

Nana Schowalter, a member of the Mount Horeb Area Arts Association, was selected for Art on the Rooftop

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

Local sculptor Nana Schowalter recently had her work selected for “Art on the Rooftop,” a free exhibit of public sculpture in the William T. Evjue Rooftop Gardens at Monona Terrace. The sculpture, “Pagoda,” was inspired by the spirit houses of Thailand and elaborate pagodas of Asia.

The exhibit began as an outdoor pilot project in 2014 to help showcase the rooftop as another “must see” Madison destination. It has since become an annual program with artwork changing each year, and being selected is a significant honor.

“I saw the call for artists for the ‘Art on the Rooftop’ and on a whim decided to apply. This is a national competition, juried by the Madison Arts Commission,” said Schowalter. “Four artists pieces are chosen for the rooftop exhibit May-November 2025, and one piece for the MLK entrance to Monona Terrace. I had several larger scale pieces

available for submission.”

“One never assumes their work will be chosen, but on the slim chance it was, delivery and installation is only an hour away so I applied,” she explained. “It’s an honor to be included in this exhibit at such a beautiful location overlooking the Wisconsin state capitol building and Lake Monona.”

Schowalter pointed out that interestingly, “Frank Lloyd Wright’s design process was greatly inspired by the art of Japan, so ‘Pagoda’ is in good company.”

Schowalter’s art features metal spirals, circles, scrolls, water symbols, and botanical references, and the pieces “record a continuing relationship with technical skill and design.” Inspired by nature and the images of ancient cultures from around the world, each new series is inspired by previous works, over decades of design evolution, she said.

Working out of her rural workshop, Schowalter specializes in hot forged and fabricated steel sculpture.

Mild steel arrives on a semitruck in 20-foot lengths of square, round, flat, pipe and square tubing. “This is my three dimensional palette,” she said. “To cut, mix, heat, hammer, bend, shape, weld, grind, sandblast, and paint objects ranging from functional to sculptural.”

“Working from the initial mental image of the piece and a quick sketch, the design process happens live on a layout table using finished dimensions as a sizing framework,” the artist explained. “The pieces are composed with steel elements and an intuitive eye for composition to complete the idea. Working in small editions of three to five pieces of the same design, efficient repetitious production of design elements allow for a collection of work to be finished in a variety of color choices.”

Schowalter said she inspired by a vast constellation of things, from the natural world to the generations of artists that came before her.

“I am inspired by images of ancient cultures before development of written language,” she mused. “I had an excellent art professor in college who taught a vibrant group of students to trust our creative processes and learn the techniques to build our sculptures. There have been many blacksmiths, men and women, who have been generous with their time and skills who have taught technique and inspired my work. To anyone interested in learning basis forging skills, I offer ‘Blacksmithing for Beginners’ classes at my blacksmith shop, by appointment.”

Schowalter lives 10 miles west of New Glarus and has worked the original Postville Blacksmith Shop for more than 30 years. When asked what initially brought her to the area, she answers: “College and love.”

“I earned my Bachelor’s and Master of Fine Art degrees in Madison,” she said. “While there, I met my soul



Sculptor Nana Schowalter at work in her studio. Find out more at nanaschowalter.com. Photo by Matt Geiger.

mate of 40 years. He lived here, so I stayed here. The driftless area of Wisconsin is an enchanting, beautiful, seasonally exciting area that offers natural inspiration and a continually restorative environment. I love it here.”

Schowalter’s current work includes two collections entitled “Magic Objects” and “Garden Spirits.”

“The inspiration for these pieces comes from contemplation and research about symbols and objects of ancient cultures,” she said. “I am most interested in the images left to us before the development of written lan-

guage, for these symbols carry us back to the earliest desire to communicate through form. The ancients did not by definition make art, but rather made objects that symbolized their connection to each other and their world. I am intrigued by the power of those objects that served as functional and sacred reliquary for ritual and celebration. Today, I find it important to have inspirational objects that give us pause and a sense of joyful wonder.”

Schowalter believes that the technique of hot forging never gets old because it “continuously presents

new problem solving challenges.”

“To envision a shape and figure out how to make the metal move to achieve that shape is exciting and satisfying. I started with machine shop and welding classes for basic fabricating skills,” she said. “When first learning about blacksmithing, I watched and worked with my husband, Bob Bergman. Forging was taught by watching other smiths demonstrate their skills and processes, and then practicing back at your shop. Like most things in life, practice and repetition are the best teachers.”



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By **Barb Johnson**
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Aug. 5, 1885

The largest freight of the season rolled through eastward last Friday, with 41 boxcars in one train.

Where friends once loving, now refuse to speak, the world in sadness stops and weeps.

At this writing J.P. Moe is re-painting the post-office boxes and otherwise improving their good looks.

Mrs. W. W. Curtis is visiting friends at Reedsburg for a couple of weeks, and Walt looks lost.

A young lady registered at the Mt. Horeb House Sunday eve, and intends to become a regular boarder at the usual rates.

Ole Sundom residing at East Mt. Horeb has been troubled of late by some sneak who persists in stealing the milk from his cows. He has an idea who the parties are and will make it warm for them if caught in the act.

130 Years Ago- Aug. 8, 1895

The Mount Horeb Building and Manufacturing Co. builds the new residence for Mrs. Oberg.

Thompson's wild cherry phosphate for sale at Paskey's restaurant. The most delicious beverage known. A 25¢ bottle makes 16 quarts. A trial glass given free. When once used you cannot keep house without it. Procure a bottle at once.

Gunhild Maria Maanem died last Sunday, at the age of fourteen and a half years. Like her father and brother who have died within the last fourteen months, she was a victim for the grim consumption. It is a trying time for Mrs. Manum, this time it was her only daughter who was snatched away.

This evening Lars H. Fykerud will give his last concert at this place before his return to his mother country, Norway. He wishes to announce that after the concert he wishes to speak a few parting words to his many friends among his countrymen here.

120 Years Ago- Aug. 3, 1905

John Stuckey is back to Daleyville and is again connected up on the Mt. Horeb telephone line,

No. 74, his ring being two short and one long.

After a sickness covering a period of several months and the infirmities of old age, Onon B. Dahle passed away at this home here Monday morning, retaining a wonderful clearness of mind up to the last moments. The death of his wife last February left him in a melancholy condition. The loss of his devoted wife was to him a shock he was unable to withstand.

In 1850 he went to California to try his luck in the gold fields and was successful, returning to Wisconsin in 1853, having endured untold hardship and suffering. He enjoyed the reputation of

being an upright man, his word as good as his note. He accumulated a larger fortune by economy and good business judgment.

F.N. Knorr has traded his butcher shop at this place to Sam Martin for the Mounds, containing over 460 acres. The transfer of property will take place Dec. 1st.

Tore Fosshage left Monday for Oshkosh to attend an undertakers' convention and submit himself to the examination to obtain the embalmer's license required by the new law passed by the last legislature.

110 years Ago- Aug. 6, 1915

There is a movement on foot to have all shade trees removed that are outside of the sidewalks on the street where the ornamental lights are to be placed.

Mrs. H. Haakenis and Mrs. H.H. Stugard were in Madison last Saturday to visit their brother,

Henry Rue who is at the Mendota hospital. They found him well but noticed a change in his appearance and manners, he was quite meek and admitted that he did not appreciate his liberty and the privileges he enjoyed before being committed to the institution, he was exceedingly glad to see his sisters and broke down in tears several times during their visit, which was something unusual with Henry.

Philip Quigley of Riley is quite poorly, he refuses to take medicine.

People living near Pine Bluff report that they lost Saturday nights sleep hearing autos and buggies going to and from saloons, appar-

ently from Springdale and Blue Mounds laying in a supply of wet groceries.

A stray pig was washed into Happy Hollow by Sunday night's flood and it made itself at home and breakfasted with the D. F. Kelliher's pigs. Owner may have this animal by calling at the Dan Kelliher's and proving property.

Ella Laning and her sister Geneva were out attending to the selling of their lot and house here on Tuesday. The lot, 50-ft. front was sold to Peter Heuser for \$525 without building.

100 Years Ago- Aug. 4, 1925

They were shut out, out in the cruel, cold world. This was the fate of the Alley Rats when they played the Sluggers last Tuesday evening, in what has been conceded to be the fastest game of the season. The best part of it is that the Rats were loaded for bear, with all the young college, high school, and village stars available. But their hopes were shattered in the very first inning.

The members of the kitchen ball teams are so proud of themselves that they have had our local artist Tom Brown draw their portraits. As it would be too much work to do each player separately the work has been done in four groups and they are on display in local businesses.

We have been informed by Mr. Greenwaldt of the West End Transportation Co. Inc., that they have sold their busses and business to the Mohawk Line of Minneapolis. The Mohawk company is a large concern

operating many buses in several states.

Ladies! Next week Miss Betty Fierce of Boston will be here to give Facial Massages, and advice on the care of skin, hair scalp, neck, arms and hands. By appointment only at Robertshaws Drug Store, the Rex-all Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jacobson of this city are enjoying a three or four months business trip through North Dakota, where Mr. Jacobson has business for the Avery Co.

