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Public Education

School board OK's vaccine policy, adjusts spending and more

By Aynsley Hoelscher
Mount Horeb Mail

The Mount Horeb Area School District Board of Education approved their academic standards, statement of belonging and immunization policy. They also adjusted some spending and funding related policy sections and asked the village to continue their agreement for an on site police officer.

Academic Standards

The board approved the student academic standards for the new school year.

Most of the standards for each subject were based on state standards, a few like Art and Design, Human

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Neon Art Hive

David Gobeli invites people to explore their creative side at new local studio



David Gobeli recently founded Neon Art Hive, a community arts and crafts studio, at 2585 State Road 92, Suite 3. Photo by Greta Geiger.

Leo Tolstoy said true art is not merely about making pretty things. He described it as "a means of union among people" and "indispensable for the life and progress toward well-being of individuals and of humanity." Beauty will often get made along the way, but creativity is all about the messy, daunting, wonderful ways human beings can come together in both their similarities and their differences.

Or, as the cartoon character Ms. Frizzle put it: "Take chances, make mistakes, get messy."

By Matt Geiger
Mount Horeb Mail

Mount Horeb's David Gobeli has vast creative experience, both personally and professionally, and he recently drew upon both of them to found an innovative new space that invites everyone in the community to get messy and try something new and creative.

Gobeli describes Neon Art Hive as "a community creativity studio that celebrates messiness, risk-taking, and the beauty of our differences."

In a culture dominated by consumerism and influencer-driven "how-to" content, the Hive, located at 2585 State Road 92, Suite 3, offers a refreshing alternative where people can learn from one another, in person, through hands-on experience. The studio offers classes in painting, drawing, sewing, needlework, sculpture, printmaking, Do-It-Yourself skincare products and more, for both kids and adults.

The focus, Gobeli says, is simple: to provide a safe, welcoming space where people can set down their phones (and consequently their impotent outrage, anxiety and self-doubt) and try something new. The space offers daily free open studio in a professional space, as well as workshops and classes guided by Gobeli and others.

Gobeli has worked for

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SCENES FROM THE MOUNT HOREB ART FAIR

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Supercell drops twisters across rural Iowa and Dane Counties

By Joe Block
Mount Horeb Mail

A powerful thunderstorm supercell that formed in central Iowa County on the humid afternoon of Wednesday, July 16th, continued into northwestern Dane County, spawning an EF1 and EFO tornado in its wake. The most damage could be found in Roxbury Township, in Dane County, where 20 to 40 tree limbs were taken down in one area, according to the National Weather Service, and winds reached 80 miles an hour. Aside from a house damaged by a falling tree and a few missing shingles, there was no other significant damage outside of downed trees.

The atmosphere was primed on the muggy afternoon of Wednesday for thunderstorm development, and around noon the storms approached Dodgeville in southwestern Wisconsin. An EFI tornado sporting estimated peak winds of 95 miles an hour and a maximum 150 yards in width first touched down at 12:20 p.m. near the Farm and Fleet in Dodgeville, moving northeast through a corn field, according to a National Weather Service summary. The strongest damage occurred off County Road ZZ in Iowa County, "where numerous large, healthy hardwood trees were uprooted." An old outbuilding was also destroyed nearby. After traveling nearly 7 miles and lasting for 13 minutes, the tornado ended near Knobs Road, just west of County Road HH.



In this photo taken from Racek Road—where the tornado began—the tornado is visible dropping from the clouds into the ridge of the Blackhawk Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway. Photo by Joe Michaels.

The strong supercell continued in a northeast direction, crossing Arena and to the west of the Village of Mazomanie. Just northeast of the Village of Mazomanie, a second tornado touched down, rated E0 with 80 mile an hour winds, in Mazomanie Township. Touching down at the intersection of Highway 78 and Racek Road, the tornado traveled along Blackhawk Ridge to the immediate east of Highway 78, closely parallelling the road. About 2000 feet east of Highway 78 and County Road Y, the tornado headed for Birchwood Drive, a north-trending residential street in Roxbury Township that saw the most damage, including many downed trees. The tornado dissipated to the north shortly after that, traveling a total of seven miles in ten minutes.

The area traveled by the tornado is primarily rural and forested, except for the Birchwood section to the north. No other damage was reported although the very photogenic tornado was well-documented on social media across the region.

Kylan Bengry wins Summer Frolic raffle



The Mount Horeb Summer Frolic $10,000 raffle winners have been announced. They are Brian Bengry and Kylan Bengry (whose name was on the ticket). They are pictured here with Frolic president Amy Mertz.

SCHOOL BOARD

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Growth and Development and World Languages were based on national standards.

Statement of Belonging

The board also approved a draft statement of belonging. It states that all students will have the opportunity to thrive and outlines the core principles of the district that are meant to facilitate that.

Immunization policy

The board approved a minor rework of the immunization policy which moves the part of the policy to the administration regulations.

The moved section specifies that students who are not fully immunized and do not have proper exception documentation have deadlines for receiving doses. If they do not comply, they may be excluded from participating in school activities or parents may be fined.

Federal fund spending

Most of this policy is required by law, and the main change moved allowed spending for special purpose equipment up from $5000 to $10,000 due to higher costs. Anything more than that must be approved by the federal awarding agency.

However almost everything needs approval separately from this policy due to other requirements and rules.

Purchasing policy

This policy was changed to be more succinct by removing language related to bidding which is covered in other policies.

It also requires purchases of $10,000 or more to contact at least three different vendors for price comparisons.

School resource officer with Village

The board has prepared their agreement with the village for continuing to hire an on-site police officer. The village will have to approve the request at their next meeting.

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Gleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- July 23, 1885

Abby Evans is the new man who bangs baggage around at the depot.

A quiet dance took place at Nelson's hall on Friday evening of last week.

Paul A. Sletto arrived home last Friday having with him the corpse of his mother.

The guide boards for the town are being completed and set in place as fast as possible.

Four young hunters on their way to Devil's lake passed through our city last Friday and attracted considerable notice.

The morning freight now leaves Madison for the west about one hour later than usual, which is more convenient for morning passengers than heretofore.

Friday night of last week a veterinary surgeon was handled somewhat unpleasantly as he peaceable attended to his own affairs. Come boys, let him be after this.

Henry Egger, our enterprising wagon and carriage maker, has, regardless of the extreme hot weather, taken on unto himself a wife and occupies rooms in S. Thompson's house. His bride is a former Mt. Horeb lady, Miss Carrie Fenster, of Washington, Sauk Co., at which the wedding took place last Saturday.

130 Years Ago- July 25, 1895

How do you like the cash system?

P. Peterson has started a new dray line and is in full operation.

I wish to announce to the ladies of Mt. Horeb that I will receive fresh compressed yeast twice a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Knut Lindelien of Springdale were surprised by a number of their neighbors Sunday and were made recipients of a good present. A sociable time was enjoyed.

I will hereafter be ready to buy all kinds of poultry at highest market prices. Bring them in while the market is up. A.L. Swigum.

Nailer, beloved dog and property of A.L. Burchell, died from the effects of a gun shot wound in the head, at the hands of A. Brattrud, on Monday. He was a kind and benevolent creature, suffering a great deal the past year from rheumatism and superfluous flesh, caused from eating too luxuriously and staying out night after 9 o'clock. Nailer got so lazy that he had to have breathing apparatus attached to his noble physique. He was buried on Monday as he had been kept long enough. His remains were followed to their last resting place by a concourse of his canine friends. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the butcher's scrap box.

120 Years Ago- July 20, 1905

Ed Benson sports a fine pair of young horses of the size that will move heavy loads when well broke.

The addition to Hotel Britton is nearing completion and it is said will when finished receive another name. It will now make a pretentious looking building.

Dr. Evans is fitting up the entire second floor over the drug store for office and waiting room, and will have the X-ray machine moved to one of the rooms on this floor, and power to run the same will be transmitted from the engine in its present position on first floor.

Old People's Day will be observed at the M.E. Church next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

The local Viking Club of this place issued invitations to a large number of people to a free entertainment at the opera hall, Saturday evening, and which was willingly accepted. Harald Stormoen, the Norwegian actor had been secured by this organization and he appeared as a master of his profession and did not fail to please.

110 Years Ago- July 23, 1915

The sextette from St. Olaf College struck some rainy weather when in the vicinity and which was Mt. Horeb's good fortune, they met their engagement at Vermont and Springdale, but were obliged to cancel their date at Perry for Sunday evening and thus it was arranged to have the concert given at the Lutheran church here, by telephone the people were notified and the church was well filled.

For sale good modern house vapor heat bath and sewer, electric light, all up to date, at a big bargain. Brown & Weltzin.

Mrs. C. M. Evans gave a three course breakfast at eight o'clock Friday morning of last week to some of her lady friends and relative.

The band gave a splendid open air concert in front of the opera house Thursday night of last week, which pleased the very large gathering of people that enjoyed the music to the finish.

Fred Wittwer who owns and occupies the Greenwald farm in Vermont met with a serious accident last Friday, as he was turning loose one of his horses, the animal in a playful manner whirled around and kicked Mr. Wittwer in the face with most horrible result. Dr. Thompson was called and patched up the ugly wounds.

