

Students selected for honors ensembles

Seven Mt. Horeb Middle School students have been selected to participate in the Wisconsin School Music Association’s Middle Level Honors ensembles this fall. Participating students completed a rigorous audition process in April. This year, over 1000 students from around the state auditioned for approximately 300 spots in the middle level honors band, choir, and orchestra. The WSMA Middle Level State Honors Music Project offers musically accomplished youth the opportunity to rehearse and perform with nationally-known conductors in a professional setting. All Honors groups perform at the Wisconsin State Music Conference. Middle Level State Honors students receive their music in August and meet for the first time the day before their fall performance. The rehearsal day and formal concert will take place in the Madison area.

The seven Mt. Horeb Middle School students are (front row left to right): Colin McBain, Evy Vedo, Anne Marie Wyse, Sierrra Pitzen (back row left to right): Geoffrey Lawrence, Brennan Van Pee, Skylar Schulenberg.



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stages it worked better to officially end at midnight and try to get wrapped up around 11:45 p. m.

Village administrator Nic Owen mentioned that the Summer Frolic event has an end time of 1 a.m.

Up to 4,000 attendees will be allowed, 3,000 general admission and 1,000 VIP. Residents surrounding Grundhal Park on Meadowview Road and Parkway Drive will receive a special gift from the faire as a sign of goodwill.

The music faire is set to take place in Grundahl Park and make use of its soccer field, pavilion, public stage,

field in front of baseball field and restroom/shelter/kitchen building.

Three stages are planned with one focusing on local bands and artists. There will also be two activity centers and a showcase of local food and retail.

They will also serve beer and wine within the picnic license rules and ensure only those 21 and older are served.

Since there is no sufficient parking close to the event, attendees will be shuttled from designated parking locations. There will also be road closures to minimize crowd and traffic issues. However, residents within walking distance are encouraged to walk to the event.

Keene said tickets, food

and drink will be as affordable as possible and he hopes to give the village of Mount Horeb residents a discounted ticket rate.

Village talks Financing for purchase of Lukken Farm

Kevin Mullen director at Baird financial services presented the financing situation for the Lukken Farm property.

Mullen estimated the village’s capacity for debt to be \$60 million. Currently the village has about \$17 million in debt. Therefore, there’s about \$43 million in debt capacity left that the village can borrow on.

Mullen said since the pur-

chase price for the property is about \$5.5 million, “that borrowing amount will comfortably fit in your debt capacity.”

The village plans to sell portions of the property for private development, which will affect the tax exempt status of the purchase.

“We wanted to think about it in a way that gave your the flexibility to sell the property without having any limitations on it, so a taxable loan, with the ability to convert to tax exempt financing for any remaining piece if that was your desire.”

The State Trust Fund Loan program is what Mullen suggested for this purchase. The program is administered through the Board of Com-

missioners of Public Lands and lends money to municipalities at a set rate no matter the purpose of the land.

“That rate for a five-year loan, a 10-year loan and a 20-year loan right now is 6 percent,” Mullen said, “which is good relative to taxable rates, so that’s a benefit”

Mullen said the sale of parts of the Lukken farm to private individuals can also be used to help pay down the loan. Once the parcels are sold privately, the village

can refinance with a tax exempt loan for the remaining park land.

The small size of the agency is a downside to this plan, Mullen said. It may take longer to get approved since the person who does much of the work is on vacation until July 21. Mullen said a bridge loan from a local lender could keep closing on the right track.

The village board plans to vote on the financing issue next month.



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4H club holds brat sale at Miller's

Members of the Springdale 4-H club hosted a brat fundraiser at Miller & Sons on Saturday, May 25. Club members volunteered to work as well as donated baked items to sell. Springdale 4-H uses the money raised towards community donations such as Neighbors Helping Neighbors, as well as scholarships to graduating club members. Pictured here are (back) Mackenzie Meinholz; (front) John-Henry Lee, Finn Rothenberg, Liam Crolla, Carly Esser, Leah Meinholz, Alivia Shaffer, Gwen Mahoney and Tyler Esser.



Wisconsin Arts Board and Dane Arts support A Breath of Fresh Art: “Democracy in Life & Art”

“A Breath of Fresh Art,” a joint project of the Mount Horeb Area Arts Association and Katherine Kramer Projects, has won support in the form of grants from the Wisconsin Arts Board and Dane County Arts. The two-day event, September 21-22 at Primrose Retreat, will feature performing and visual artists exploring a theme of Democracy in Life & Art.