The Elvers Cheese factory in Vermont which is being erected to replace the one which recently burned down will soon be ready for operation.

90 Years Ago- Aug. 8, 1935

Nortie Espeseth, assistant janitor at the local schools, was injured Wednesday morning when cranking the power mower at the school. He was taken to a Madison hospital by Dr. A.S. Thompson and X-rays showed that the cheekbone had been fractured when the crank slipped and hit him in the face.

The Strand Theatre has been leased to Mr. Miller of Milwaukee, who will reopen the place as soon as his equipment is brought here.

H.C. Reinke of Dodgeville has rented a store-room in the National Hotel building where he will operate a harness shop.

60 Years Ago- Aug. 5, 1965

Norway Basin has been changed to Tyrol Basin, it was announced by Sanford Stevenson, the ski area's owner and operator. The name Tyrol was taken from an area, which is part of the Austrian Alps, famous ski country and site of the recent winter Olympics.

On Saturday, July 31 at 4:00 pm, Miss Helen Mueller, Appleton, became the bride of Willis H. Martinson, Mount Horeb.

Edmond Birrenkott, 57, died Friday, July 30, 1965 in a Madison Hospital from burns received in a car-truck collision Monday, July 26 near Wisconsin Heights on Hwy. 14.

50 Years Ago- Aug. 7, 1975

All of the stolen drugs and goods from Bert's Drug Store have been recovered and returned to owner Bert Hrubesky.

The Gonstead airstrip, located on the south end of town by the C.S. Gonstead residence, was the scene of the plane crash last Friday, Aug. 1 at about noon when Carol Wagner of Minneapolis, Minn. lost control of her small engine craft after attempting to land on the airstrip. She was treated for minor cuts and abrasions and released from a Madison hospital.

40 Years Ago- Aug. 8, 1985

Dr. Ellen Meister, Director of Instruction for the DeForest School District has been chosen to replace Richard Peterson as Mount Horeb's School District Administrator.

Julie M. Herger was among the candidates competing for the title of Miss Teen of Wisconsin.

20 Years Ago- Aug. 11, 2005

Donald H. Olday, 81, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005 at Meriter Park Hospital, Madison.

Dave Becker and Don Bender were awarded 25-year membership pins at the Mount Horeb Rotary Club weekly meeting.

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Gov. Evers won't seek another term

Governor Tony Evers recently announced he will not seek another term. Evers has been Wisconsin's governor since unseating Scott Walker in 2018. He was previously the state's superintendent of public instruction.

While a vast field of Republicans and Democrats get ready to jostle for the state's top seat, some local elected officials issued statements about Evers' tenure.

"I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Governor Tony Evers for his decades of dedicated service to the people of Wisconsin," said Dane County Executive Melissa Agard.

"For six years as Governor and ten years before that as our State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Evers has led with integrity, compassion, and an unshakable commitment to doing what is best for kids, families, communities, and our local governments. His leadership has strengthened our schools, protected access to reproductive and health care, supported working families, and helped guide our state through some of the most challenging moments in recent history."

"I respect Governor Evers for the honesty he has brought to public service

throughout his career. I have no doubt he will continue to contribute his experience and voice to the values and priorities we share here in Wisconsin," she added. "On behalf of Dane County, I thank Governor Evers and First Lady Kathy Evers for their service, their kindness, and their partnership. I wish them all the best in the next chapter."

"I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Tony Evers for his decades of public service to the State of Wisconsin, both as an educator and elected official. Throughout his tenure as Governor, Evers has

led with dignity, perseverance, and integrity – values that resonate strongly in Dane County," added Dane County Board Chair Patrick Miles. "Despite facing continuous uphill battles in the State Legislature, Evers has always worked to find solutions that improve the lives of all Wisconsinites. The State of Wisconsin is strong and continues to progress thanks to Evers' steadfast and thoughtful leadership. I wish Governor Evers and his wife, Kathy, all the best as they embark on this next chapter of their lives."

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin also weighed in.

"Wisconsin is lucky to have had Tony Evers leading our state," said Baldwin. "He has always put Wisconsin – and Wisconsin's children – first, and we will continue to see those benefits for generations to come. The Governor's commitment to every kid's education, our teachers, and public schools will undoubtedly shape our future for the better and be a cornerstone of his legacy. His steady hand led us through a once-in-a-generation pandemic, and Wisconsin came out the other side with a strong economy, record low unemployment, and a strong sense

of community that bonds us all."

"Tony embodies the best of the Wisconsin way – he knows what is right and is willing to fight for it, but is level-headed, Midwestern nice, and always willing to bridge divides if it's right for our state. The Governor faced tough headwinds to progress, but it never stopped him. I am grateful to call Tony a friend and am 'jazzed as hell' to see what comes next for him and Kathy. Thank you for all you have done for Wisconsin, Tony," Baldwin said.

DHS Reports First Case of Measles in Wisconsin This Year

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and Oconto County Public Health have confirmed nine cases of measles in Oconto County. One case was confirmed through testing at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, with eight additional cases confirmed based on exposure and symptoms. All of the cases were exposed to a common source during out-of-state travel. No additional information will be released due to privacy laws. DHS, in coordination with the Oconto County Public Health, is working to identify and notify people who may have been exposed to the measles virus. At this time no public points of exposure have been identified and the risk to the community remains low.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that can be spread from person to person through the air and can stay in the air for two hours after a sick person coughs or sneezes. It is so contagious that if one person gets it, up to 90 percent of the people around them may also become infected if they are not vaccinated.

Symptoms of measles typically appear approximately 10 to 21 days after exposure, and include:

- Runny nose*
- High fever (may be greater than 104°F)*
- Tiredness*
- Cough*
- Red, watery eyes, or conjunctivitis ("pink eye")*
- A red rash with raised bumps that starts at the hairline and*

moves to the arms and legs three to five days after symptoms begin

Measles can cause serious health complications, including pneumonia, brain damage, and deafness, and can sometimes be deadly. One in four people who get measles in the United States will be hospitalized.

Anyone who develops symptoms of measles should stay home (not go to work, school, shopping, or use public transportation) and call their doctor's office or clinic before visiting so they can take precautions to ensure other patients are not exposed to the virus.

Measles can be prevented with the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (MMR). Two doses of the measles vaccine are 97% effective

at preventing the disease. In general, people born before 1957 are considered immune and do not need a vaccine. All other adults without laboratory evidence of immunity should have at least one dose of measles-containing vaccine, and children should have two doses. Find more information about who should get a measles vaccine on the DHS measles webpage.

Parents and caregivers can check the Wisconsin Immunization Registry or contact their health care provider or local health department to see if they or their child has been vaccinated to protect against measles.

Anyone who is not vaccinated against measles can still get vaccinated. Regular health care provid-

ers, local clinics and pharmacies, or local health departments can help determine what vaccines are needed. Get free, confidential assistance finding a doctor or clinic by dialing 211. Anyone who is pregnant, has children under the age of 12 months, or is otherwise not able to receive the MMR vaccine can contact their doctor or community clinic for guidance. See the DHS measles webpage for more information on measles vaccines. Oconto County residents may contact Oconto County Public Health at 920-834-7000.

This is an ongoing investigation. Any updates will be posted to the DHS Outbreaks and Investigations page on their website.

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Wisconsin School Districts’ Use of Federal Pandemic Relief Funds

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Wisconsin school districts received about \$2.3 billion in one-time federal relief funds to address the effects of the pandemic and boost student recovery. Early spending focused on educational technology to help students and schools adapt to virtual learning, while later spending focused on catching students up academically following setbacks from the pandemic and long-term school closures.

Despite these efforts, Wisconsin students have yet to fully catch up from the effects of the pandemic, a recent Wisconsin Policy Forum report found. Using data from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the Wisconsin Policy Forum analyzed spending claims by districts to offer a statewide look at how they used federal relief aid.

Through successive federal laws, districts received \$46.6 million in Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER I) funds, \$158.5 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER I) funds, \$685.4 million in ESSER II funds, and \$1.43 billion in ESSER III funds.

ESSER funds were distributed through the same formula used for federal Title I aid, which delivers greater aid to districts serving more students from low-income households. GEER I funds were distributed to districts that were most impacted by COVID-19, based on the percentage of students in need of academic support and their ability to access learning.

The average school district in Wisconsin received \$2,841 per pupil across all ESSER and GEER I funds, and the median amount was \$1,784 per pupil. Congress allowed the funds to be used for a wide array of expenditures. However, in the final installment of ESSER funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), districts were required to use at least 20% of the aid to address the decline in student academic achievement.

The spending categories Wisconsin used include addressing long-term school closure; preparedness and response to COVID-19; educational technology; mental health services and supports; addressing afterschool and summer learning; outreach and service delivery to special populations; and other.

Over time, the spending shifted from prioritizing educational technology and adjusting to virtual learning to prioritizing school reopening, and then to addressing long-term school closure. Measures undertaken as part of the latter category included acquiring and distributing virtual learning resources, providing meals, and expanding academic support services. The preparedness and response to COVID-19 category also remained a priority for districts during each round of aid. This category focused on cleaning protocols, physical distancing plans, training employees, purchasing safety supplies, and later also included greater spending on district buildings and capital projects.