Special Sale at the Variety Store: 10 qt. dish pan, 5¢; 3 horse shoe tumbles for 5¢; ladies and childrens 25¢ hose, 19¢; Mercerized crocket thread, 10¢.

100 Years Ago- July 21, 1925

The Hustlers better hustle. This is the sentiment of our "kitten ball" fans, for that team, which formerly was full of pep and energy, but on Wednesday went down to defeat for the fifth straight game. Either Hustle or change your name to the "Straglerss" is her cry from the supporting fans.

H.H. Thousand, has secured the local agency for one of the highest quality automobiles manufactured, the Chrysler. Otto Kahl, is the first Mt. Horeb man to purchase one of these new models and is driving the 4 cylinder coach whigs is certainly a beauty as well as a sturdy car.

Otto Lust, of Mt. Vernon had a narrow escape from a serious accident Monday when his auto was hit by the 11:20 train at the S. 8th street crossing. Mr. Lust was coasting down the street with his motor shut off and did not see the train until it was too late, with the result that the rear end of the car was hit and badly damaged. No one was injured.

90 Years Ago- July 18, 1935

Ollie Statz has erected a popcorn booth on the space between Mickelson Grocery store and Bert's Drug Store. It is open every Saturday night.

Ray Bakken left Monday for the Veterans Hospital in Milwaukee where he will undergo surgeries.

A meeting is being held tonight to decide what should be done in rebuilding the Perry Lutheran Church, which was destroyed by fire Thursday night, July 11. The fire was the result of a storm when the highline was struck by lightening and the bolt followed the wires into the building at about 9 o'clock. The Mt. Horeb and Hollandale Fire Departments were called but were handicapped due to the lack of water.

80 Years Ago- July 26, 1945

A local farmer who has been raising hogs for more than 20 years is placing his brood sows into the fattening pen and quitting the business. He says that with the OPA price control there is no money in the hog business.

Twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Anderson Thursday, July 19 at Madison General Hospital.

70 Years Ago- July 28, 1955

Gloria Jean Henderson, seven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Henderson, Cross Plains, and granddaughter of Mrs. Lester Henderson, Mount Horeb, is the winner of the $50 cash prize offered by the Capital Times. "Biff" and "Buff" is the prize winning pair of Bengal tiger cubs at Henry Villas Park Zoo. The male tiger will be named "Biff" and the female "Buff."

A brother of Del Dietrich, the projectionist at the local Strand Theatre, will be seen riding his blue-ribbon prize winning Palomino in Walt Disney's "Stormy The Thoroughbred" which is showing Friday and Saturday.

40 Years Ago- July 25, 1985

Everett Kittleson, rural Mount Horeb, was the winner of the first place position in the Senior Division at the Fiddle Fest and was the recipient of a trophy and $75.

The Mount Horeb Board of Education confirmed the appointment of Phil Halverson as Interim Administrator.

Irving Eichorst, Sr., age 70 a former Mount Horeb resident, died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 14, 1985.

20 Years Ago- July 28, 2005

Spring Garden Family Restaurant is open for business at 520 Springdale Street.

An open house was held at the new UW Health Medical Clinic in Mount Horeb. Visitors enjoyed back massages, punch, appetizers and cake.

Esther D. Zarndt, 77 of Mount Horeb went to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 23, 2005 at the Don and Marilyn Anderson Hospice Center in Fitchburg after a courageous battle with cancer.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY, JULY 24

Mt. Horeb Seniors shopping trip to Dodgeville, leave 9:30am. RSVP 608-444-7930

Brain Health presentation of Daily Schmidt, Azura Health Facility, 1:00p.m., Senior Center

FRIDAY, JULY 25

Student Artist Exhibition 10:00-4:00pm. (Friday thru Tuesday) thru August 26 at Driftless Historium

Mt. Horeb Food Pantry and Clothes Closet open 9:00-10:30am and 3:00-4:30pm.

"Christmas in July BINGO", Senior Center, 12:30pm. Lunch provided. Sponsored by Miller & Sons

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Student Art Exhibition, Driftless Historium, 10:00am-4:00pm

Mt. Horeb Food Pantry and Clothes Closet open 10:00-11:30am.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Student Art Exhibition, Driftless Historium, 10:00am-4:00pm

MONDAY, JULY 28

Student Art Exhibition, Driftless Historium, 10:00am-4:00pm

Table Tennis, 10:00am, Senior Center

TUESDAY, JULY 29

Student Art Exhibition, 10:00-4:00pm. Driftless Historium

Tai Chi, 1:00pm, Senior Center

Ageless Grace, 2:00pm, Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Fink's Cafe serving "My Meal My Way" for seniors from 11:00-1:00pm. No RSVP needed. $5 suggested minimum donation.

Euchre, Senior Center, 12:30pm

Little Free Pantries available at: New Hope Evangelical Free Church, 639 S. 8th St., Mt. Horeb; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 310 W. Main St., Mt. Horeb; Zwingli UCC, Hwy. 92, Mt. Vernon. Nonperishable food and other necessities available 24 hours a day. "Take what you need, share what you can."

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Mt. Horeb FFA Shines at State FFA Convention



Wisconsin State FFA Degree Recipients from the Mt. Horeb FFA Chapter include (L to R) Callaway Deegan, James Zwettler, Emma Ringgenberg, Mikayla Holler, Zelma Marohn, and Anaveja Burns-Blizzard.

Mt. Horeb FFA members and their advisors attended the 95th Wisconsin State FFA Convention held in Madison June 10-12 at the Alliant Center. FFA members were kept busy attending county and state business meetings and convention sessions. Layla Havens and Romy Ginther served as official Chapter Delegates and attended business sessions on behalf of the chapter. They also attended meetings to evaluate and select the Section V State FFA Officer.

Six graduating Mt. Horeb FFA members received the Wisconsin State FFA Degree in a ceremony at the convention. Members included Callaway Deegan, James Zwettler, Emma Ringgenberg, Mikayla Holler, Zelma Marohn, and Anaveja Burns-Blizzard. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree awarded to FFA members by the state association and recognizes outstanding leadership, activity participation, and excellence in Supervised Ag Experience programs. Members also must be active in their community and log community service hours. Each of the members were very involved in chapter activities attending leadership workshops and conventions; competing in contests; and serving in chapter leadership positions.

Callaway's high school SAE included working for a food catering company. Callaway is enrolled in the Madison College Metal Fabrication program. After earning his certificate and spending the upcoming year working and saving for college expenses, Callaway plans to study Biology and Herpetology at UW-Stevens Point. James' SAE included working on several local farms caring for sheep; operating equipment to plant and harvest forage and grain crops; and beekeeping. James is headed to UW-Stevens Point this fall to study Wildlife Management. Emma's SAE included raising beef animals and dairy heifers; and helping harvest crops on her family's farm. Emma will be attending UW-Whitewater this fall and majoring in Business. Mikayla Holler's SAE included working on a local dairy farm milking and caring for livestock. Mikayla will be attending Blackhawk Technical College in Monroe to study Agribusiness. Zelma's SAE included working on local farms caring for livestock and poultry. She was also enrolled in the Biotechnology Youth Apprenticeship program and worked in a lab genotyping animals and examining histology of mammary gland cells in cattle. Zelma is enrolled at UW-Madison and will be studying Environmental Science. Anaveja's SAE included raising beef on her family's farm and working and managing outdoor recreation activities. Anaveja is working and saving and plans to attend a Welding diploma program this fall.

Mt. Horeb FFA members were also cited for State FFA Proficiency Awards and included Molly Erickson, Equine Science - Bronze; Anaveja Burns-Blizzard, Outdoor Recreation - Silver; Zelma Marohn, Veterinary Science - Bronze; Taylor Ferguson, Silver - Dairy Production Entrepreneurship; Bentley Sutter, Dairy Production Entrepreneurship - Gold (13th Place in Wisconsin; and Layla Havens, Agricultural Education - Gold (9th Place in Wisconsin) and Section V Winner.



State Delegates from Mt. Horeb included (L to R) Romy Ginther and Layla Havens.

FFA Members Attend Washington Leadership Conference



Mt. Horeb FFA members attended the National FFA Washington Leadership Conference. (L to R) Layla Havens, Mason Schauf, and Jack Davis.

Mt. Horeb FFA members Layla Havens, Mason Schauf, and Jack Davis attended the National FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington DC July 8-12. Members were sponsored by the Mt. Horeb FFA Alumni and Supporters Association. Three hundred fifty FFA members from across the US participated in the event.

The group flew from Madison to DC on Tuesday and checked into the Omni Shoreham hotel. The evening was spent dividing into working groups and attending workshops. On Wednesday, members attended numerous chapter and community building workshops. The group was treated to a night tour of Washington DC in the evening. Conference attendees travelled to the US Capitol on Thursday morning. The Mt. Horeb group toured the Botanical Gardens and attended a picnic near the hotel. Friday morning was spent building meals for people without housing. After lunch, the group went to Arlington National Cemetery, toured the National Air and Space Museum, visited the Holocaust Museum, and then returned to the hotel for more workshops. The conference wrapped up on Friday evening and members travelled home on Saturday.