Performers to date include dancers, KLJ Movement, Erica Pinigis & Maritess Escueta, Katherine Kramer & Friends, Heidi Krause, and Breakthrough Dance Company. Musicians include Cris Plata Duo, Tani Diakite, Sally DeBroux, and Joe Mirena. Spoken word artists include James Botsford, Sandy Kruse, Matt Geiger, Alex Bledsoe, and the TNW Ensemble Theater. Visual artists include Beth Racette, Lisa Frank, Judy Robb, and Levi Sherman. Additional artists will be confirmed soon.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

School board examines community survey

By Aynsley Noelscher
Mount Horeb Mail

At their board meeting held on June 16, the Mount Horeb Board of Education reviewed survey results, revised their budget and added new courses.

Survey Results

Representative from School Perceptions Scott Girard discussed the results of the long range community survey.

1563 responses which is a 26.6% response rate which Girard said is “extremely high, we average 16-17 percent.”

Some of the biggest areas of requested topics at board meetings for both parent and non-parent residents were school finance and budget, district comparisons, facility improvements, district goals and plans, safety and security and student mental health.

According to the survey result, Parents ranked district goals as their most requested board meeting topic, while non parent residents ranked school finance

and budgets first.

Residents were asked if they would support a \$34 million referendum to renovate and build the aging primary center. Parent and staff residents said definitely or probably yes around 70% of the time.

Residents who are not parents or staff said yes 46% of the time, and said no at a rate of 41%.

All groups were unlikely to say they were undecided, which School Perspectives representative Girard said suggests they have good knowledge of the referendum.

Budget Revisions

The board also approved some revisions to the 2024-2025 budget. Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance Scott DeYoung presented the preposed changes.

Many of the revisions were made due to changes in state and federal funding

DeYoung said there are adjustments to the amount of revenue expected from open enrollment.

“We have open enrollment students coming into

our district, that’s revenue for our district, we also have open enrollment students leaving our district, and that’s an expenditure,” DeYoung said “historically we’ve been about two to one which is amazing, meaning for ever two students we have coming in we have one going out.”

DeYoung said the district is getting about \$1.2 million from open enrollment students coming in and about \$600 thousand from those leaving.

DeYoung also said modifications to state and federal funding are usually due to changes in grants.

“We talked a bit about the need to see some increases in fund balance just in general for any public school district, and our budget continues to go up ever year... over time the district has issues with cash flow.”

The debt service fund had a modified to \$1.47 million, this is the third year in a row that the district has changed the debt service tax levee

which allows it to pay off more principal payments and save on interest costs for the community.

“We’re going to apply it to our fund balance for the end of the year and have that money available if we can in fact pay off higher interest debt to save even more on interest costs,” DeYoung said.

The board approved the purchase of television screens, staff member computers with monitors, large interactive displays and Microsoft Surface tablets. Superintendent Steve Salerno presented the pricing quotes.

The purchase includes 80 HP Pro Mini 400s for \$609

The new tech will replace aging and broken pieces, some of which will be sold to the community in a sale sometime in November in order to recoup some of the cost.

IB courses

The board also approved some International Baccalaureate (IB) courses. The IB program is a bit like the Advanced Placement (AP) program, but includes more requirements. Both are accepted by colleges.

Director of curriculum and instruction Sarah Straka presented the IB classes. These included business management, personal professional skills, sports, exercise

and health science.

The business management course is replacing a non IB version that has not been taken by many students. Straka said this shift to IB and reworking of the course will hopefully encourage more participation.

The personal professional development course aims to add to the district’s graduation readiness efforts.

The sports, exercise and health science course is entirely new to students and will span two years. It covers many popular career choices for students such as Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), sports medicine and physical therapy.



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GLEANINGS

By **BARR JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

**140 Years Ago-
July 18, 1884**
Ole Turhoug’s melodious voice was heard on our street last Friday.

A move is on foot for a Blaine and Logan Club at Mount Horeb.

A new sign adorns the front of Lang’s harness shop. It reads “Livery Office.”

Henry Fink hitched on to one of P. G. Krogh’s finest double-tree buggies last Saturday.