Overall, spending patterns across district types remained largely consistent. One exception was that districts in which a majority of the student population are students of color spent the greatest portion of federal relief funds per pupil on preparedness and response to COVID-19, rather than addressing long-term school closure. Given that districts with a majority of students of color faced some of the biggest impacts to learning and associated difficulties such as chronic absenteeism, it’s worth reflecting on whether this spending mix was the highest and best use of a scarce one-time resource.

While federal pandemic relief funds provided temporary support to districts across Wisconsin, their ultimate impact on student recovery and on schools themselves appears mixed. Some districts have seen notable improvements in student outcomes, proving that progress is possible. However, overall statewide test scores, chronic absenteeism, and other key metrics have not returned to pre-pandemic levels.

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The Badger Project

Bill to aid recruiting at small police depts stalls

By ANNIE PULLEY
The Badger Project

With the total number of law enforcement officers in Wisconsin sitting near record lows, the bill aims to ease staffing shortages with grants to help pay for the training of new hires. But it faces an uphill climb.

“The state of recruitment and retention in police agencies is in trouble.”

That’s according to a 2024 report from the International Association of Chiefs of Police. And Wisconsin’s police departments aren’t strangers to the staffing shortage.

The total number of law enforcement officers in Wisconsin has dropped for years and now sits at near

record lows, The Badger Project has found. As chiefs and sheriffs across the state say they struggle to fill positions in an industry less attractive to people than it once was, small departments are especially struggling.

A bipartisan bill working through the state Legislature aims to alleviate some of the problem.

The proposal would allow small police departments to apply for state grants to help put a recruit through the police academy. The grants would extend after graduation and cover the costs associated with the recruit’s department field training. The bill requires the hire to stay with the department for one year.

“The state of recruitment and retention in police agencies is in trouble.”

“There’s such a need for this,” said Rep. Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit), who introduced the Assembly’s version of the bill in mid-July.

Anderson, who also introduced the bill in 2023, explained that getting it passed this session will be an uphill battle because the state budget did not fund it. Divided government and the rush to pass the budget before the federal government passed its own tax and spending bill were factors, Anderson said.

“I know I care about law enforcement. I know they say they do too,” Anderson said of Republicans.

If the bill were passed now, Anderson said, the GOP-controlled Joint Finance Committee would need to release the funding for it. His goal, since that’s not happening, is to open up the conversation and get a public hearing. Anderson hopes Republicans will take it up later in the session.

“While I am disappointed, the advocacy does not end,” said Rep. Bob Donovan, a Republican from Greenfield who worked with Anderson to introduce the bill. “I am still pursuing this bill to show my colleagues, and the public, the need for this legislation.”

While larger departments frequently sponsor a new hire as they go through the

academy and move on to field training, smaller departments often can’t afford to do that, Anderson said. Small departments pull from the few who weren’t sponsored or they may make lateral hires from other departments.

“These struggles are all too real,” wrote Sen. Jesse James, a Republican from Clark County, in an email.

James, a current police officer for the Village of Cadott in Chippewa County, introduced the Senate’s version of the bill in June, weeks before Gov. Tony Evers signed the state budget.

“I think it will be a significant challenge getting the bill funded and signed

into law this session,” James wrote. “I still strongly believe in the importance of this program and will continue to advocate for it as the session continues. If we can’t get it across the finish line this year, I’ll try again next year.”

Both versions of the bill were assigned to committees the same day they were introduced. Neither have progressed since.

“Even if it takes another five terms,” Anderson said, “I will keep hammering home on this. It’s really important.”

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 Caregiver Support Group, 1:00pm, Senior Center Table Massage, 12:noon to 4pm. \$55 for 30 minutes. By Lynn Young, licensed massage therapist. RSVP 608-437-6902, Senior Center.	Clothes Closet open 9:00-10:30am and 3:00-4:30pm.	Student Art Exhibition, Driftless Historium, 10:00am-4:00pm	Student Art Exhibition, 10:00-4:00pm. Driftless Historium	Euchre, Senior Center, 12:30pm
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 Student Artist Exhibition 10:00-4:00pm. (Friday thru Tuesday) thru August 26 at Driftless Historium	SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 STUFF THE BUS! Miller & Sons Supermarket parking lot, Mt. Horeb, next to yellow bus. 10:00am-2:00pm.	MONDAY, AUGUST 11 Student Art Exhibition, Driftless Historium, 10:00am-4:00pm Table Tennis, 10:00am, Senior Center	Tai Chi, 1:00pm, Senior Center	Wednesday Nite Live - Grun-dahl Park featuring The Claudettes, 7pm
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 Mt. Horeb Food Pantry and	Student Art Exhibition, Driftless Historium, 10:00am-4:00pm Mt. Horeb Food Pantry and Clothes Closet open 10:00-11:30am.	Military Ridge Trail meeting 5:30pm Ridgeway Train Depot, Ridgeway, WI.	Ageless Grace, 2:00pm, Senior Center	
		TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 Men’s Story Telling Group, 12:00noon, Senior Center	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 Blood Pressure Check, 10:00-11:00am, Senior Center Fink’s Cafe serving “My Meal My Way” for seniors from 11:00-1:00pm. No RSVP needed. \$5 suggested minimum donation.	

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for the affordable housing option.

And city planner Ben Rohr said he “feels comfortable in relation to what they’re proposing” with the two buildings.

Destinee Udelhoven also expressed parking concerns with this development. She asked where overflow parking would go.

The building would have 89 units and 121 parking

spots.

Udelhoven asked if there was any plan for visitor parking.

“I don’t even know what the plan would be,” Udelhoven said.

Village Ryan Czyzewski said this parking ratio is common for any residential area.

Plan commission member Andrew Kidd suggested asking for 80 units instead. Czyzewski said this was a possibility.

Udelhoven protested, say-

ing it would “completely ruin the project” to try to make changes to what the developer wants.

Udelhoven said the proposal is “just a little bit too dense for me.”

Commissioner Ben Vondra said he didn’t have any concerns with the density, and he feels confident in the developers’ ability to move the project forward.

All commissioners voted in favor of rezoning except for Udelhoven.

School district presentation

The commission also heard a concept presentation from the Mount Horeb School District on an addition and renovation to the primary center.

Bray Architects representative Ryan Sainz told the commission they are still in the design phase with the project.

Sainz told the plan commission the designs involve shifting office space, updating the bus drive, and repur-

posing the first and second floor with more classroom space and designated special education rooms.

Udelhoven said she was “pleased” to see the site updates and that changes won’t significantly impact the height of the building.

Vondra said he was concerned about the pickup and drop off space and the design is an improvement.

Makers market

The commission also heard an update on the Mak-

er’s Market plan, which is renovating the 100 S. First St. building into a multi-use community space.

Tyler Marks told the plan commission he updated the signage and matched the awning details to fit with nearby buildings.

The plan commission had told the Maker’s Market designers in April the original design was not consistent enough with downtown.

Czyzewski said he thinks the new plan will look fine.

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brick, metal and concrete materials. The materials were chosen to match and complement the existing building.

The area which is currently the gym and will be the new cafeteria includes fewer windows on the west side because the structure did not allow them. However, a large window was added on the south side to introduce more daylight.

Some early interior renderings were also presented, with possible accent and acoustic ceiling panels in wave patterns, inspired by the Cave of the Mounds.

Nailing down the name of the school with the addition is not critical for Bray to move forward, but will help inform the design going forward.

New MHASD Website

The district website had a significant refresh, with better disability accessibility

and smart phone viewing. The site was also eight years old and in need of updates, they said.

The overall number of pages was also reduced and content was consolidated.

Usability was improved for internal and external users, with simpler publishing for staff, they said.

Annual budget meeting

Mount Horeb Area School District will hold its Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing, at which it will set

the coming year’s budget and tax rate, at the Mount Horeb Intermediate Center Cafeteria, 200 Hanneman Boulevard, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin 53572, at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, August 11, 2025. All members of the public are invited to attend the meetings.

The 2024-2025 General Operating Budget for the school district was \$36,297,413, an increase of \$12 million over the course of a decade.

The projected revenues

for General Operations in the 2025-2026 budget are \$36,209,233.00. The projected expenditures for General Operations are \$36,409,233.00. Based on state support information provided to public school districts earlier this month, the tax levy next year is projected to be \$22,033,584.00, which projects to a mill (tax) rate of \$8.86 per \$1,000 of equalized value on local homes.

In other words, people would pay \$8.86 in taxes

for every \$1,000 in equalized value that their home is worth.

The General Operations budget is projected to increase by .3 percent over last year. Final calculations will be determined following the annual meeting.

The public is welcome to attend and vote on the resolutions.

Chromebook purchase

The board approved the purchase of 135 Chromebooks for \$54 thousand for 9th graders.

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road will enable bus drop-offs as well as parking stalls. The Cty S entrance will also include parking stalls. Visitors can enjoy walking throughout the park, using steps for stadium entrances to the tiered seating or by various ADA ramps located throughout the park. A stormwater basin will be on the east side of the park and a sledding hill and bike

path connecting to Military Ridge Trail will be located on the west side of the park.