The National FFA Washington Leadership Conference inspires FFA members to become changemakers in their communities. Each day of the conference focuses on a different principle taught through the context of our nation's capital. These principles include exploration, encouragement, advocacy and service. At the end of the week, members leave with a Living to Serve Plan they can implement in their own communities.

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PERSPECTIVE

Salerno talks about school district budget

Dear Community Members,

As I write this letter, the State of Wisconsin's 2025–2027 biennial budget process has just concluded. With property taxpayers already stretched thin, the state's continued shift of financial responsibility onto communities forces schools to rely on referenda just to meet essential needs. We are deeply grateful for the success of our 2022 operational campaign, which helped us navigate these challenges during 2023-2025 biennium budget.

A child's zip code should never determine the quality of their educational experience. Unfortunately, not every community has the resources—or the collective will—to support education the way Mount Horeb has. This dynamic fosters a troubling divide between "haves" and "have-nots." For instance, special education remains severely underfunded in Wisconsin, which ranks among the lowest in the nation for reimbursement rates. Public education must serve as the great equalizer for all citizens.

More than 70% of school districts in Wisconsin, including Mount Horeb, are facing declining enrollment. Since the state's revenue limit model is largely based on student enrollment, this trend has a direct impact on our budgets. As student populations contract, so must our budgets which include personnel levels. (For example, as a service-oriented industry, the majority of a school district's expenditures are dedicated to personnel.) Based on the current funding models for public education, we are committed to making thoughtful, responsible reductions that balance the stewardship of taxpayer funds with the need to maintain the high-quality staff and programs our community expects.

On a local level, we continue working closely with community members and staff to design the new elementary addition to the Primary Center. Thanks to the successful 2024 capital referendum, our K–2 elementary program will be united under one roof beginning in fall 2027. This change will increase staffing efficiencies, as educators will no longer need to travel between buildings, allowing them to spend more time directly supporting students. The Board's decision to use a "design-bid-build" model will enhance competition in the construction process, helping to ensure cost-effectiveness without sacrificing quality or design. Pre-qualification of general contractors will begin this winter, with bidding to be completed by early spring 2026.

The Mount Horeb Area School District's proposed 2025–2026 budget is now available on our website at www.mounthorebschools.org. Despite the challenges of an unpredictable state funding model, our Board of Education continues to explore and secure alternative revenue streams. Over the past two years, the District has raised more than $1.5 million through grants, donations, and sponsorships. These value-added funds have permitted the District to provide opportunities would not have been previously possible (e.g. US Department of Education funding in the wake of May 1, 2024's critical incident, stadium scoreboard, etc.)

I warmly invite you to attend the community's annual meeting on Monday, August 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Intermediate Center.

If I can ever be of service to you or your family, please don't hesitate to reach out at (437-7010) or salernosteve@mounthorebschools.org.

Warmest regards,
Dr. Steve Salerno
Superintendent

A place where you belong...

The Mount Horeb Area School District continues to shine in many ways—through strong academics, a vibrant community, and a deep commitment to the whole child. One aspect that deserves just as much attention is what the Mount Horeb Area School District offers as an employer. Our district isn't just a great place for students to learn—it's also a place where adults can grow, contribute, and truly feel they belong.

The School Board's "Well-Being Goal" makes it clear: a strong sense of belonging is essential for both students and staff. It's part of our long-range Strategic Plan and is at the heart of everything we do. The district's annual employee wellness survey also reflects that effort—96% of our staff report feeling a sense of belonging in the building where they work, and 96% also say they work with colleagues who treat them with respect.

That sense of belonging doesn't happen by accident. It's rooted in the care, mission, and dedication our team brings to their work each day—for the students they serve and for one another. Our staff live our district's mission—to nurture, educate, and challenge all students while preparing and empowering them to be productive, responsible, and self-fulfilled members of society. And this mission extends beyond our school walls.

It's reflected in the warm partnerships we hold with families, the community's consistent support through operating and capital referenda, and the everyday moments of gratitude we experience—at concerts, games, and school events, or in the simple "thank yous" shared between neighbors, parents, and staff.

Thanks to the community's support of the 2022 operational referendum, the Mount Horeb Area School District is able to maintain competitive compensation and benefits. But what continues to draw people to our district—and keep them here—is more personal. They feel connected. Valued. At home.

Whether you're just starting your career or looking for a new path, we invite you to consider becoming a Viking. Opportunities are available in a wide range of roles: teaching, paraprofessional support, food service, clerical, custodial, transportation, and substitute positions. Each role plays a meaningful part in our shared success.

And we could use your help. Word-of-mouth referrals are one of the best ways we find the right people—many of whom already live in or near our community. If you or someone you know is looking for a workplace where they'll be welcomed, supported, and appreciated, encourage them to explore a career in the MHASD.

Our current openings are regularly updated on the district website, mounthorebschools.org. If you'd like to learn more about working in the Mount Horeb Area School District, reach out to me at eslingererin@mounthorebschools.org or 608-437-7034. We'd love to connect.

Mrs. Erin Eslinger
Human Resources Director

MoHo grad makes plea for science

How do you go from being a scraggly kid obsessed with horses to an environmental scientist helping people avoid eating toxic contaminants in fish? Lots of ways, it turns out, though everyone assumes that you have to go to a fancy prep school. I mean, you can. My way through, was through Mount Horeb's set of public schools and then through many learning opportunities funded (some in part, some in whole) by the US government.

I won't have space to tell the whole story here. I am not the fresh-faced 26-year-old that many graduate students are. I'm almost 40 now, have two kids, and in just a few short weeks, I'm finally going to have to figure out how to deal with the fact that I'm supposed to go by Dr. Coffin-Schmitt. Honestly, I'm not looking forward to the title change, even though I am so proud of the science I do. I mean, how lucky am I, getting to do work I love that help make people safer AND helps the environment??

But the title, it feels... pretentious. And, well, especially as a midwestern woman, getting "bigheaded" isn't exactly a compliment. I didn't set out to get the "fancy" doctorate, I was going to get the practical one. You see, back in the early 2000's when I was graduating from Mount Horeb High School, I wanted to be a veterinarian. I wanted to help deliver calves, fix up dogs that got themselves into trouble, that sort of thing. But here I am working with social-ecological systems and loving it.

My work is still practical, though. Let me show you how! Let's say you head to Door County and decide to catch some fish for dinner, or maybe Lake Mendota, or the Sugar River… how many fish can you safely eat?

It depends. No, really, for every water body the answer is different! And if you're a woman of childbearing age, or a kid, it's both really important to eat two servings of fish a week and really important that those fish are relatively toxin-free. Thankfully, each state works together with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to test enough fish from enough water bodies annually to know how many fish of which species from which water bodies for which people. And which water bodies just shouldn't be fished for food. So we can get our healthy fatty acids without a side of organochlorines, mercury, lead, or forever chemicals.

I can't do this without federal funding. The EPA helps fund all kinds of projects meant to clean things up, but also how to help people manage living in a less-than-clean place. But that's not even the half of it.

At every step of the way, I've learned from and collaborated with people who were scrapping for US government funding to try to answer practical questions that needed answering. Like, how can we get vaccines to goats in the remotest of places without refrigerators? Answer: make vaccines that don't need refrigerators and hire community animal health workers to deliver them. Or, is there lead in the eggs of chickens raised in Boston's urban backyards? Answer, yup, if there is lead in the soil there is lead in the eggs! Or, can we make sure that Ebola doesn't get out of hand again? Answer, yes if we build trust in community health. We as a human race know the answers to those questions because of US government funding from USAID and the NIH.

I guess it should be clear that we (we the scientists) want to answer useful questions and get good, useful answers. But it can't be done unless the schools, from soup to nuts, are set up to reward curiosity and passion and tenacity. And they have been! An imperfect structure, to be sure, but a good one.

Mount Horeb has amazing schools. Music was and is a lifeline for me, and one that I wouldn't have had without Mr. Janssen's classes. And Mr. Kessenich showed me math could be a tool for everyone, not just the students who could do algebra in their sleep. But it was Ms. Barry who annoyed the heck out of me in our United States History class at MHHS by answering students' questions with "why don't you scratch that itch and tell us what you learn next week?" And here I am, still scratching these itches in a professional capacity and trying to share the answers!

But it's not just the schools that got me here. It was growing up in the Driftless Area, between field and forest. It was loving the small things: the goatsbeard blooming on the roads, the hawk soaring an updraft over a cliff, the curve of a contoured field following the hillside. But more than anything else, it was when I started shadowing large animal veterinarians on their rounds of the dairy farms around Dane County, and I started seeing a different side of life on these hills I loved so much. Despite caring for the soil, caring for their cows, making good milk, farmers were struggling to make ends meet. I wanted to know why!

Turns out, the reasons why were and are complicated, but they all have the word "system" and "diversity" and "community" in the answer. So do the answers about the contaminants in fish, the vaccines for the goats, and how to manage Ebola.

And if all the presidents' men have a list of words, including system, community, diversity, bias, and more that are banned from receiving federal funds… well, we won't find out the answers to ANY of the questions I've tried to share about here.