Harvest has begun. Shocks of grain can be seen and the clatter of the sickle is heard.

A terrible scene took place in Town last Monday, as G. A. Mickelson was mounting his horse to ride home, the horse being of a young and skittish nature, began to rear and jump about in a most reckless manner, with Mr. Mickelson hang-

ing on by one foot fastened in the stirrup, presenting a frightful sight. Fortunately he was separated from the horse and came off with only a few bad bruises. This was surely a close call.

Chicago papers presented the list of killed and wounded in the celebration of our 108th anniversary. Fortunately for Mount Horeb, nothing more dangerous than fire crackers and torpedoes was indulged in and we have no accidents to report. The deadly toy pistol is still a stranger in our midst.

**130 Years Ago-
July 21, 1894**
The temperance lecture at the Lutheran Church Saturday evening was not very well attended on account of the rainy and moist condition of the atmosphere. The speaker, Rev. T.K. Thorvildsen, Eau Claire, handles the subject without kid gloves and makes it very interesting to his audience.

Two hard-looking specimens of the Genius Homo, a bagpipe and a monkey were seen on the street in Blue Mounds Monday.

Jens Hoff was somewhat startled one evening last week, in going into a dark corner of the store for some fresh eggs for a customer. Jens wanted fresh eggs, so he chose to take them from a case that was brought to the store that very day, but alas! While he was cautiously counting the eggs, he heard something at the bottom of the case. This was a tragical moment, but Jens was not frightened so he

escaped, but he had grit enough to ransack the egg case and up jumped a small chicken.

Mrs. Anton Keller, rural Mount Horeb is quite sick with liver complaint.

The Town Board has purchased the Western Road Machine, to be used in building roads through the town. The machinery was purchased after having been given a fair trial, and in places where it would be difficult to use a plow or other tool. The price agreed on is \$225, to be paid one year from the purchase date (June 20) without interest.

Halsten Knudson met with an unusual accident last week, that might have been fatal, as an ax dropped down from the upper portion of a tobacco shed, and hit him, cutting a deep gash in his head.

**120 Years Ago-
July 14, 1904**
Mrs. Charley Erfurth of Mt. Vernon has been assisting at the Kessler residence, making it comfortable for that big boy who arrived safe and sound Thursday of last week.

Miss Ulna Syverson left Monday for Madison for a stay at the sanitarium. She is on the gain, and a stay at this institution will undoubtedly hasten her complete recovery.

Mrs. L.J. Berg had a serious encounter with a bee last Sunday, the latter being on the warpath.

John Dineen of Riley had his hand badly crushed in the churn at the creamery last Friday.

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Peer O. Stromme is now

editor of a new monthly magazine published at Minneapolis, Minn., in the Norwegian language, and it goes without saying that it is a fine production.

Mr. Kittleson of Mt. Vernon came up last Friday morning, stepped into the Mt. Horeb Bank, called for a ticket to Norway and secured the document that will insure him transportation back to his mother country. He left Sunday to sail on Wednesday from New York. Mr. K.’s intention is to make a lengthy stay, possibly permanent, but the prediction of his friends is that he will before long come back to Uncle Sam’s domains.

Small waists are no longer in style. It’s the round plump waists that come by taking Hollister’s Rockey Mountain Tea; that’s all the go. 35 cents.

**110 Years Ago-
July 16, 1914**
See that the walks in front of your home are in good order. Then when our good citizens are returning home at night they will not walk as if they had been imbibing too freely.

Mr. Buhrman the piano tuner is here this week placing instruments in good condition. Mr. Buhrman has made regular semi-annual visits to this local for a number of years, and his visits are looked forward to with much pleasure by many of our citizens.

Electric wires were run to Boech’s Park Monday and the big Chautauqua tent is now lit up with electric lights.

The Mazomanie ball tossers met their Waterloo at the hands of our invincibles at the Lake Park diamond last Sunday af-

ternoon before a big bunch of interested spectators. The sitting team thinks they can even up matters later and has declared their willingness to meet our boys in another tussle in a week or two at this place.

A. M. Johnson and family are now occupying their new and nifty residence on Pleasant Heights, which is one of the most pleasant residence tracts in our village.