There will be a large shelter holding up to 100 people, including restrooms and a concession stand. A play area will be nestled between the shelter and baseball/softball fields.

Concept A

Included are six fields, two each of baseball/softball, soccer, and football. Both the baseball/softball fields are sized differently as

use will be based on player ages, ranging from Tee-ball to school age kids to adults. Both will include fencing, sports netting, foul poles, adjustable base pins, and scoreboards. A small shelter, including restrooms, will be placed between the two fields. No sports lighting is included in Phase 1 for any field. Tiered cement seating is large enough for spectators to sit on as is or use a blanket or bean chair.

The two soccer fields will be for all aged players, with the smaller one (210’ x 135’) for U12 and the larger one (330’ x 210’) for U16. Both will include a small shelter and restrooms as well as scoreboards.

parking stalls off the Hwy 78 entrance and 55 stalls off the Cty S entrance. Vierowa said permeated pavers cost more, look nicer and are good for the environment.

The cost of Concept B, including the contingency fee, is \$14,300,000 with an additional one million for the architectural drawings and permits.

Phase 2

Phase 2 is the Rec Center proposed a couple of years ago which did not come to fruition. If funding through donations and grants is successful, it would include a natatorium, basketball courts and a community center.

spaces or a community garden? Neither were requested

-Can any of the existing buildings be saved for use? All buildings were studied for future use and the cost to try to salvage them cannot be justified. The Plan will include using wooden beams and other restorable items

-Has potential flooding been addressed as some homes on Manor Drive have experienced water issues. JSD civil engineers reviewed the topography and said there would not be a water issue due to a large retention pond included in the project.

-Will there be any buffers between the park and existing homes? Yes.

-Why can’t there be multi-purpose fields, sharing spaces? Sports share common playing seasons so not possible

-How many kids are in soccer and football groups? Soccer has 300 and football, 120, thus the need for the additional fields

-Will the lighting be environmentally friendly? Yes, although not in Phase 1, it will follow the dark sky standards

-Will there be a dog park? That was rarely asked either during the first community meeting or the online survey. It is on the back burner, yet open for discussion

-An attendee said the adult baseball diamond must be 350’ – 360’ versus the proposed 300’. Vierowa said she will investigate this further

-Won’t the fields be facing the evening sun? No, they are specifically designed not to

What are the next steps?

August - The final Master Plan and Grading Plan will be prepared for staff review

September – the project will be presented to the Village Board at the September 3 meeting for discussion and consideration

How will the park be paid for?

The Village will put out a request for proposal (RFP) for development and sale of the remaining 90 acres of the Lukken property. The Village will also look for grant opportunities as well as donations from businesses, sports clubs, and individuals. The timeline for the Lukken property park will be determined by the results of the RFP, grants, and donations so it is not determinable now.

CHURCH NOTES	
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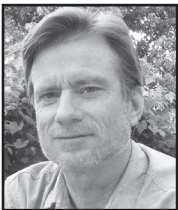
PERSPECTIVE

A Cure for Blindness

By **WILLIAM ROBICHAUD**
A Bird in the Bush

I've had the good fortune to spend quite a few years working, and sometimes living, in the country of Laos, and was recently back for some work (biodiversity conservation in my case). The capital, Vientiane, is one of the smallest, gentlest capital cities among the otherwise general chaos of urban centers in Southeast Asia. It is a river city, stretching along the left bank of one of the great watercourses of the world, the Mekong. And as rivers do, the flow of the Mekong lends an added sense of steadiness and calm to the cluster of humanity along its bank.

Something much valued by Vientiane's residents, and which reflects the gentle pace of the city, is massage by the blind. Small establishments for blind massage (*nuad ta bot* in Lao language) are scattered throughout the city. They are simple and unpretentious affairs, typically housed in spaces of modest rent, with ten or so blind masseurs and masseuses on duty. No fancy massage tables, just mats on the floor, where clients remain clothed during their sessions. *Nuad ta bot* is very much a local thing - I've never seen another westerner at a blind massage, in contrast to more upscale massage salons that



cater in part to the tourist and expat crowd.

Vientiane's citizens are fond of blind massage for two reasons. First, they believe that the masseurs and masseuses, by virtue of their blindness, are more attuned to feeling tension in the body and soothing it out. And second, customers appreciate that their patronage supports the livelihood of fellow Lao with disabilities (and also that doing so might add some Buddhist merit to the client's karmic ledger).

Soon after landing in Vientiane recently, I headed for a blind massage to relieve the knots and knurls after 30 hours of 'planes, buses and automobiles' from Wisconsin. At an establishment in the old part of the city, I drew a young masseur named Nee, a good-looking lad of 20 who, it turned out, is from a village not far from where I have done a lot of my wildlife conservation work in the Annamite Mountains. As he worked out my kinks we struck up a degree of rapport, and I ventured to ask if he has been blind since birth. "No", he replied, "Only since COVID. One morning I was given a Covid shot, and by evening I was blind."

Ugh.

Nee is afflicted with a physical blindness, his optical physiology is insensitive to light, and his path

through life is as a blind masseur. Yet many of us are burdened with other types of blindness: sensitive to light, but blind to other aspects of reality.

The Mekong River offers an example. The river is second only to the Amazon in terms of fish diversity, and in the Mekong swim the two largest freshwater fish in the world, the Mekong Giant Catfish and a giant freshwater ray. Specimens of each have been caught that weighed more than 600 pounds. These and many other Mekong fish migrate long distances up and down the channel, responding to urges to feed or spawn, in rhythms sustained for millions of years by the alternation between rainy season and dry. But a recent trend of slicing up the Mekong and its tributaries with hydropower dams has disrupted these migrations, to the significant detriment of fish life in the river (and thus also to the livelihoods of fisherfolk along the river).

Late one afternoon several years ago I was sitting by the Mekong's bank on the edge of Vientiane with an American friend. Alan is an in-your-face, loud-mouthed, big-hearted, conservation-passionate gadfly and environmental consultant, who has been fired from more than one consulting gig for simply telling the truth. Loveable if you take

him the right way. He was a hippie in one of his earlier lives, which led me to affectionately nickname him the "Kozmik Konsultant".

So Kozmik and I were enjoying bottles of cold Lao beer and solving the problems of the world, as we watched Grandmother Mekong flow beneath the setting sun. There came a pause in the conversation, a rarity with Kozmik. Then he swept his hand out toward the river and said, "You know, as we sit here, animal migrations are going on there as great as anything on the Serengeti. But we don't see them, because they're a few feet below the surface."

This remains one of the most poignantly astute observations I've heard in my decades of nature conservation work in Southeast Asia. Alan's point was that the sort of destruction being heaped on the Mekong from large infrastructure projects would be unacceptable, would not stand, on the Serengeti, because we humans could *see* the impact on the wildebeest, the lions and the other natural treasures of that great plain. But we are insensitive to the losses in the broad, quiet Mekong, and so the loss goes on. Call it another form of river blindness.

If we lose the Mekong Giant Catfish, one of the great creatures of this Earth, it will be a quiet extinction, a

loss without witness. In fact, in this age of biodiversity decline, most extinctions go unnoticed by the species principally responsible for the losses, *Homo sapiens*.

There is nothing young Nee can do to restore his sight, but perhaps we can remedy some of our blindness, our myopia to the beauty and wonder of the world. This is where art and artists come in. The role of an artist is to reveal to the rest of us that which we don't see. Art translates hidden reality into tangible inspiration. Arguably, the two most important works of the 20th Century for inspiring humans to care about wild nature were not published scientific papers, they were works of literature: *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold and *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson (and thus far in this century we have *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer). Granted, these authors brought the learning of science to their works, but it is the eloquence of these books - their art - that gives them power and influence.

Similarly, what more do we need to know about the horrors of the Spanish Civil War beyond Picasso's painting *Guernica*?

I have two degrees in zoology, and so I understand the importance and value of science to generate information. But while science is essential, it is not sufficient. In the end, the best hope for averting humans from killing our planet and thus ourselves, is art.

Unlike for Nee, our blindness may be fatal, and art may be the only cure we have. And so this biologist offers an encouragement and a plea: Keep drawing, keep writing, keep sculpting, keep composing, playing and singing.

Bill ("Bird") Robichaud lives on a farm north of Barneveld, on ancestral Ho-Chunk territory. He doesn't spend much time in grocery stores, and chronicles the experience of living from and with the land at www.birdinthebush.net.

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Special report from the FFA Camping Trip

Clockwise from top left:

Dylan Copus casts a line at sunset.

Zelma Ma-rohn caught a 36 1/2 inch Northern Pike.

Romy Ginther shows off a nice “eater” walleye.