So, how can you help? Let me count the ways:

(1) Make sure there are great schools and libraries, so any kid, no matter who they are (no matter how scraggly, or annoyingly precocious, or poor, or neurodivergent, or queer, or English-as-a-second-language) can go to school in Mount Horeb safely and come out with the skills to go get stuff done. Maybe they come back home and start a cidery or run a farm. Maybe they go work in a National Park, or for USAID, or be a scientist working on Great Lakes fisheries – it's all needed and public school makes it possible for everyone.

(2) Support robust science funding! Call your state and federal representatives, show up to town halls, and let them know you care.

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Want to Learn More About Native Plant Care?

The Mound Vue Garden Club's Eco-Gardening/Slow Mow May Committee is sponsoring a free lecture, "Tending Native Plants in your Home Garden," by Sarah Savage, August 4, 5:30PM in the Mount Horeb Public Library Meeting Room.

This lecture is a part of the Club's continuing series on year-round sustainable practices for yards and gardens. In this program, attendees will learn how to work with nature to cultivate a garden that benefits humans and wildlife. Show up and get to know our native plants, i.e. when they emerge, what seedlings look like, how they grow and spread, and ways to enhance or manage spread in your space. Learn how you can achieve your garden goals with less work.

Sarah Savage is owner of Tend, a small nursery in Blue Mounds specializing in pollinator-safe native plants for local gardeners.

Sarah believes in gardens that do more than look pretty. With native plants, your yard becomes a refuge for declining birds, butterflies, and bees. Every flower pot and pollinator patch will increase local biodiversity. When you garden for habitat, you get more than beauty, you reconnect to the web of life.

Watch for a follow-up program in early September, an ideal time to begin planning ahead for fall or spring garden design. If you'd like more information, write slowmowmay@gmail.com and ask to be on the listserv, or search Facebook for the Mound Vue Garden Club.

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Last week's Wednesday Night Live show pushed to August 20 by storms

Last week's Wednesday Night live Concert at Grundahl Park, featuring Pops Fletcher and the Hucksters, has been rescheduled due to severe weather. It will now take place August 20.

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Obituaries

Dorinda Rae Segebrecht

April 25, 1958 - July 15, 2025



Dodgeville – Dorinda Rae Segebrecht, age 67, of Dodgeville, passed away unexpectedly on July 15, 2025, leaving a void in her family's hearts forever.

Dorinda was born on April 25, 1958, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, to Raymond and Dorothy (Leary) Pailing. She was one of seven siblings, all of whom she loved deeply. Proud of her rural roots, Dorinda grew up on the family farm in rural Barneveld and attended River Valley Schools alongside her five sisters and brother.

In 1976, Dorinda married Jeff Segebrecht, and together they raised three children: Rachel, Terry, and Karla. She was a devoted and hard-working mother, beginning with an in-home daycare while raising her children before spending 33 years as a dedicated employee of Lands' End.

Family was at the center of Dorinda's life. She cherished being a mother and grandmother, never missing a sporting event, a school program, or a chance to host a sleepover. Her grandchildren were the light of her world. On Thanksgiving, she reigned as the "queen of the kitchen," delighting everyone with her famous homemade stuffing, turkey, and apple pies.

Outside of family, Dorinda enjoyed simple joys—planting flowers, traveling, getting her nails done, spending time with her two good friends (Deb M. and Deb B.), and caring for her beloved pets, Barron, Hershey, and Cocoa.

Dorinda is survived by her children: Rachel (Leo) Doescher of Hollandale, Terry (Katy) Segebrecht, and Karla (Carl) Pohlman of Barneveld; grandchildren; Alyssa, Lucas, Macy, and Reece Doescher; Jadon Wagabaza, Isabel, Makinley, and Griffin Pohlman; Nathan, Connor, Taylor, and Mason Segebrecht; and great-grandchild, Amelia. She also leaves behind her five sisters: Rosemary Doescher, Joanne (Steve) Deal, Donna (Rex) Hurd, Julie (Cal) Williams, and Nancy (Tim) Sullivan; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends who will forever treasure her memory.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Jerry Pailing; and her brother-in-law, Donnie Doescher.

Dorinda will be remembered for her unwavering love for her family, her warm heart, and her quiet strength.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville.

The family also invites family and friends to a Celebration of Dorinda's Life from 12 noon until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25, 2025 at the BARNEVELD AMERICAN LEGION, where a memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m.

Dorinda's family would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to all law enforcement agencies and personnel involved in assisting during this very difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to:

The Barneveld Area Rescue Squad, PO Box 134, Barneveld, WI 53507 or Therapy Dogs (Charlie & Bo) Fund: Dodgeville Police Department - 111 Merrimac St. Dodgeville, WI 53533 or Mineral Point Police Department- 1020 Ridge Street, Mineral Point, WI 53565.

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
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John C. Anderson



John C. Anderson, age 89, peacefully passed on July 11, 2025.

He is survived by his wife Cathie, his two daughters Lynn (Jim) and Mary. Cathie's three children Kris, Martha (John), Kipp (Ani). Six grandchildren John & James, Jordan(Tim), Piper (Jake), Emma, Megan, and one great-grandchild, Sawyer, As well as extended family, Mary (James) Eli (Sonia) and Raven. John's son Christopher preceded him in death.

Throughout his life he was an active member in the Mount Horeb community.

Thank you to all the staff who took care of John over the years, for not only providing excellent needed care but doing it with kindness and compassion.

John will be remembered as a person who was thoughtful, kind and appreciative.

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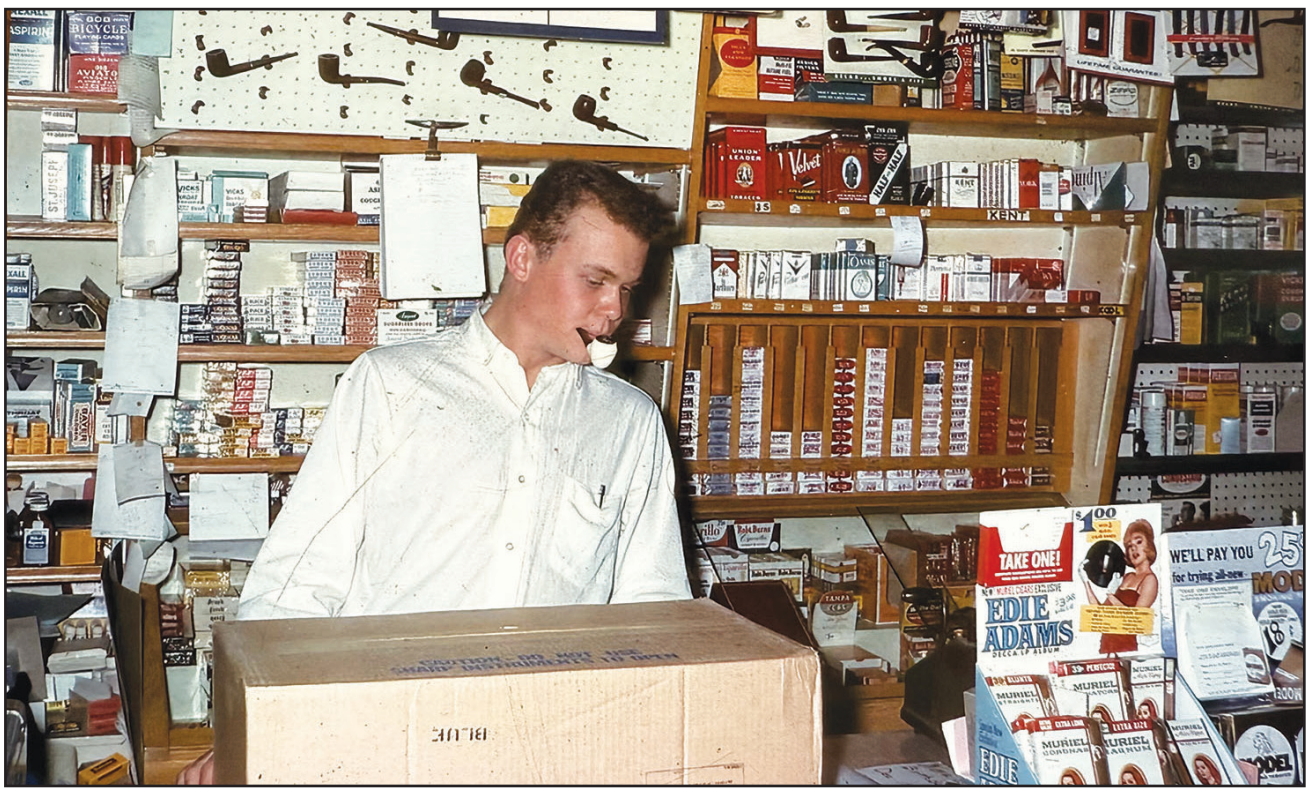
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Village Vignettes

The Pharmacy: Angels of the First Degree

By Laurence Kruckman and William Sutter



Wm Sutter vamping behind the counter at Bert's Drug Store, circa 1960. Note the immense amount of stock. Photo by author.