On Tuesday morning triplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. Even Odegaard. The unusual event took place before a physician could be called. All were large and healthy children, two girls and one boy. Dr. Pitts was summoned and found all in as good condition as could be expected. All are well cared for and by all indications the youngsters will grow up in health and happiness. May it so be and the good word passed on to Roosevelt.

Geo. Niebuhr was fined \$5.00 for running his auto with muffler cut out in Madison.

**90 Years Ago-
July 19, 1934**
The building formerly occupied by the Lee Tire Shop on Main Street, has been rented and will be used for a hamburger and “hot dog” stand. Work has been started on cleaning up and remodeling the building.

Otto Sanders has a contract in Buffalo County that will keep him most of the summer. The contract covers grinding and moving gravel for a price of approximately \$60,000.00.

Casper Haag and Andrew Jenson, carpenters, and A.B. Johnson, electrician, are in Madison remodeling the large

residence on Gorham Street, recently purchased by Asher Hobson.

**60 Years Ago-
July 16, 1964**
After more than 14 years as a member of the Mt. Horeb police force, Chief of Police George Kahl finally lost out on a race with the stork to a Madison hospital. While taking Mrs. Matt Endres to the hospital she announced the baby was due to arrive. When Mrs. Endres asked if it was a boy or girl. Kahl replied, “I don’t know. I was too busy to check.” Baby and mother are doing fine.

George Zoske has been hired to replace Ken Johnson as music instructor at Mt. Horeb High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Post, Mt. Horeb, announce the marriage of their daughter, Ann Louise, to Theodore F. Heindenreich, Freeport, Ill. The wedding took place July 4 in Nashua, Iowa.

Arthur and Goldie E. Swigum sold their 70 acre farm in the township of Springdale to their son-in-law and daughter, Vernon L. and Constance E. Edseth. They have been tenants for 21 years.

**40 Years Ago-
July 19, 1984**
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Evan-son, rural Mount Horeb, announce the birth of a son, Douglas Chad, on Saturday, July 7, at Madison General Hospital.

Steven Basthemer, former Mount Horeb athlete, has been named head golf coach at West Milwaukee High School in the Suburban Conference.

Dr. Cynthia Ann Zander of Cross Plains, received her degree of chiropractic (D.C.) during June commencement exercises of Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport Iowa. She is a 1978 graduate of Mount Horeb High School.

**30 Years Ago-
July 21, 1994**
Mount Horeb Farmer’s Co-op recently won a Regional Environmental Respect Award, which recognizes the dealership as one of the top eight outlets in the country in environmental stewardship.

Tina Williams and Debbie Steinhauer have been selected as the 1994 recipients of the William H. Danforth “I Dare You” leadership awards at Mount Horeb High School.

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- Animal Complaint Stray – 3
- Arrested Juvenile – 1

While on routine traffic patrol, an officer noted a vehicle that did not have their tail lights illuminated. A traffic stop was conducted, and upon contact with the juvenile driver, the odor of intoxicants emitted from the from the vehicle. While interviewing the driver, he was asked if he would provide a preliminary breath test, to which he agreed. The driver then admitted to drinking. A search incident to arrest was conducted where officer located THC vapes. The juvenile was transported back to the Mount Horeb Police Department and later turned over to a parent. The juvenile was cited for Violation of Absolute Sobriety and warned for the equipment violations and the possession of paraphernalia.

- Assist Citizen – 16
 - Assist Citizen-Vehicle Unlock - 6
 - Assist DCSO – 7
 - Assist Fire/Police – 12
 - Assist Other Agency - 2
 - Check Person - 16
 - Check Property – 21
 - Child Abuse – 1
- Police are actively investigating a potential child abuse case.

- Civil Dispute – 1
- A resident called to report that her ex-husband was at her home and she did not want him there. Officers responded and talked with both parties. The reporting person explained that she does not want her ex-husband to be on the property and does not want him to call her. This was explained to the ex-husband who gathered his items and left.

- Damage Property Complaint – 2
- Officers were dispatched to a local business for the report of graffiti and damage

to the roof of their business. It is believed that during the night hours, someone climbed on to the roof of the business and used spray paint on the roof and vents of the HVAC system. Cameras from area businesses were checked with no suspects.

Officers responded to a business on Main Street to assist with a deer that broke through a window. Upon arrival, officers observed that the deer was in the store and severely injured. The deer had to be euthanized due to the injuries sustained during entry.