FFA Group at Kakabeka Falls, Ontario



The 2025 Mt. Horeb FFA Canada Fishing Trip was a big success with new, fun memories made. Tons of fish were caught and bragged about - some mentioned here, but honestly there are just as many missed as - I'm not making this up - the fishing is truly that good at Jutten Lake. The students worked hard to get ready and it paid off with a well planned and run excursion. Makayla and I had our hands full prepping the paperwork for the trip and working with our committees. The end of the school year and the State FFA Convention both landed days before we left and had us scrambling in all directions. We were relieved to finally get on the road and enjoy the trip along with the FFA members. Here are excerpts from our journal:

By Pam Allen
FFA Advisor

Saturday - The group gathered in the afternoon to pre-pack as much as we could. The Food Committee went to Miller’s and put our groceries in coolers and the Bait and Ice Committee filled our drinking water tanks. We’re a bit short on trucks and boats this year - so Jesse’s boat is a welcome addition. Trip Co-Chairs Matthew and Logan kept everybody moving. All the trucks were loaded up by early evening and ready to roll!

Sunday - We made one final check of our passports and ID; made a quick stop at George Johnson’s for our annual picture with him (one of our favorite trip traditions is visiting our trip’s founder); and then headed north. I was assigned to Jeremy’s truck along with Jack Z and James. It was fun to catch up on what’s happening outside of school. Jeremy outfitted our trucks with 2-way radios, a nice improvement over the aging CB’s. The trip went super smooth, with only a lost trailer wheel bearing dust cap as a causality. We carry spares, but this one was an unusual size so Bob resourcefully made one out of an aluminum can and

fastened it with a zip tie and it worked fine for the rest of the trip. We had extra time so we stopped at a park near Thunder Bay and viewed Kakabeka Falls. We arrived at Sandbar Provincial Park just after sunset and pitched our pup tents for the night.

Monday - We were up at 5:30 am, ate a quick breakfast and headed to Silver Dollar for fuel. We spied a moose cow and yearling bull alongside the road which was a first for some. Andrew, the owner of the campground and gas station at Silver Dollar, filled us in on the latest local weather reports. Makayla and I had been monitoring the small forest fire near Savant Lake via Ministry of Natural Resources staff and received their assurances of our camp’s safety before departure. Andrew confirmed it was now completely out. We picked up bait at a local shop and then headed on back roads to our camp. Dylan’s got us covered with artificial bait if we run out. We were surprised to see how much the brush was closing in our roads and there was a fair amount of debris cleared by students assigned to our front trucks. I certainly would not recommend this trip for a small group - The effort to get to

the lake is increasing every year.

Camp went up as quickly as it ever could. Moving our tent city to the island is always a pain. We were, however, excited to assemble our new latrine. Now I know the casual reader here will think that statement is ridiculous, but former trip participants will appreciate Callaway and James’ design and craftsmanship (with the help of Layla and a few others the last few weeks). The foldable plywood beauty dubbed the “Party (instead of “Porta”) Potty sports green paint; a real floor covered in vinyl; new seat; an “occupied” indicator; sky light; and SOLAR POWERED FAN WITH BATTERY BACKUP. The thing is amazing.

Some boats went out after eating. Bob, Cayden, Mason, and Jordan had good luck fishing while also marking important obstacles for boats to steer clear of in the lake.

Tuesday - It rained off and on Monday night and throughout the day on Tuesday - which made for good fishing. Last night Grace caught a dandy 23 ½ inch walleye with Tim, Cameron, and Nora. Today Zelma caught a 36 ½ fighter north-

ern in Nick’s (always a sure bet for big northerns) boat, and Otto landed a 24 inch walleye. Most boats caught lots of fish but Duane and I, and our boatmates Clifton and Romy, had a quiet one - picking up a few fish here and there. Even my favorite spot, the stick pile, only yielded a couple small walleye and northern. My hunch, after talking to others, is that we’re fishing too deep. The fish seem to be hanging in the shallows at 7 and 8 feet.

Wednesday - What a beautiful day! You would think the bright sun would diminish fishing action, but it did not. Jeremy and Romy fought a big northern; Orion caught a nice 34 ½ inch northern while out with Mitch and his Grandpa Tom B; Kaden hooked a lunker that got away by swimming under the boat and cutting the line (but was still fun to catch) and I think it was Wednesday when Zelma and Callaway caught 24 ½ and 24 ¼ inch walleyes respectively - That’s a close measure for top fish! Nora caught one in that range too - so none of us are quite sure which was the biggest. Duane and I had lots better luck and picked up some very nice walleye in the twenty plus inch range.

Fishing shallower certainly was the trick.

By afternoon it was downright hot and the group headed to “Moon Beach” for swimming. Back at camp, homemade jorts were the attire of choice with Matthew’s pair, fashioned on his freshman trip, most proudly modeled.

Thursday - Brr. The weather turned cold quickly. The temperature hovered in the 40’s for most of the morning. Anaveja, Lori, and I counted five layers, when including rain gear, to stay warm. It was overcast and the fishing slowed (which doesn’t make a lot of sense) so the group spent a quieter day mixing fishing with card playing at camp. Die-hards Jamie, Micah, and Easton managed to pull in our supper, with Quinn and Jack D landing both nice walleye and northerns.

Friday - The day started out foggy. We woke to a blathering bird Tom S identified as a Marbled Godwit. It poked around our point throughout breakfast before flying away. Other birds we saw on our trip included loons, gulls, eagles, and arctic terns. The fishing picked up again with Tim’s crew including Cameron, Nora, and Logan hitting a hot spot and losing count of nice

sized walleye brought to the boat - weirdly mostly on the same side.

We started tearing down what we could Friday night. It’s always a little hard to leave because this place is so special. Mason S took a video of our tent placement this year. It’s always a puzzle to get them to fit, and we think we will remember how we did it - and we never do - so he’s got it documented for next year.

Saturday - We pulled up camp and headed to Silver Dollar to organize our gear a bit better and eat our peanut butter and jelly sandwich lunches. We hoofed it home, only making quick stops to get fuel and change drivers. We were back at school early Sunday morning.

It was a great trip! FFA members and advisors thank our wonderful chaperones; the FFA Alumni and Supporters; school and district administration; high school and district office staff; our School Board; and community members lending us gear; for helping to make this special trip - unlike any other school excursion on the planet - happen! We’re all looking forward to next year’s trip!

Obituaries

Carol Jean Monum Marty

July 13, 1938 - June 1, 2025



Carol Jean Marty 86, passed away peacefully in Lake Placid, Florida, June 1, 2025. Her brother and grandson were by her side.

Born July 13, 1938, in Madison, Wisconsin, she was the daughter of Harold and Evelyn Monum. Carol grew up on the family farm near Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, and graduated from Mount Horeb High School. She also lived several years in Minocqua before moving to Florida with her husband Leroy in 1997.

In her early career, Carol worked several years at Wisconsin State Department of Revenue in Madison. She later worked for CUNA.

Carol enjoyed gardening, fishing, and playing games—especially cards—and was always ready for a good game of euchre. She and John would compete to see who could catch the biggest fish. Carol usually won. She had an unforgettable laugh that could be heard above all others. She loved dogs and there were always one or two that she cared for as part of her family. Carol was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lake Placid.

She is survived by her brother, John Monum (Linda), Fort Collins, Colorado; their daughters Jill Monum (Graeme) of Austin, Texas; and Lynsey Weimer (Shane) of Loveland, Colorado. She was great aunt to Kate, Nick, and Liv. Carol is also survived by her grandson by a previous marriage, Sean Stolarczyk of Hong Kong. She and Sean developed a very special bond when she helped raise him when he was young. They kept in close touch through the years until her passing.

Carol was preceded in death by both of her parents and her husband, Leroy, whom she cared for as his health declined until he passed in 2023.

Her spirit, caring nature, and that infectious laugh will live on in our hearts. Carol will be missed by all those who knew her.

Duane Eldon “Duke” Miller

June 18, 1936 - July 28, 2025



MOUNT HOREB – Duane Eldon “Duke” Miller, age 89, of Mount Horeb, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 28, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Duke was born on June 18, 1936, in Verona, to Russell and Gladys (Jones) Miller. He grew up in Verona and graduated from Verona High School. Duke married Laura Rothman on February 4, 1956, and they were married for 69 years. They made their home in Mount Horeb, where he built a life rooted in family, farming, and a deep connection to his community.

Duke devoted much of his life to the dairy industry, working as a milk hauler, field man for AMPI, butter maker at Pabst Farms (now Seven Acre Dairy), and at Zander Creamery. He later joined the Mount Horeb School District and other area districts, where he worked as a school bus driver for over 30 years and also served as a janitor—all while keeping up with chores and crops on their Windy View Farm.

A man of quiet strength and enduring passion, Duke found his greatest joy working with his Percheron horses—especially his beloved team: Daisy & Doc.

In retirement, he continued farming with his horses, embracing the traditions he held dear. He also enjoyed attending auctions and had a special appreciation for Limburger cheese.

He and Laura also cherished the friendships formed through their euchre card club, a beloved group that gathered regularly for more than 50 years.

Duke is survived by his devoted wife, Laura; children, Daniel, Donald, Jeanne (Mike) Ayers, Sandy (Randy) Flesher, and Sue (Doug Babler) Maurer; and son-in-law, Duane “Porky” Doescher. He is also survived by his brothers, Jack (Linda) and Paul (Cathy); 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, along with many extended family members and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Joanne Doescher; son-in-law, Scott Maurer; grandchildren, Jon and Kim Ayers; and his brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob (Roberta) Miller and Dave (Ellen) Miller.