Longevity brings the gift of reflection and one thing about our village we note are that some businesses last generations. Hefty Construction, Bergy Jewelry, Miller's Groceries, to name a few. The Mt. Horeb pharmacy is now in its 140th year. We knew the pharmacy in its middle age as Bert's Drug, a favorite hangout for teen agers in 1940-1970's. It occupied the space, now the home of Telsaan Tea, at 108 East Main. The frame building was not remarkable, but the mood inside was highly charged with teen energy for at least 30 years. Though mere adolescents, we were aware enough to realize the store played a crucial role as a gathering center for the entire community of 1800 people, a tightly woven tapestry in fact. I was many things, including a bus stop for Greyhound and River Trails.

Originally known as the Dr. Evans Building, in 1885 it housed his pharmacy, office and residence. After Evans death in 1918, his son Milo operated the pharmacy and, in 1926, Albert Hrubesky, bought the drugstore. However, Albert Sr. died in 1954 at age 60, and his son, Albert "Bert" Jr., rushed to take his place. Father and son were from different eras; the 1951 Durham-Humphrey Amendment restricted his father from prescribing medicines; Bert on the other hand, also limited to dispensing prescriptions, counseled clients and provided a plethora of over-the-counter medications and household needs. Every inch of the store was filled with creams, tonics, dyes, razors, lighters, pipes, pills, demanding staff to continually stock and inventory these goods (see photo circa 1957). This is where younger employees played an outsized role. For example, back in the NW corner was a whole wall of farmer supplies (take note Walgreens!), like chemicals to treat mastitis and such. Farmers, for some reason, purchased a lot of sulfur which was sold by the pound. There were ready-made shots that farmers would administer. No one really liked messing with this stuff as the smell would overwhelm you. We mention these supplies as they reinforce the important, multi-faceted role of early drug stores.

An artifact of the past remained for a while after Bert took over: the ubiquitous soda fountain serving sodas and sundaes, where for some reason the Hrubesky's had the carbonation level set extremely high, so even a small coke would knock you back! That soon went by the wayside for more post-1950's OTC commodities.

Both Bert and his younger brother, Jim, were veterans and had served in WWII. Bert Jr. returned to Mount Horeb and graduated from the UW Pharmacy school in the early 1950's, while his younger brother, Jim, remained in Belmont CA, working in a helicopter factory following his military service. We remember Jim telling us, with some regret, that returning home later to help his brother run the family business was a letdown as his aircraft work was cutting edge and life in southern California was exciting. Jim eventually married Faythe and they had 3 children. Bert remained single.

Bert was the antithesis of Mr. Gower, the mean-spirited pharmacist in Jimmy Stewart's "It's a Wonderful Life," whom you may recall, carelessly almost poisoned a boy. Bert was, by contrast, quite meticulous, and firm though kind, who taught us that he cared about people and we should too. He was known for personalized service, remembering customer's names and families, and building relationships based on trust. That was an overriding attitude that set the tone long after we grew up and moved on. (Full disclosure: Bill was a key employee, often opening the store at 6:30AM and closing at 10PM, an amazing 16-hour day in the summer. Larry, by contrast, had very small jobs that included inventory, wrapping gifts during busy holidays, but he mainly enjoyed hanging out, drinking cokes and reading paperbacks). If Bill put in 80 hours a week, just imagine Bert. He, too, had the work ethic! One time a beautiful woman came into the store, and apparently knew Bert. Shocking everyone, she asked him for a date. That is when we learned about his one social outlet: Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Madison. A big guy, but no doubt light on his feet, we learned he was an award-winning dancer with many ribbons and trophies for ballroom dance. Even more surprising, that same day he left the store at 8:45, and we all assumed they went to dance. His early departure was rare, as he was so dedicated to long hours at the store.

Every rural drug store worker can recall countless examples of foibles, some humorous, others serious. A civic leader quietly sauntered up to a new, inexperienced clerk with, at least to him, a puzzling request. The young boy, doing as instructed by Bert, called to the back of the store to the more experienced Bill, who was waiting on two nuns: "Bill, where are the Trojans." In mid-century in a small town, indiscretions like this could be a serious matter, but Bert handled it with aplomb. Whether he knew Ralph Waldo Emerson's quote or not he often advised something similar: "finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could; blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can…tomorrow."

Larry and Bill stayed with the drug store off and on, even after graduation, and even helped move the inventory across and down the street in 1969. In 1979 it became the Mount Horeb Pharmacy operated by Tim Geiger, then Dave and Karen Roby, and currently by Matt McGowan and Jen Welland as the Family Pharmacy, still a proud and important independent community drug store, providing the same personalized service as Bert.

Ironically, Bert died of diabetes at age 60, the same age that his father passed, in the local Ingleside Nursing Home. Though he died young, he certainly left his mark on the community and his employees. Bill remembers a heartfelt complimentary letter from Bert in his senior year that brought him to tears. And later that year Bert offered him a car. Though changed his mind because, "college tuition was a more proper gift." Here was one generous fellow, compounding drugs and delivering them when needed to rural clients at night, without much fanfare. For many years, Bert was the only pharmacist in the area. A stalwart in the village, hiring, mentoring and tolerating teens, assisting those in need, quietly and confidentially advising customers. This is simply what you did. He and the later pharmacists was, as Van Morrison wrote years later: angels of the first degree.

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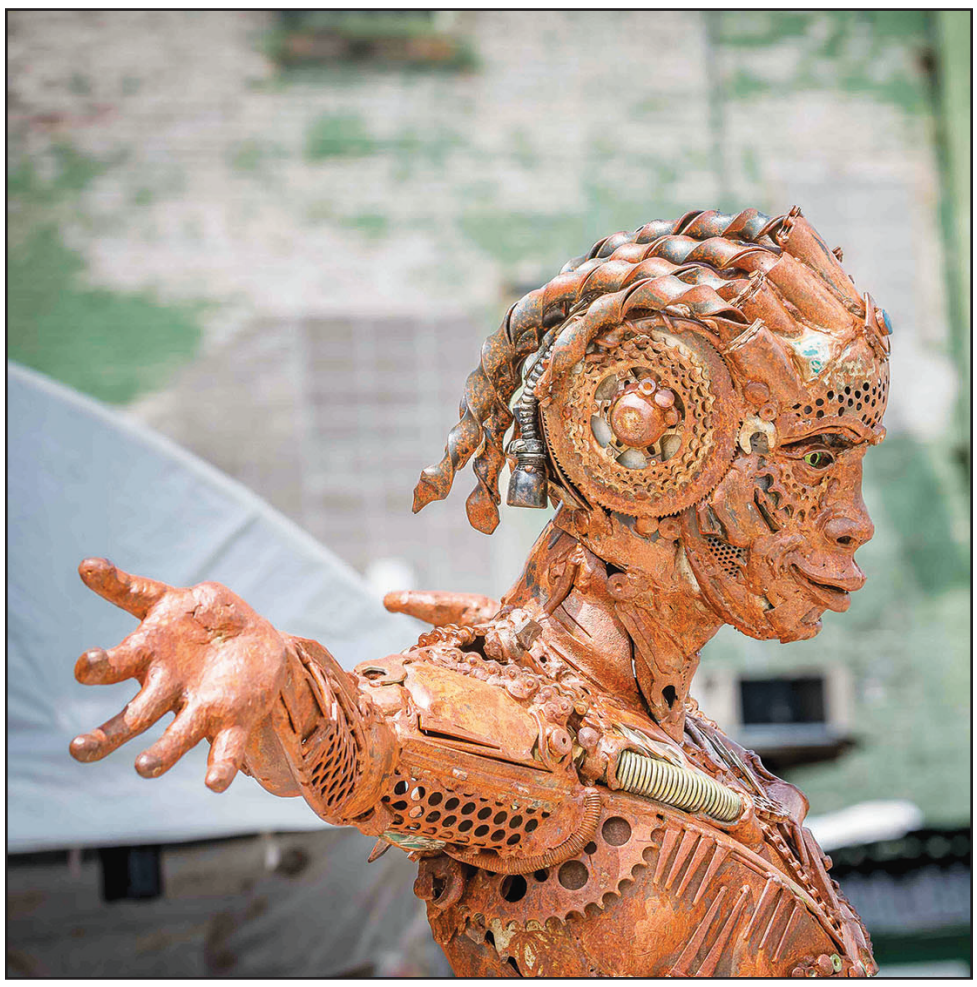
Big crowds show up for Art Fair



Mount Horeb Boy Scout Troop 62's food tent.



Rainy weather cleared up by the end of Saturday morning.



Unique metal art from Center Ground Studios.



Linsday Feuling entertaining attendees.



The Art Fair took place Saturday and Sunday, drawing big crowds both days.



The event featured a vast array of art, from sculpture and jewelry to photography and paintings. Photos by Casey McCoy.

Become A Community Scientist By Recording Game Bird Observations This Summer

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that state residents can become community scientists by participating in the Game Bird Survey, open now through the end of August.

These surveys are designed to measure the reproductive status of game birds, an indicator of the productivity of Wisconsin's game bird populations. The data from these surveys, along with harvest information, provide DNR scientists with the key elements needed to make informed management decisions for these species.

"Wherever you are in Wisconsin, you can help the DNR manage wildlife by collecting data in your area," said Paul Frater, DNR surveys coordinator. "Sightings can easily be submitted through our Survey123 app, and every submission helps us understand how game birds are doing throughout the state."