- Disabled Vehicle - 3
- Disturbance Call – 4

Officers were dispatched to a construction site for a disturbance. The reporting party was there to pick up a dumpster, and stated that a worker threatened them verbally, grabbed a hammer and had it by his side. The reporting party stated that the dumpster was too heavy and filled with concrete, and they were not able to pick up to remove it. The dumpster contents were emptied back on to the construction site and the dumpster was removed. No charges were pressed and the construction company was informed that it would be a civil issue to get their money back for the rental of the dumpster.

Officers were dispatched to the report of a disturbance. All parties involved were interviewed and denied that anything physical took place. All parties declined to press charges and were separated. Alcohol was a factor in this incident.

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the village for the report of a disturbance. The male party was trying to collect his belongings when the disturbance occurred. All parties were interview and it was determined that the male was would be cited for disorderly conduct.

Officers responded to multiple reports of hearing a female yelling. Officers located two individuals who had been on the bike trail. Both were interviewed separately and had similar stories. The female party fell on a rut which caused her to scream, and then a verbal argument ensued. Both were warned of enforcement ac-

tion if they caused another disturbance.

- Drug Incident – 2
- While making a routine traffic stop for operating without required lamps lighted, the officer recognized the odor of burnt marijuana. A probable cause search was conducted that yielded marijuana and paraphernalia, which was seized. The driver was warned for the equipment violation and the passenger was warned for the possession of THC and paraphernalia.

Officers made a traffic stop on a vehicle for running a stop sign and illegible plates. Upon contact with the driver, the odor of marijuana was emitting form the vehicle. A probable cause search was conducted which yielded a THC vape and paraphernalia. All items were seized and destroyed. The driver was warned for the traffic violations and the possession.

- EMS Assist – 61
- Fingerprints - 4
- Foot Patrol/Check Property -3
- Found Property – 8
- Fraud – 2

A resident of the community called to report a possible fraud while making an online purchase. This case is inactive, awaiting to see if the victim received the item that was ordered.

A resident called to report fraudulent charges on his debit card. The victim advised that three of the charges did go through and the others were declined. The victim is working with his bank and the businesses where the transactions went through to get refunds.

- Harassment – 1
- A resident called to report that her ex-husband, had been texting and calling with harassing messages. The texts and calls originated in Mount Vernon and have been ongoing for months. The investigation was turned over to the Dane County Sheriff’s office. The resident doesn’t feel like she is in imminent danger, but she was told to call if anything changes.

- Information – 11

- Lost Property - 1
- Missing Adult – 1

A resident called to report that his elderly wife was missing. Officers were able to locate the female and took her back home where she was reunited with her husband.

- Missing Juvenile / Runaway – 2

A resident came in to the police department to report that his juvenile daughter has been missing. The resident believed he knew where his daughter was, and he also had some contact with her. An officer was able to make phone contact with the possible residence of where the missing juvenile may be staying. The juvenile did call police back and confirmed that she was okay and that she would be returning home.

Residents of the community called to report that their juvenile daughter had not come home and wanted help locating her. An officer was able to make phone contact with the juvenile who told the officer that she was fine and staying with a friend. The officer explained to the juvenile that if she didn’t contact her parents and come home, she would be entered as a runaway. Contact was then made with the parents who were informed that if the juvenile did not make contact, to report back to the police.

- Noise Complaint – 1
- OMVWI Arrest / Intoxicated Driver – 2

A traffic complaint was called in to Dane County Dispatch, which led to an arrest for OWI 1st. Officers observed the vehicle operating left of center line, and conducted a traffic stop After conducting field sobriety test, the suspect was then arrested for OWI 1st, and cited for Operating Left of Center Line and Operating Motor Vehicle w/o Proof of Insurance.

While on routine patrol, an officer observed a vehicle parked in the parking lot a local business. The officer observed two individuals in the vehicle who appeared to either need medical attention or were sleeping. Upon contact, both individuals woke up and spoke with the officer. The driver stated he had consumed al-

cohol before driving to the parking lot. While in close proximity to the driver, the officer noted the moderate odor of intoxicants emitting from the vehicle. Field Sobriety tests were conducted and the driver was ultimately arrested for OWI 4th, Operating with a PAC 4th, Probation Violation and Possess Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle. The suspect was transported to the Dane County Jail without incident.