Duke will be remembered for his tireless work ethic—passed down through generations—his love of the land, and the meaningful friendships he shared with so many.

A memorial service was held at EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 315 E. Main St., Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 4, 2025, with David Kiel presiding. Visitation was held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth St., Mount Horeb, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 3, 2025, and also at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday. A private family burial will be at East Blue Mounds Cemetery.

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

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Kids Yoga Explore yoga poses like Lion, Tree, and Warrior and along the way build strength, flexibility, coordination, and balance. Classes encourage creativity, self-confidence, and self-awareness through games, stories, and playful practices. This program runs on Mondays from August 4th through August 18th near the Grundahl Park Enclosed Shelter. Ages 4-7 runs from 10:15-10:45 AM and ages 7-9 runs from 4:30-5:15 PM. Cost is \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. The registration deadline is July 28th.

Smiling Trolls Summer Camps strive to foster personal growth for children by providing fun & safe educational & recreational experiences. Each camp will have a unique theme and include crafts, games, snack, story, and free play. Our Big Trolls session (ages 5-7) runs Monday through Thursday from Monday, August 4 to Thursday, August 14 at Grundahl Park Enclosed Shelter. Cost is \$60 for residents and \$70 for non-residents. Registration deadline is July 28th.

Pool News: The Aquatic Center Pool will close for the season on Sunday, August 17th. Until then, we will be open from 1:00-6:00 PM Monday through Thursday and 1:00-7:00 PM Friday through Sunday.

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Toddler & Kids Yoga (August sessions) | 7/28

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Recreational Tree Climbing Session 12 | 8/20

Thanking Rep. Novak for post-partum care bill

To the Editor,

I am writing to thank Rep. Todd Novak for co-sponsoring Assembly Bill 97 and to ask him to actively work with his colleagues to pass the crucial postpartum care bill in the Wisconsin Assembly. This legislation, which would ensure new mothers receive the care needed after welcoming a new baby into the world, is an essential measure for the health and well-being of Wisconsin families.

The period after childbirth is a critical time for both new mothers and their infants. Access to consistent, quality care during this first year is paramount. It allows for the monitoring and treatment of postpartum physical complications, which can be life-threatening and often arise well after childbirth. Furthermore, comprehensive postpartum care is vital

for addressing mental health challenges, such as postpartum depression, ensuring new mothers receive the support they need to care for themselves and their babies effectively.

Wisconsin newborns benefit immensely when their mothers are healthy and supported. A mother’s well-being is directly linked to her ability to provide the nurturing care essential for an infant’s healthy development. By ensuring mothers have access to necessary medical care, we are also investing in the future health of Wisconsin’s children. Supporting this legislation is a direct investment in the health of Wisconsin communities and a testament to our state’s commitment to families.

Rep. Novak, your voice is key to passing this bill. Children and mothers of Wisconsin are counting on you.

Jamie Orloff
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Village Vignettes

Twin tower teachings



Mount Horeb’s water towers provided more than hydration; they offered life lessons, too.

By **LAURENCE KRUCKMAN**
Village Vignettes

Mount Horeb is not located on a mountain, of course, but rather an impressive ridge. If you were to draw a line from west of Blue Mounds to east of Verona, you might note that all streams north of the line, run north. The same goes for those to the south of that line. The elevation of Mount Horeb is 1243’ above sea level and, to the west, Blue Mound is 1276,’ while Mount Vernon to the southeast is 925’ and Spring Green to the northwest is 725.’ One reason for this higher ridgeline, or “ridgeway,” is that parts are capped by the same resistant Niagara dolomite that runs in an arching loop all the way to Buffalo, New York, where the famous falls tumbles over it. Our ridge, once locally called “The Ledge,” has a gentle slope tending north and south, leaving villages like Mount Horeb with nice vistas and frequent winds. One of the more popular local attractions is the east and west

wooden viewing “twin” towers at Blue Mound State Park where these wonderful views truly manifest. One can learn quite a lot about the area geology from the tops of those towers.

The highest, smoothest part of the “ridgeway” was originally used by Native Americans as a major trail. Later, it became the Military Ridge, constructed in the 1830s and eventually used to move troops from Camp Randall in Madison to the Mississippi, for movement to southern battlefields in the Civil War. In 1877, the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company constructed a 60-mile line from Madison to Lancaster which ran through the center of the village.

As mentioned above, the taller structures in the area expand on the viewshed, and water towers were no exception. Mount Horeb’s first water tower was built in 1908, a hundred or so yards north of the ridge, providing its own clandestine viewing location to a few daring local kids. The second

tower, rounded and resistant to any climbing, was erected in 1967, within 20 yards of the old, with an additional 300,000-gallon capacity to meet the growing needs of the village; another set of twin towers, at least temporarily.

In the 1960s, influenced by the likes of Arbus and Adams, my friend Bill and I saved our pennies and eventually each purchased Voigtlander 35mm cameras. Preferring black and white film, we photographed people and scenes around town in what we thought were cool, arty angles. Here might be the only image of the old and new water towers on the top of North 2nd Street, standing in temporary juxtaposition. The stately, older 1908 tower had become a rusted, leaking hulk by 1960 and was soon dismantled.

Many of our friends climbed this tower one and lived to talk about it, myself included. Oddly, as seen in the accompanying photos, the steps to the top were completely unguarded, open to anyone foolish enough to

risk the journey. Many did, all of them kids. Even so, we knew the danger; while we probably didn’t fully comprehend the finality of death, we understood it was possible. Note that the first barrier was 3 electrical wires, live and buzzing, connected near the steps (running down to the pump below). Once the climbers were mere inches past that challenge, it was free sailing to the top, albeit the concern over slippery, rusted prongs, the wind, and of course your self-induced vertigo. I never crawled up alone but, rather, with one or two friends, and I recall being hunched with them on the narrow, rectangular walkway to the water tank, sitting in silence, taking in the amazing “escarpment” views, letting the wind whip through us; a truly bonding experience.

While my parents might have trembled at the thought of their kid climbing the old water tower, somehow I think doing so taught me and other teens much about life and death, giving me an opportunity to comprehend the magnitude of my decision making. While climbing made you feel fully alive, you also understood the hazard of falling. The experience was both thrilling and dangerous.

Individual risk-taking involves a complex set of traits, including genetic and environmental factors as well as parenting and per-

sonal experiences. Research shows that genes are associated with overall risk tolerance and that all mammals take risks. For example, a primatologist colleague explained once that chimpanzee troops have a few individuals more prone to risk; these are the ones that are willing to go to the end of the tree branches (danger) to gather and test seeds for possible toxicity (even more danger). If the chimp gets sick or dizzy and falls, the troop will not follow or eat those seeds.

Then there is learning. While memory fades, I distinctively remember asking myself while climbing the tower, why I was being so risky, but there I was the

next week, doing it again! Perhaps this inanimate object, this tower, was teaching me to weigh positives and negatives, joys and dangers, influencing me lifelong on how to perceive and react to risk.

Was my tower climbing shaping personality? I think perhaps. In hindsight, maybe the experience was teaching me something my parents never could. Throughout my life, I took risks, both personal and professional, but I generally leaned towards the side of caution and it served me well. Where did I learn my strategies for life? Maybe, in part, right there on those tower steps.

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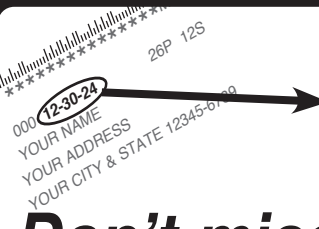
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Three's company for MH-B star trio

Hendrickson, Anderson and Wilson make college choices

by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Reporter

It's been a wild ride for quarterback Brooks Hendrickson, tight end Hayden Anderson and linebacker/running back Jack Wilson the past three seasons.

Representing powerhouse Mount Horeb/Barneveld — a football program that has won four straight Badger Small Conference championships — that trio has dreamed of capturing a gold ball at Camp Randall Stadium.

So, when that talented threesome all made their college choices this spring and summer, they could finally breathe a collective sigh of relief and focus on the task at hand.

Hendrickson was the first to announce his commitment when he selected the University of North Dakota, a Division I Football Championship Subdivision program, in March.

"We all talked between each other when our com

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TREMENDUS TRIO

Mount Horeb-Barneveld football standouts (from left) Jack Wilson, Brooks Hendrickson and Hayden Anderson all recently made their college choices. Photo submitted

SUMMER OF JOSH

Manchester enjoys big summer, picks up scholarship offers

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

How's the shoulder?

For months, that's what many in the basketball world — and around Mount Horeb — asked Vikings' star guard Josh Manchester.

Manchester, a senior-to-be and already the leading scorer in school history, suffered a separated right shoulder during Mount Horeb's regional final win over McFarland on March 8. Manchester then missed the Vikings' two sectional contests — a win over Monona Grove in the semifinals and a loss to eventual state champion Wauwatosa West in the finals.