Participation in the Game Bird Survey requires no registration, and observations can be recorded using a mobile device. If in a vehicle, participants should only record sightings when their vehicle is stopped and not while driving.

Members of the public can collect information on the types and numbers of game bird broods they observe during the summer months. This information is the basis for monitoring the reproduction of game birds for that breeding year. The deadline to submit observations is Aug. 31, 2025.

Please do not use the app while operating a vehicle.

More information and a link to download the survey is available on the DNR's Game Bird Survey webpage.

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(3) Don't let them censor us. We can't do science if we can't follow the evidence and say clearly what we have found. Talk to your family about it – we all benefit when we know the truth of the matter about the world around us.

(4) Go out and find some goatsbeard for me. I miss it.

Jeannie Coffin-Schmitt, MS
PhD Candidate, Cornell University (that's New York's land grant extension institution)

Library Corner



Circus Cameron: A One-Man Marvel entertained summer library program participants on Tuesday, July 15.

All in a day's work

By Jessica Gretzinger

It's just another hot, humid summer day, but not inside the cool chill of the library. On tap today is *Circus Cameron: A One-Man Marvel*.

While helping set up chairs, I notice Circus Cameron walk in the entryway. Immediately I identify that he looks to be skilled and versed in the art of the unicycle so I ask, "You look like someone who owns a unicycle. Do you?" "Obviously," is his reply. He goes on to state he usually needs a high wall to use it (which I don't understand, but I nod along.) He says, "I tell you what – I'll bring it in just in case." *Great!*

Fast forward to the end of the show and Circus Cameron's line-up was a triumph of incredible feats! He balanced on a tottering board placed on rollers while juggling soap - while being sprayed by a volunteer from the audience with a water gun! His repertoire culminated with a spin on an ELEVATED unicycle (hence the need for a high wall for support).

This summer library program has been off-the-charts with incredible performers and activities all designed to encourage children to read throughout the school break. It's not too late to join! You can still register, get a game sheet, and get started on your reading activities.

The program will run through August 7th! All participants who compete the program will be eligible for a FREE pool party at the Aquatic Center on Friday, August 8th.

Stop by or call the library at 608-437-5021 for more information.

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Public Health Alert

Overdose risk rises in Dane County

On July 15, Public Health Madison & Dane County issued a public health alert due to an increase, or spike, in drug overdoses in our community.

This alert is based on data from hospitals and EMS providers. Within 24 hours, July 13 to July 14, there were five confirmed overdose response calls from EMS. This is more overdose activity than we usually see in our community.

Currently, it is unknown what is driving this spike. It is possible that the make-up of street drugs in our community changed and could include a different mixture of opiates, fentanyl, or other synthetic drugs.

"Drug use during the summer months can also increase the risk of heat-related illnesses, like heat stroke and dehydration. This is because certain types of drugs raise core body temperature and interfere with the body's ability to regulate temperature," said Public Health Supervisor Julia Olson.

First responders, healthcare providers, and people who use drugs and their families should be aware of the increased risk of overdose in our community. Sign up to get email or text alerts about overdose spikes on Public Health's webpage.

If you use drugs or know someone who does:

Know the signs of an overdose:

Pale, sweaty or clammy skin

Lips/fingertips turn blue

Slow or irregular breathing: gasping, gurgling, or snoring

Difficult or unable to wake

Always call 911 if you think someone is overdosing

Don't use street drugs alone; call Never Use Alone at 800-484-3731

Check in with your friends/family who use drugs

Test all drugs for fentanyl before using

Carry Narcan® (naloxone) and be prepared to use multiple doses when needed

Get safer use supplies, like fentanyl test strips and Narcan®, from the Syringe Services Program at Public Health Madison & Dane County: 2705 E. Washington Ave. or 2300 S. Park St. in Madison

Contact the Behavioral Health Resource Center of Dane County for treatment and recovery resources: (608) 267-2244.

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years creating and selling skincare products, but along the way he found an array of other creative outlets. Pottery, embroidery, quilting, art and more: he has signed up for an entire constellation of classes over the past several years, challenging himself to try new things, to fail, and also to discover and hone new skills.

"The goal of Neon Art Hive is to be a community arts and crafts space for adults and kids," he said. "The idea is to have a space where people can build their creative confidence, which is very broad."

"I think it helps in more than creative artistic journeys," he said. "I think it helps in life, too."

For Gobeli, the seed of the idea goes back to the COVID pandemic, when Gobeli, like millions of others, set down his phone and sought out something better for his head and his heart.

"I was just tired of social media constantly eating at me," he said. "I cut that out, and then had no idea what to do with my time."

But taking up painting, or knitting, or any of numerous other pursuits, can be difficult. First, he tried learning purely online. Then, he set out to learn with – and from – others. There were people who were experts and people who were terrified. There were people thriving and people struggling. And they were all in it together. That was when everything opened up. That is where he found his place. Embracing both the journey and the destination. Part of that was accepting that learning something new will be a process.

Rather than the carefully curated and relentlessly monetized DIY content online, this was real life, and it was both messy and refreshing.

But taking the first step wasn't easy. Gobeli had to work hard to summon the courage to venture into new creative realms, but he says it was worth it. He founded Neon Art Hive with the aspiration of making a safe and welcoming space where all people can come and get their hands dirty.

"I heard one teacher say, 'Of course you're bad at this. This is your first time doing it! That's why you're here.'"

But he knows, no matter how hard he works to make it welcoming, that it will likely be intimidating for some people. He hopes they will come, anyway, because he wants to see them flourish, grow, and gain creative confidence.

"I respectfully say, Get over it," he says with an affable laugh. "It is very scary the first time. I had a panic attack before walking into my first painting class. I was in my car, hyperventilating, trying to hold it together. But then I went in. Then I went again. Then I couldn't stop going."

He's not trying to give anyone a panic attack, but he does hope Neon Art Hive helps others break down similar walls and open up new parts of their creative lives.

"I just want everyone to have a place to come and explore unbridled creativity and play," he says.



Gobeli founded both Neon Art Hive and Lab Magenta.

Part of playing is setting down social media and getting your hands dirty. Gobeli said he hopes to see people from all walks of life walk through the door and give it a try.

"The idea is giving people a place to go," he said, smiling again. "I mean, it's not like it's a 12-step program for social media or something, but…"

Housed in the same space as Neon Art Hive is Lab Magenta Formulary, a natural skincare company that aims to "empower indie beauty brands." With over a decade of experience in the field, Gobeli brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to every project his team makes.

He said he has witnessed firsthand the evolution of the natural skincare market, from niche trends to mainstream movements, and Lab Magenta Formulary helps companies navigate both the opportunities and the challenges that run in tandem with that.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that agricultural producers and private landowners can now enroll in the Grassland Conservation Reserve Program (Grassland CRP). The sign-up runs from today, July 14, to Aug. 8, 2025. Grassland CRP, offered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), is a voluntary working lands conservation program that enables participants to conserve grasslands while also continuing most grazing and haying practices.

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CRP, USDA's flagship conservation program, celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. For four decades, CRP has provided financial and technical support to agricultural producers and landowners whose accepted acres are placed under contract for 10-15 years and who agree to voluntarily convert the land to beneficial vegetative cover to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and support wildlife habitat. The American Relief Act, 2025, extended provisions for CRP through Sept. 30, 2025.

Currently, more than 25.8 million acres are enrolled in CRP, with nearly 9.7 million acres in Grassland CRP.

For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

'The Blue Mounds Bullet' earns spot in record books





Parker Jones has become a star in the famed Badger Midget Auto Racing Association. Photos contributed.

A local racer is putting his name in the record books and his hometown on the map. Parker Jones, or "The Blue Mounds Bullet" as he's become known, is tearing up the dirt tracks of the upper Midwest with the famed Badger Midget Auto Racing Association.

Jones is the reigning champion and current season point leader in the Badger Midget Series and currently has a six-win race streak going into his next race. The Badger club is historically significant in motorsports due to their 90-year history and who has competed with the group over the years.

The Badger Midget Series is particularly important to Sun Prairie's Angell Park Speedway. From the 1940's until recent years, the Badger Midgets were the only cars to race there. While there are several classes that race each week, Badger is still a staple of the race program.

Jones cut his teeth on one of those other classes as he spent several years in the INEX Legend Car ranks. During this time he won several championships including the 2022 INEX National Semi-Pro Dirt Championship.

In 2023 Jones made the jump to the midget ranks and has done nothing but excel. That season he was the club's Rookie of the Year and scored an improbable win at Thunder Hill Speedway in Menomonie, Wisconsin. In doing so he joined well-known names such as NASCAR star Tony Stewart and Indy 500 drivers Tom Bigelow and Billy Engelhart to take a Badger feature race win.

The 2024 season saw Jones win four features en route to being named Badger Midget Champion. Here he joined the ranks of another NASCAR star Christopher Bell and Indy 500 veteran Stan Fox with championship credentials. He also won the Illinois-based Midget Auto Racing Association title.

While Badger has a strong regional following and world wide respect evidenced by the international drivers who have competed within it, Jones took his program one step further in the winter of 2025 when he raced on the global stage of the Chili Bowl Nationals in Tulsa, OK. The Chili Bowl races in mid-January when the rest of the racing world in the U.S. is idle. All eyes are on Tulsa either through the 10,000-plus fans that are there or the hoards watching on the live-stream. The week culminates with live TV coverage of the last several races to close the week.