- On Street Parking Complaint – 2

- Parking Tickets – 18
- Phone Call – 15
- Preserve the Peace –2

A resident came to the Police Department to request a preserve the peace, so she could retrieve some of her belongings. Officers responded and stood by while the belongings were gathered. No issues were observed.

An officer responded to a preserve the peace at a residence in the village. The calling party was trying to retrieve personal documents and items from her mother’s home when a confrontation began. The officer mediated, and the mother eventually turned over the documents and items.

- Repossession - 1
- Safety Hazard – 7
- School Related Incidents - 35

- Bullying / Harassment - 1
- Check Person - 2
- Event - 1
- Juvenile Complaint – 14
- Juvenile Information - 3
- Special Events -10
- Truancy – 4

- Special Events/Community Relations – 2

Officer stood by during the bike rodeo and baseball practice. Officers conducted traffic control for the Memorial Day Parade.

- Stalking Complaint – 1

A resident of Mount Horeb came to the police department to report that her ex-boyfriend has been stalking her for months. The reporting party did get a restraining order and decided

at this time to not press charges.

- Suspicious Person - 2
- Suspicious Vehicle – 9
- Threats Complaint – 5

Received a phone call from a parent advising that their child got a message saying that there would be a gathering at the school tonight. The child then saw a TikTok post that had a gun in the background and a message to not go to the High School tonight. An investigation revealed this was an old post and unrelated to Mount Horeb.

A report came in through Speak Up, Speak Out regarding a threat at the school. Officers made contact with all parties involved. After the investigation was completed, charges were referred to the Dane County District Attorney Office for Terroristic Threats and Disorderly Conduct.

Officers were dispatched to the report of a threats complaint made by a student earlier in the day. School staff and a witness were interviewed. Contact was made with the individual and parents at their home. Ultimately the individual was cited for Disorderly Conduct.

Officers responded to another threat complaint at the school. Contact was made with the suspect and mother. Due to the nature of the threat, a citation for Disorderly Conduct was issued to the juvenile.

Officers responded to the Middle School for a threat complaint regarding two students. Contact was made at the homes of the students with parents present. They were told the seriousness of the situation and told if this were to happen again citations could be issued

- Traffic Arrests – 7
- Traffic Complaint - 6
- Traffic Incident – 2
- Traffic Incident / Road Rage – 2

- Traffic Warning – 47
- Weapons Offense – 1

This incident was turned over to Department of Criminal Investigation.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Lunch Outing, for Mt. Horeb Seniors, to Imperial Garden. Leave 10:00am. Call 608-437-6902

Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Food and Clothing Closet open: 6:00-7:30pm, 102 E. Lincoln Street

2024 Student Spotlight Art Exhibition, Unraveling Reflections, featuring Mount Horeb High School artists Anja Rathje & Lizzy Helin at Driftless Historium, Fri-Tues., 10:00am-4:00pm. thru July 30, 2024 Free

Farmers' Market, 315 E. Main St., lawn of Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3:00-6:30pm. Seasonal vegetables, fruit and much more

"Midwest Bedrock — The Search for Nature's Soul in America's Heartland", a book talk and signing presented by author Kevin Koch at the Driftless History Museum, 6:00pm. Free.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet - 9:00am-10:30am (Seniors Preferred) ; All shoppers - 3:00pm-4:30pm, 102 E. Lincoln Street

SATURDAY, JULY 20

SONS OF NORWAY KAFFE STUE - Norwegian luncheon & bake sale, 9:00am-2:00pm., Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 107 N. Grove Street

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food & Clothes Closet - 10:00am-11:30am, 102 E. Lincoln Street

Gaines & Wagner, performing mix of Americana, from folk to jazz, bluegrass, blues, honky-tonk, etc., at Blue Mound State Park Amphitheater, 6:00-8:00pm. Sponsored by Friends of Blue Mound State Park.

MONDAY, JULY 22

Mt. Horeb Seniors Card Making Group, 9:00-11:30am, Senior Center, RSVP - Stacy at 608-279-6108"

TUESDAY, JULY 23

Tai Chi - 1:00pm, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

Ageless Grace, 2:00pm, Mt. Horeb Senior Center.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Fink's Cafe, serving senior meals, 11:00am-1:00pm

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

WEDNESDAY NITE LIVE - 7:00pm - Grundahl Park - "Charanga Agoza" - a dance oriented musical genre that originated in Cuba. Featuring Mount Horeb's very own John Mesoloras!