Now, here's the good

news: Manchester's shoulder appears fully healed. He didn't require surgery and the injury healed after extensive physical therapy.

A healthy Manchester then enjoyed a tremendous summer on the AAU circuit playing for Team, Herro. Manchester turned many heads, and in the last month, has received NCAA Division 1 scholarship offers from Northern Illinois, East Tennessee State and UW-Green Bay.

"The shoulder has been great," Manchester said Saturday. "I did PT for a month or two and haven't had a problem with it since. I just had to strengthen it, and once I did that, I had a really

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Mount Horeb senior-to-be Josh Manchester has received NCAA Division 1 scholarship offers from Northern Illinois, East Tennessee State and UW-Green Bay. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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good summer.”

Boy, did he ever.

Team Herro is one of the top AAU programs around. And Manchester played with standouts such as Vaughn Karvala, the top ranked player in Wisconsin in the Class of 2026; Iowa State recruit and West Allis Central star Yusef Gray; Syracuse recruit Tiefig Diawara; and Slinger’s Joey Kohnen, the top ranked in-state player in the Class of 2028.

That team practiced in the Milwaukee-area multiple times a week, and Manchester spent many nights in hotels and much of his summer with his teammates.

“Those guys were awesome and they’ll always be some of my best friends,” Manchester said of the Team Herro group. “We pretty much lived together from April to July. It was a blast.”

While Team Herro was loaded with talent, Manchester was among their top players all summer. Manchester had multiple 40-point scoring games and ranked among the most efficient scorers on the Nike EYBL circuit this summer.

“I was limited in April and obviously the first couple tournaments I played,” Manchester said. “But in the second session, I really started to break out. That’s when the interest started.”

Northern Illinois was the first to offer, doing so shortly before the prestigious EYBL Nike Peach Jam in mid-July. Manchester then played extremely well at the Peach Jam and picked up offers from East Tennessee State and UW-Green Bay.

“Northern was the first to offer, so yeah, that means something,” Manchester said. “One of the assistants at East Tennessee State (Corey Dixon) did so much research on my game and put together videos of where I can play, which I really liked.”

“And Green Bay watched me a lot in the Peach Jam

and then they offered. So it’s been great.”

Manchester said that while he was always confident Division 1 offers would come, it was a relief when they finally did.

“I wasn’t worried at all,” Manchester said. “Since the spring, I’ve had coaches texting me every day saying I should be patient and that they know I can play at that level.”

“Still, it was good to get those offers. I definitely felt a relief, but it really made me keep working.”

The NCAA just entered what’s called a “dead period” — where college coaches cannot have any in-person contact with prospective student-athletes (recruits) or their families, either on or off campus. The dead period runs through August.

When that period ends, though, many believe Manchester will receive offers from several high majors.

If that happens, Manchester knows he’ll have a tough decision. He could likely play right away at a mid-major college, but might have to sit and wait at a bigger school.

“There are so many positives with both,” Manchester said. “With NIL and the whole transfer portal now, college basketball is crazy. I’d rather not transfer down the road, so I’ll take my visits and I know there will be a lot to consider.”

Manchester said he’s like to make a decision before the Vikings begin their season in November. That’s because Manchester knows it could be a special season and he’d love having his future plans set.

Manchester is coming off a season where he was named first-team all-state in Division 2 after averaging a whopping 30.8 points per game, the highest single season average in school history. Manchester’s 801 points last year also set a new school-record for most points in a single season.

Manchester had 13 games with more than 30 points

last season, highlighted by a 43-point effort the first time Mount Horeb faced Stoughton. Manchester also knocked down a school-record 100 3-point shots in 2024-‘25 and shot a sizzling 51.2% from the field.

In addition, he made 81.6% of his free throws, led Mount Horeb in assists (3.1), steals (4.0), deflections (4.2) and averaged 4.3 rebounds per game. Mount Horeb also outscored its foes by a remarkable 454 points with Manchester on the floor.

“What can I say about him? He does so much for this team,” Mount Horeb coach Todd Nesheim said of Manchester. “He will land on the following historical lists — rebounds, assists, steals, scoring, 3-point percentage, and free throw percentage. That’s both ends of the court.”

“Plus he’s a 3.9 GPA. Whichever college gets him is getting a complete player and person.”

Manchester has already scored 1,931 career points. And if Manchester matched his junior year scoring output (30.8) as a senior — and the Vikings reached the state championship game — he’d move into third place on the state’s all-time scoring list with 2,855 career points.

This summer has convinced Manchester he’ll be back and better than ever in 2025-’26. And he believes his Vikings should be poised for another big season.

“I think we’re going to be really, really good,” said Manchester, whose team went 25-3 last year and won the Badger Small Conference with a 14-0 mark. “We’ve got a lot of guys that will be ready to surprise some people. It’s going to be a lot of fun.”

Especially knowing Manchester is fully healthy once again.

“I try not to dwell on last year and missing sectionals too much,” Manchester said. “But it definitely left a bad taste in my mouth. We’ll all be excited for the season.”



Mount Horeb senior-to-be Josh Manchester had a terrific summer playing AAU basketball for Team Herro. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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mitment time would be,” Hendrickson said. “When I committed so early that kind of made Jack commit a little earlier than he wanted to. But he knew (North Dakota State University) was the right decision.

“But for sure that takes it off our plate, and we can focus and not worry about playing for no one but ourselves and our team.”

Wilson agreed that selecting the North Dakota State University Bison, a Division I Football Championship Subdivision program, has enabled him to focus on his priority of leading the Vikings to a state football championship, which would be the first in program history.

“It was very relieving for me. I personally did not enjoy the recruiting process much,” Wilson said. “It was very stressful for me, especially not knowing what teams were truly interested in me and not just giving that coach talk, saying things they say to every kid.

“There were a lot of highs and lows, and it was just a very stressful time. Just being able to be committed and being done with that process and having a spot I could call home was great. It took a lot of weight off my back. It lets me play a little freer this year, and lets me be myself on the field, not having anything to worry about and having to perform in front of coaches. I can be the best player I can for myself and my team.”

Anderson committed to Division 1 St. Thomas in June and had offers from Minnesota State, Southwest Minnesota and Northwestern.

“It’s nice to get the pressure off that if I don’t commit, then someone else is going to take my spot or if I want to wait and see if a better offer comes,” Anderson said. “But I feel a sense of relief. I can just worry about our senior season now and just going far in the playoffs and hopefully making it to Camp Randall.”

Hendrickson will enroll early

Hendrickson had an outstanding junior season as a pitcher for the Mount Horeb baseball team, but playing college football has been a

long-time goal. As a junior, the lefty signal-caller completed 60% of his passes and threw for 2,249 yards and 26 touchdowns, compiling a 107.8 passer rating. Hendrickson said that the staff at North Dakota upped their interest in him in January.

“That’s when they really started talking to me. A couple of weeks leading up to it, they started getting to know me real well,” he said. “Then Feb. 1, they offered me when I went on a junior day there. I committed in March, right before spring break.”

That early decision also played a role in Hendrickson deciding to graduate early and early enroll in January.

“I’ve had a lot of advanced courses and had a lot of my credits done,” he said. “I just had the eight credits I have to take in the fall. My senior year is actually going to be lighter than my freshman year was.”

Hendrickson said his father, Marty, broached the subject first.

“I started thinking about it a lot more,” Brooks Hendrickson said. “I just wanted to get on campus and get to know everybody and get acclimated to college life.

“At first, it wasn’t really something I was thinking a whole lot about. I was still thinking about playing baseball. But as the time went on, it was something I really wanted to do.”

Once North Dakota showed more interest in him, it didn’t take Hendrickson long to put the Bison at the top of his list.

“I felt it was more personal when they messaged me and not something they sent out to a ton of people,” he said. “I had that personal connection months before I stepped on campus. I felt other schools weren’t as personal.”

But Hendrickson also did his due diligence.

“I was weighing my options and know where I was at in terms of where other quarterbacks were committing,” he said. “I had a couple of MAC schools on me, but when I went and visited UND, I felt like I didn’t want to go anywhere else.”

Hendrickson said he also received some advice from Sun Prairie East graduate Jerry Kaminski.

“When I went on my official visit in June, he was



Mount Horeb-Barneveld standout quarterback Brooks Hendrickson will play collegiately at North Dakota. Photos submitted

my guide through the whole thing,” Hendrickson said of Kaminski, a sophomore quarterback for the Bison. “He gave me a lot of advice. It’s been pretty cool to have a guy like that.

“He said don’t overwhelm yourself right away. We talked about the playbook and how deep it is. You just have to know that it is pretty easy to learn and not to get overwhelmed by school and stuff right away. You’ve just got to relax and things tend to work themselves out.”

MH-B head coach Bret St. Arnauld said it has been a pleasure watching Hendrickson develop into an elite quarterback.

“Last year he really

started to come into his own,” St. Arnauld said of Hendrickson. “He was able to put the ball in spots where kids just can’t go. He can chuck it a country mile. The thing he had to work on was not being afraid to run.”

Hendrickson said he consulted with his uncle, Marcus Hendrickson, the Director of Player Personnel for the University of Minnesota football team, on how to improve his game for this season and beyond.