During his first night of racing, with a slightly under-powered Badger engine, Jones nearly raced his way into the week's main event. With 390 cars entered, each driver races one night between the Monday and Friday of the week. That first night is basically a typical weekend race back home, but with 70 cars entered, compared to 30 on a normal Badger event and much stiffer competition.

They are all trying to set themselves up for a chance at Championship Night. Jones was in a battle for fourth place during his feature on the preliminary night when contact with another car and a spin basically concluded his night. In the end on Championship Night he finished ninth running the D-Main, putting him in, roughly, the top-20 percent of the drivers for the weekend.

To put a context on the 2025 Chili Bowl, former NASCAR Champion Kyle Larson won it. Also competing were NASCAR's Bell, Kyle Busch, Ty Gibbs and a slew of professional midget and sprint car drivers.

It was a great way to kick off his season and he has used that success to drive toward a record setting year within Badger and turn some heads. It's believed that if Jones can win his next feature race, he will break the consecutive winning streak set by Landy Scott in 1947. Thus far on the season he has won seven of eight Badger events and the last six in a row.

Jones has taken another step in his racing progression as he has been hired to drive other cars. In an age where almost all ranks of racing require you to run your own equipment or pay out of your own pocket to drive another car, it's a nod to his ability that someone would put them in their car without requiring a down-payment.

The 2021 Mount Horeb High School graduate is 22 years old and works in the family business, Jones Excavating Solutions, as a heavy machine operator. He signs into the pits as being from Blue Mounds and that's repeated by the announcers when he takes the track.

Racing is a tradition for the Jones family with his father John Jones originally racing midgets with Badger. The elder Jones then became a midget owner for several years. His younger brother Payton is an accomplished Legend driver. His mother Michelle is there to cheer her sons on. His elite crew that puts in long hours and hard work to keep Parker fast are John, Dewey Dewhurst, Joe Reeson, Colin Reeson, Ryan Blair, Taylor Schmidt and Hoosier.

The Parker Jones Racing team, as it's known, does not fund the operation all on the dime of Jones. He has a lot of local backing for which he is extremely grateful.

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Veteran Profiles

Vaughn Pakkala

I grew up in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania on Dutch lane, attending Thomas Jefferson High School, graduating in 1966. During my early childhood, I engaged in various outdoor activities such as playing baseball in the backyard, searching in the woods behind our house. I explored the Arboretum across the street. My brothers and I with our friends all played baseball in the backyard, where I also learned to play golf. I used to hit golf balls over the trees into the woods and then go find them which, I was very successful in doing! I did a lot of bike riding and swimming during the summer, sledding in the winter.

I did not place my request for college early enough in



1966. While waiting for the winter term my draft notice came! I decided then to find a military branch that had jet mechanics. The Marine Corps offered me a job in aviation, so I enlisted. My parents were very upset with me, because my dad saw what happened to the Marines during WWII.

I survived 13 weeks of boot camp at MCRD San



Diego before Infantry training at MCB Camp Pendleton. After infantry training, I was sent to NAS, Memphis for 10 weeks of tech school in the field of avionics. Upon completion, my first duty station was MCAS New River, NC, where I worked on CH53 "Sea Stallion" Helicopters for one year. I was then off to South Vietnam as an Avionics Electrician, flying missions as a door gunner near the DMZ and south of Hue City assigned to a reactionary platoon to cover the base perimeter.

As Vietnam wound down I was sent to Okinawa with HMH "Heavy Marine Helicopter" 462. From there I was posted to MCAS El Toro, CA where I worked on Station Aircraft and with Search & Rescue. I reenlisted and made my way back to New River assigned to HMT "Training" 204 where I learned skills of a crew chief, in addition to Quality Assurance on Avionics and Mechanical Systems. I was then assigned Recruiting Duty in my hometown of Pittsburgh for three years, which I hated. I reenlisted in 1976 and made my third trek to New River assigned to HMH 461 where I requalified as a Crew Chief. I also worked in the Avionics shop.

Assigned to a brief stint at Sikorsky Aircraft where I learned the installation of the Elastomeric Rotor-Head. I went on to install 21 of this type of rotor-head & crewed each test flight. I was assigned to cruise the Med "Mediterranean Sea" on the USS Guadalcanal, an Amphibious Carrier. Then assigned to the Caribbean to rescue Island personnel after a hurricane disaster. I transferred to HMM 362, then detached to HMM 263 to cruise the Mediterranean on the USS Guadalcanal, again!

Then back to HMH 362 as the Avionics Chief, where I became a "Plank Holder" forming a military helicopter maintenance experience, provided me the opportunity to become a civilian contractor with McDonnell Douglas and The Boeing Company as a Customer Maintenance Engineer.

I retired to Verona in 2012, then moving to Mount Horeb in 2015 with my wife Kathy. I joined American Legion Post 113, VFW Post 9511, and Wis. Vietnam Veterans Chapter IV. I volunteer through the VFW with the Community Flag Program. I served a short stint as a Village Trustee. I also served as Rotary Club President from 2017 to 2018. My hobbies now include golf & riding my Ebike!

Politics

Local activists make 'Good Trouble' to honor Lewis





More than 100 people took part in a "Good Trouble" rally and open mic in Mount Horeb on July 17.

On July 17, the date of John Lewis' death in 2020, more than 100 individuals took part in a "Good Trouble" rally and open mic in Mount Horeb. The action was just one of more than 1,600 similar actions across the United States. Organizers said the events served to honor "a man who embodied a spirit of freedom and equality in the face of oppression."

Those behind the event in Mount Horeb said the event served to not only to highlight his achievements but to point out attacks on progress that America had made in his lifetime. A Good Trouble themed open mic highlighted 15 regional musicians and selected readings of John Lewis quotes by Mt. Horeb citizens.

John Lewis is remembered as one of the most courageous and influential leaders of the American Civil Rights Movement. They said over the course of his life, he dedicated himself to the pursuit of justice, equality, and human dignity, becoming a symbol of hope and perseverance for countless Americans. His journey from the son of Alabama sharecroppers to a United States Congressman is often pointed to as a compelling testament to the power of moral conviction and nonviolent protest.

He said, "Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America" at the 1963 March on Washington. Those words, along with Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech at the same rally, called for rapid change and uncompromising justice. Those words continue to prick at the American conscience.

Prior to that historic march and speech, Lewis had built a reputation of unwavering courage in the face of danger during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. From a young age Lewis experience discrimination. As a teenager, he was inspired by Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott and began to question the legitimacy of racial segregation. He applied to Troy State College (now Troy University) in Alabama but was denied admission because of his race. Instead, Lewis attended the American Baptist Theological Seminary (now American Baptist College) in Nashville, Tennessee, supporting himself through scholarships and working as a janitor.

In 1961, Lewis took part in the first Freedom Ride. The Freedom Riders were a group of black and white activists who rode interstate buses into the Deep South to challenge illegal segregation in public transportation. Lewis's bus was firebombed, and he endured brutal beatings by mobs and police. The violence that the Freedom Riders endured drew national attention to the civil rights struggle and spurred federal intervention.

In 1963, at the age of 23, John Lewis was elected chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), making him one of the movement's youngest leaders. Under his guidance, SNCC became a forceful advocate for direct action and voter registration in the South. Lewis's leadership style emphasized collective decision-making and grassroots empowerment.

One of the most defining moments of Lewis's life occurred in 1965 in Selma, Alabama. He and fellow activist Hosea Williams led over 600 marchers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in a peaceful demonstration for voting rights. The marchers were met by state troopers and local police, who attacked them with clubs and tear gas in a brutal episode that became known as *"Bloody Sunday"*.

Lewis suffered a fractured skull in the attack, but the images of violence broadcast across the nation galvanized public support for the Civil Rights Movement. The Selma march was a turning point, directly leading to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant pieces of civil rights legislation in American history.

Lewis continued his activism and in 1986, was elected to represent Georgia's 5th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives, a position he held for more than three decades. He came to be known as the "conscience of the Congress" for his unwavering moral support and steadfast commitment to justice until his death.

Mount Horeb's Good Trouble rally and open mic was organized by the local Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives, (SWWAP), which formed in 2004.

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Bluffers head to playoffs

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb's Home Talent League team finished the regular season with a bang.

Now, the Bluffers hope to parlay that into a big postseason.

PB/MH defeated Blanchardville, 8-4, in its regular season finale and earned a trip to the playoffs. Now, those two teams will meet again in the first round of the postseason.

The Bluffers, who finished the regular season 5-6, are the No. 7 seed in the Western Section and head to second-seeded Blanchardville (7-3-1) Sunday at 1 p.m. for a quarterfinal game.

The Section semifinals are Aug. 3 and the Section finals are Aug. 10.

The HTL Final Four will then be held Aug. 17, 24 and 31.



Scottie Gordon and the Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb Home Talent League team travels to Blanchardville Sunday for a first round playoff game. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Verona is the No. 1 seed in the Section and hosts eighth-seeded Wiota in a quarterfinal game. Third-seeded Wiota will host sixth-seeded Hollandale and fourth-seeded Shullsburg/Benton hosts fifth-seeded Belleville in the other two quarterfinals.