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

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

ENTERTAINMENT

Charanga Agoza will bring Cuban dance to WNL



"The Wednesday Night Live season has begun! On Wednesday evening July 10th, Generation Jones band kicked off the 27th season," said organizer Mandy Potter. "It was the first of six shows. The concert lawn was full, playground was packed, food trucks sold out. People danced and sang to some of the best classic rock songs from Fleetwood Mac, Pink Floyd, the Beatles, and many more."

"We are so honored to have this new band with some incredible local musicians rock the WNL stage," she continued. "It was a magical evening with record attendance numbers and great weather to kick off the season." The band features rock legends including drummer Mauro Magellan, formerly of the Georgia Satellites, bassist Kyle Henderson founding member of the 80s pop rock band The Producers, 15-time Madison Area Music Award winning artist Shawndell Marks on vocals/keys, 7-time Madison Area Music Award winning guitarist Michael Massey and guitarist Michael John Ripp, founding member of the Madison are bands Chaser and Boys in White. The season runs each Wednesday in July through August 14th at Grundahl Park from 7-9pm.

Next week's band is Charanga Agoza, an ensemble based in Madison, bringing a dance-oriented musical genre that originated in Cuba at the turn of the twentieth century.

RECREATION NOTES

Art Cart Extra is a FREE traveling art program that provides art activities geared for children of all ages. Drop-ins are welcome on the day of the event, but pre-registration is encouraged so instructors can bring enough supplies for everyone. All children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. This program is brought to us by the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art and will take place on Saturday, July 20th from 2:00-5:00 PM. There are no age limits on this activity, so bring the whole family! Registration deadline is July

15th.
Exploring Clay – Sessions 1&4 - This class is designed for students new to the world of clay to help them find their true interest: Does your child love the potter's wheel or are they more interested in sculpting? Are they a builder or a creator? Over the course of 4 weeks, we will touch on all the different construction techniques while remaining focused on providing an encouraging and understanding zone for young creative growth. Projects will be approachable to a variety of skill sets and ages, so it is

a perfect class for siblings. Session 1 will be on Tuesdays, from 2:00-3:00 PM, starting July 30th and ending August 20th. Session 4 will be on Thursdays, starting August 1st and ending August 22nd, from 10:30-11:30 AM. All sessions will be located in the Center Ground Studios and will be for ages 6-13. Resident fee is \$115 and non-resident fee is \$125. Registration deadline is July 23rd.

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

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UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES
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Kids Yoga – Session 2 (7/29)
Toddler Yoga – Session 2 (7/29)

AT THE LIBRARY

Spanish language resources at the Public Library!

The library strives to provide our community with a variety of Spanish language resources including collections and programs.
Library staff have carefully selected Spanish language books for all ages including children, middle

readers, teens and adults. Our collection includes a number of excellent titles by Spanish authors as well as Spanish translations of popular books.
For children and their caregivers, Ms. Hannah is partnering with local educator Angélica Osés to offer Bilingual storytimes this summer. Each session is approximately 30 minutes and includes stories, rhymes,

music and movement. Visit the library website (mhpl.org) to see the bilingual storytime schedule.
For adults looking to brush up on or practice speaking Spanish, the library hosts a weekly "Spanish Conversation" session on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm led by Leonor Muñoz. Whether you're an advanced speaker, just starting, or somewhere in between, all are welcome

to attend these drop-in sessions. Each meeting is approximately 45 minutes to one hour and all participants will have a chance to practice conversing in Spanish.
If you have questions about any of our programs or materials, please feel free to reach library staff at mhpl@mounthorebwi.info or 608-437-5021.

COMMUNITY

OBITUARY

Skindrud is first female VFW commander

Dennis Raymond Thompson

(9/21/48 - 7/8/24)



Dennis Raymond Thompson, age 75, of Mondovi, passed away on Monday, July 8, 2024 at the American Lutheran Home of Mondovi. He was born on September 21, 1948 to Joyce Ann and the late Theodore Raymond Thompson.

Dennis attended and graduated from Barneveld High School in 1966. Immediately following high school, Dennis went on to UW-Platteville, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1971. While in college, Dennis was a member of the TKE fraternity.