“His uncle looked at his film and told him some things he needs to work on,” St. Arnauld said. “He took it to heart. That’s what great athletes do, they take it to

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heart and they grow. He’s a special talent, who we have to go against in practice. That makes our defense better, going against an elite quarterback.

“He put on 20-25 pounds of muscle. He’s gotten faster. He had the highest growth in his 40 (yard) time in one year. He ran a 5.1, 5-flat last year. He just ran a 4.7 the other day.”

Anderson, Wilson take different paths

Anderson and Wilson, who are also multi-sport athletes, decided not to enroll early at their respective colleges.

Anderson is a big, physically imposing tight end. He caught 30 passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns as a junior and earned all-Badger Small Conference honorable mention honors.

A versatile athlete, Anderson is also a three-time letterwinner and a returning starting center in basketball. Anderson has also maintained a 3.7 grade-point-average and is a three-time Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All-State Academic selection.

The Vikings won the Badger Small Conference title and advanced to a WIAA Division 2 sectional final last winter.

Anderson is also a three-time letter-winner in baseball as a pitcher and corner infielder.

He said it was a no-brainer to finish his high school career and play both basketball and baseball.

“I’m going to stay and play basketball and baseball,” he said. “We’ve had great seasons over the last few years. I love the coaches, so I want to continue to play.

“There was never any pressure to early enroll. Not at all, (St. Thomas) didn’t even mention it.”

Anderson said one of the joys of competing the past three years in high school was how successful his incoming senior class has been.

“My class hasn’t lost a conference title in football,” he said. “We’re going for the five-peat for our program. We don’t want to give that up. We want to focus on the gold ball, too. We want to make it to state and win state. We’ve never been able to do it. We want to do it this year.”

Anderson said his final decision on selecting a school came down to Indiana State and St. Thomas.

“Indiana State offered me a full ride scholarship, but I would have to go down and visit the campus before I could commit,” he said. “But I had already seen St.



Thomas and the coaching staff and fallen in love with the school. So, I wanted to commit to St. Thomas. That was pretty much my No. 1 all along.”

Anderson said Hudson Cleary, a sophomore offensive lineman from Middleton, also played a role in his commitment to St. Thomas.

“Hudson just loves it up there, which was a great thing to hear for me,” Anderson said. “He said he loves it and has the experience first-hand and what the coaches are like.”

Anderson said his commitment to St. Thomas fell into place after he attended a camp there in late June.

“I really liked the coaching staff, the facilities, the culture, the location, you’re in downtown Minneapolis,” he said. “Their campus is beautiful. I just really enjoyed it. I was super excited. “Wisconsin came in over the winter. Northwestern came to school over the winter. I visited UNI and went to six other camps. Lindenwood had some interest, but St. Thomas, I felt they gave me the most interest and wanted me the most.”

St. Arnauld said St. Thomas is getting an elite athlete in Anderson.

“You’ve got a guy who can stretch the field with his height. He is able to stretch the field with his legs now,” St. Arnauld said. “His run-blocking is what he has been known for. Now he adds the receiving piece, and his route running has drastically improved. He is going to be an absolute threat.

“He can move in space a lot better than he has in the past. There is a reason why he has gotten looks from D1 schools and why he committed to St. Thomas. They are

very high on him because of his athleticism. He’s just a stud. I’m thankful I don’t have to go against him in a game. But in practice, he makes us better. Iron sharpens iron.”

Unique approach

Wilson had a breakout season a year ago, recording 102 tackles with 18 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks to earn first team all-conference honors.

He was also the go-to guy when the Vikings attempted two-point conversions after touchdowns.

Wilson said there wasn’t any pressure on him to early enroll, in fact, it was quite the opposite.

“The head coach advised against it,” Wilson said. “He said I was welcome to, but he said he thinks the players should finish out high school and play their spring sports and go to prom.”

Wilson set the school record in the discus last spring for the Vikings’ track and field team and missed out on advancing to state by eight inches.

So while making it to state in track and field for the first time will be a goal, it wasn’t the only reason to finish the year at Mount Horeb.

“It’s tough for some guys who early enroll and are thrown in with the guys who have been there and don’t have that freshman group to adapt with,” Wilson said. “In the summer, the freshmen do their lifts away from the rest of the team to ease their way into the system. If you early enroll, you are thrown into the deep end a little bit.”

Wilson said NDSU showed early interest in him which made a difference in his decision to select the



Mount Horeb-Barneveld star linebacker/running back Jack Wilson will play collegiately at North Dakota State University. Photos submitted

Bison.

“They’ve been recruiting me for a while. I attended a lot of junior days and a game day or two,” he said. “This spring is when it really took off. They started contacting me a ton, calling me, and I went up for spring practice and that’s where they offered me in the middle of April.”

Wilson said after consulting with his parents and doing his due diligence, he opted to commit to NDSU the following week.

“I felt it was the right place for me,” he said. “I loved the culture, the environment, the coaches. I really had no doubts in my mind that was where I belonged.

“Both of my parents were with me on the recruiting trip. They love it, too, and the people there and the lo-

cation.”

Wilson said Eastern Michigan and Toledo had been his top two schools before NDSU got involved.

“After being at NDSU and seeing the environment first-hand, both of those places took a back seat to NDSU,” Wilson said. “After I got the offer, there wasn’t a doubt in my mind.”

Like Anderson and Hendrickson, Wilson was grateful for his parents and coaches. who helped him navigate the recruiting process.

“I owe them all so much credit for this,” he said. “The world of recruiting has gotten so confusing. Leaving it up to a high school student is tricky. I owe so many props to those people.”

Wilson also consulted former teammate Chris Kiel,

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Tuesday, August 12, 2025 Teleconference 425-585-6272 access - 394-722-206 # 7:30 PM

1. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance.
 2. Announcements.
 3. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items.
 4. Community meeting with elected representatives update.
 5. Land Use: Martin Witt, 9647 Overland Rd., deed restrictions
 6. Roads, Equipment, Facilities –
 - a. Sale of Western Star truck update.
 - b. Town Hall security maintenance and monitoring agreement.
 - c. Town Hall renovations recommendations.
 - d. Town timeclock, security cameras.
 - e. Dane Co. Bridge Aid program update.
 - f. Discontinuance of Part of Moen Road resolution.
 7. Recycling Center. Pellitteri Waste Systems – 3-yr. contract renewal.
 8. Treasurer's Report. Lake Ridge Bank account update.
 9. Friends of the Parks of Perry report.
 10. Parks and Open Space Committee –
 - a. WI DNR grant application update.
 - b. Hauge Historic District Park joint easement agreement update.
 11. Dane Co. Towns Association and Wisconsin Towns Association discussions.
 12. Farm Bureau membership renewal.
 13. Minutes of Previous Meetings – July 8, 2025.
 14. Clerk's report. Succession planning.
 15. Pay Bills due.
 16. Closed Session. Dane Co. Circuit Court case 15CV0065 DSG; Hauge Historic District Park easement negotiations: convene a closed session under WI § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy and WI §19.85(1)(b) and (c) personnel.
 17. Adjournment. Action might be taken on any agenda item shown above. Public comment might be invited on any agenda item presented.
- Mary L. Price
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who will be a freshman wide receiver on the NDSU football team this fall, during the process.

“There was a time we were going through it at the same time,” Wilson said of Kiel. “We text quite a bit. I ask him what it’s going to look like for me next year. He’s giving me pointers and tips on things he’s done or wishes he’d done.”

St. Arnauld said Wilson, who will also play more at running back this season, made quite an impression on the Bison coaching staff.

“We knew he was going to be good but every single year he keeps improving,” St. Arnauld said of Wilson. “He’s gotten faster and more explosive in his cuts. He is just an all-around player.

“When he went up to North Dakota State, they weren’t planning on giving a scholarship to a linebacker, but they said they didn’t want him to leave

the campus without offering him. He basically forced his hand.

“When you hear that from a program like NDSU, that tells you what kind of a player he is.”

Best is yet to come

St. Arnauld said he is looking forward to Anderson, Hendrickson and Wilson reaching new heights this season.

“You can’t ask for three better dudes to lead your program,” St. Arnauld said. “There are no character issues. They’re all about the team. They’re not concerned about themselves. It’s shown on the field for them and why they are getting what they’re getting.

“They have the physical gifts. They have the physical tools. Now, they’re putting it all together. I’m proud of where they are at and what they’ve accomplished. The best is yet to come. I love they are going places where they are wanted, and where they will thrive.”



Mount Horeb-Barneveld standout tight end Hayden Anderson committed to Division 1 St. Thomas in June. Photos submitted



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Leah Lipska
Board of Education

Mount Horeb Area School District Mount Horeb, WI 53572

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB PUBLIC HEARING
August 27, 2025

The Plan Commission of the Village of Mount Horeb will hold a public hearing on the above date at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application from Kelly Tichenor to rezone 208 Meadow View Rd, parcel 0606-141-0143-4, further described as Pleasant Meadows Lot 13, from R-1 Single family Residential to R-2 Two Family Residential.

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