HTL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 27
Western Section Quarterfinals
8) Wiota (5-6) at 1) Verona (10-1), 1 p.m.
7) Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb (5-6) at 2) Blanchardville (7-3-1), 1 p.m.
6) Hollandale (6-5) at 3) Arena (7-4), 1 p.m.
5) Belleville (6-4-1) at 4) Shullsburg/Benton (7-4), 1 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 3
Western Section Semifinals
• lowest remaining seed at highest remaining seed
• second lowest remaining seed at second highest remaining seed

Sunday, Aug. 10
Western Section Finals
• lower remaining seed at higher remaining seed

HTL Final Four
Week 1 — August 17 - West at East, North at Southeast
Week 2 — August 24 - East at North, Southeast at West
Week 3 — August 31 - East at Southeast, West at North

• **Note A -** in the case of a two-way tie, the title game is held at the site of the team that won the first matchup REGARDLESS of where that was played
• **Note B -** In the case of a three-way tie, the ballclub with the most road wins will get a BYE and the remaining two teams will play a semi-final at the opposite of their first game. If none of the ballclubs have more road wins than the others, then random draw as in the past.

BADGER SMALL CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PREVIEW

MH-B picked to win fifth straight title

Vikings bring back plenty of firepower

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

The Badger-Small is a six-team league that is paired with the East Central, and all Badger-Small teams will play two crossover games against East Central teams that will count in the standings.

2024 Recap

Mount Horeb/Barneveld ran away with the Badger Small Conference title, finishing two games ahead of anyone else, as they outscored league opponents by 215 points.

The next closest was plus-28.

The Vikings advanced to the state quarterfinals, before a heartbreaking loss to Catholic Memorial ended their season. Stoughton

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Brooks Hendrickson and the Mount Horeb-Barneveld football team will take aim at a fifth straight Badger Small Conference title this fall. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

BADGER SMALL CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PREVIEW





Hayden Anderson (left, #8) and Eli Maier (above, #29) will be two key returnees for Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team this fall. Photos courtesy of Holly Stoenner

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was second, followed by Sauk Prairie, with Edgewood also sneaking into the playoffs, though none were able to score a postseason victory.

2025 PREVIEW

Predicted Order of Finish:

1) Mount Horeb/Barneveld
2) Edgewood
3) Stoughton
4) Portage
5) Sauk Prairie
6) Lakeside Lutheran

Players to Watch

Hayden Anderson, TE, Mount Horeb/Barneveld: Anderson is the third-ranked tight end in the WSN Senior Player Rankings, coming off an Honorable Mention All-Conference season with 30 catches.

Gannon Bagstad, QB, Edgewood: Bagstad threw for 1,178 yards with nine touchdowns last year and is looking to build off that for a big senior season.

Jake Buckles, OL/DL, Sauk Prairie: Buckles was a first-team all-conference choice as both an offensive and defensive lineman for the Eagles last season.

Logan Hedstrom, RB, Stoughton: Hedstrom was a second-team all-conference choice, rushing for 792 yards and seven touchdowns last season.

Brooks Hendrickson, QB, Mount Horeb/Barneveld: Hendrickson threw for 2,249 yards and 26 touchdowns last season and was named first-team all-conference.

Max Nelson, OL, Stoughton: Nelson has given a commitment to Northern Illinois as the last Nelson brother to go through the Stoughton program.

Jackson Stein, OL, Lakeside Lutheran: Stein is a three-year starting offensive lineman for Lakeside Lutheran and has given a commitment to North Dakota.

Jack Wilson, LB, Mount Horeb/Barneveld: Wilson has committed to North Dakota State and recorded 102 tackles with 18 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks a year ago.

2025 Team Previews

1) Mount Horeb/Barneveld

The Vikings were less than two minutes away from the second state semifinals trip in school history until a wild ending resulted in a heartbreaking 17-14 loss to Catholic Memorial. It ended an incredible season that saw the Vikings go 11-1, win the Badger-Small Conference title, and advance to the round of eight.

Head coach Bret St. Arnauld has a team that should be among the state's elite in Division 3, with 35 returning letterwinners that include six starters back on offense and seven on defense.

"We return five of our front six on defense from a group that produced a lot last season," said St. Arnauld. "We will be expecting a lot from them this year. Our secondary returns two starters so that will be the one area that will need to show growth this offseason.

"Our offense has to replace the likes of Chris Kiel and Owen Preimesberger, but we return our first team all-conference and D1 recruit quarterback Brooks Hendrickson along with three starting offensive linemen, and a big time tight end in Hayden Anderson. We have depth at the receiver position from a group that rotated and got a lot of reps last season.

"We have a lot of young talent coming up in the sophomore class who have a shot at making some big moves into the starting lineup this season."

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Jack Wilson and Harrison Walker are dynamic, game-wrecking types of defenders for the Vikings.

2) Madison Edgewood

The Crusaders were 4-6 last season, dropping the final four games of the year, but played tough down the stretch, including a narrow 14-10 loss to Aquinas in the opening playoff game. The Crusaders are in line for an improved 2025 season behind a very experienced group returning for head coach Jesse Norris.

"Lots of experience and talent on offense with great size and strength," Norris said. "We're looking to build off last year, only losing two offensive linemen and returning all skill positions on offense.

"Defense will need to have a few athletes step into some big roles, but we will still be a very stingy and physical defense."

The Crusaders welcome back nine starters on offense, including quarterback Gannon Bagstad, while eight starters return on defense. Edgewood is eagerly anticipating the return to health of seniors Aydon and Ashton Fickell — sons of University of Wisconsin football coach Luke Fickell — who each suffered season-ending knee injuries in 2024 and are working back to 100%.

3) Stoughton

The Vikings struggled against the better teams on their schedule, finishing 7-3 overall but getting shutout by Mount Horeb/Barneveld and Sauk Prairie in league play.

Stoughton then fell to Waterford in a Level 1 home game.

"The offensive line will be anchored by returning starters Max Nelson and Reign Altenburg," said head coach Jason Becker. "Logan Hedstrom and Gatlin Empey will once again split carries in the backfield and Parker Sellnow and Reid Blackburn return as the main receiving threats, but we will need to replace Griffin Rousseau, Drew Viney, and Jay Johnson."

In addition to five starters back on offense, there are five returning on defense as well.

4) Portage

The Warriors were impressive in their first two games, posting dominating victories over Wisconsin Dells and Adams-Friendship. Portage struggled in the conference season, however, dropping four straight and finishing 4-5 overall.

Head coach Chris Rice has a group that could challenge for a playoff spot, especially with the new postseason qualification guidelines this year that incorporate non-conference games.



Bret St. Arnauld has led the Mount Horeb-Barneveld football team to four straight Badger Small Conference titles. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

"We have a solid core of returning talent, particularly in the backfield and on the offensive line," Rice said. "The speed in the backfield combined with an experienced offensive line and two returning tight ends will help our offense.

"We have two quarterbacks who gained valuable varsity experience last season who should push each other for the starting job. However, the lack of depth is a major factor that could be an issue for us. The experience gained by the returning players should provide leadership and stability, but our success will likely hinge on our ability to avoid significant injuries."

Oskar Johnson, Brody Kayartz, Tristan Brunt, Ryker Rockhill, and Austin Fries are all experienced skill players on an offense that returns six starters. There are six starters returning on the defensive side of the ball as well.

5) Sauk Prairie

The Eagles had quite the up-and-down season.

Sauk Prairie finished 5-5 overall with the five victories coming by an average of 29 points, while the five defeats came by an average of 22 points.

The Eagles lost most of last year's offensive production, including standout quarterback Landon Schultz, top rusher Lawson Maier, and leading receivers Boden Frosch and Kade Kinney.

The Eagles have a couple standout defenders coming back, including first-team all-conference picks Bryan Breunig and Jake Buckles.

6) Lakeside Lutheran

The Warriors moved into the Badger Small last year and it did not go well, with the Warriors finishing just 1-8 overall and 0-7 in the league standings.

After Paul Bauer spent more than 20 years with the Warriors before retiring after 2023, the team will have its third coach in as many seasons, with Dennis Leckwee replacing Matthew Doering, who served just one year.

"This senior class is full of guys who have been playing for our program for four years," said Leckwee, who likes the leadership the group brings to the table.

Jackson Stein is not only a three-year starter on the offensive line, but a North Dakota commit.

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Village of Mount Horeb TID 6 is generally located in the area of the former Karakahl Inn and the vacant lot directly west across Perimeter Rd., located within the village's limits.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Blue Mounds Village Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village of Blue Mounds Hall, located at 11011 Brigham Avenue, Blue Mounds, WI 53517. The purpose of the hearing is to review the recommended zoning change to: 4.46 acres on parcel 0606-064-8050-4 located at 3131 CTH F, Blue Mounds, WI from R-1 to A-1.

The zoning request involves a lot currently zoned **R-1 Residential District- Single Family to A-1 Agricultural District**. Detailed documents are available in the Clerk's Office.

Mary Jo Michek
Village of Blue Mounds
Clerk/Treasurer

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