquette
- Nate Olsen, OL, Sr., Wau-nakee
- Carl Pevey, DE, Sr., Waukesha Catholic Memo-rial
- Brady Puls, OLB, Sr., Lodi
- Casey Quam, DB, Jr., Stoughton

- Erik Schmidt, PK, Jr., Milwaukee Marquette
- Beckett Spilde, DL, Sr., Stoughton
- Drew Wagner, WR, Sr., Kettle Moraine
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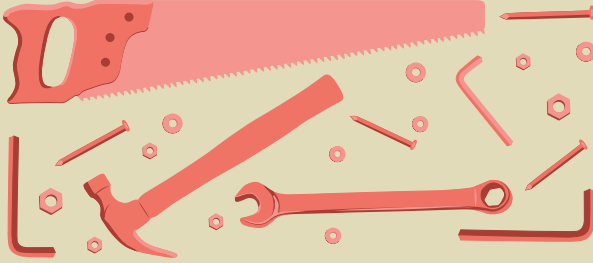
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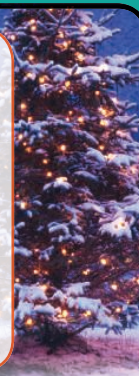
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