On August 7, 1971, Dennis was united in marriage to Judy Cheryl Landmark at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mt. Horeb, WI. To this loving union, the couple would raise 3 children.

Dennis spent his entire career tending to the farming community and the reproductive health of their herds as an employee and salesman for Tri-State Breeders, then later Accelerated Genetics. Dennis lastly worked for Select Sires. This successful career that spanned several decades saw Dennis earn the top salesman for animal reproductive health. Dennis was also a member of the WI Holstein Association. It goes without saying that Dennis loved his career, the farmers he assisted in maintaining and increasing their herd's productivity and profitability, in turn Dennis made many long and lasting friendships along the way.

Dennis was a faithful member of Central Lutheran Church in Mondovi and in the 1990's served as a member on the church council. He was also a member of the Mondovi Conservation

Club and enjoyed shooting trap league with other members and friends. Dennis also enjoyed time in the outdoors hunting deer or turkey. He was also an avid Wisconsin sports fan, following the Badgers, Packers, and Brewers.

Dennis will be sadly missed by his wife of 52 years, Judy, of Mondovi; children, Heather Thompson of Mondovi, Scott (Shawna) Thompson of Ridgeland, WI and Theresa (Nick) Strand of Rock Falls; grandchildren, Anthony (Savanna) Owens, Brett (Courtney) Owens, Kayden, Ashlyn, Olivia, Bella and Emily; great grandchildren Ella, Bria, Carter, Sophia, Alayna and Mara; his mother, Joyce Thompson of Dodgeville, WI; brother, Ted (Marcia) Thompson of Barneveld, WI; sister, Lynn (Tim) Lauffer of Colfax; mother in law, Dolores Kahl of Mt. Horeb, WI; brother in law, Jerry (Julie) Landmark; also by many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. Besides his father, Dennis was preceded in death by his sister, Rhonda Dollhausen.

A funeral service was held on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Central Lutheran Church in Mondovi. Burial followed at Oak Park Cemetery. A visitation was held on Sunday, July 14 from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM at the Talbot Family Funeral Home, Mondovi Chapel and again at the church on Monday one hour prior to the service.

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By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

Lieutenant Colonel Marny Skindrud (retired) was recently sworn in as Commander of VFW Post 9511. She replaced longtime Commander Don Hartman and is the first woman to lead the local group, which is headquartered in Blue Mounds and active in the greater Mount Horeb community.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

The organization traces its roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign



Lieutenant Colonel Marny Skindrud is the new Commander of VFW Post 9511. Photo by Matt Geiger.

Wars of the United States. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. The local chapter holds an array of annual events.

Skindrud currently calls Mount Horeb home after living in Iraq, Afghanistan, Norway and Oklahoma, among other places. Her military career spanned 20 years and included three tours. Skindrud served in various capacities, from

the VFW through my dad," she said. "He was like, 'You're joining, right? I signed up for life.'"

Skindrud has already been active in the community flag program and other VFW work.

"It seemed like the natural thing to do," she said.

She said becoming post commander has "been in the works for some time now," as those at the post were looking for someone to step in and lead.

"Don Hartman always says it's time for the younger generations to step up," she said.

Skindrud was elected commander at the post's June meeting. She said she doesn't expect to make any drastic changes.

"I think we have such a good post," she said. "I think of everything we do in the community. It's so great, and honestly I don't see the need for any big changes. We'll still do steak feeds, still do the flag program, and we will work to bring in younger members."

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-Amor Towles

A Gentleman in Moscow

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

The hands give it away. Peter Botham leans back in his seat, laces his fingers together, and places them behind his head. They are the unmistakable paws of a farmer, knotted and thickened by decades spent working the land, lugging pails, wielding spades and wrenches and every device in the eclectic agrarian toolbox.

The crop is grapes, which are both simple orbs of sugar and complex testa-

ments to the time and place where they grew. The final product is wine, and the varieties produced by Botham Vineyards and Winery have regularly been selected as the best in the state.

Wine comes with a lot of peripheral noise, an ancient beverage that has its own scene, its own lexicon, its own culture and wisdom and narratives. For thousands of years it has quenched the thirst of peasants, while glasses full of it have clinked under the domed and gilded ceilings of palaces.

But for the Botham family, it is simply something they grow and ferment, year after year, through droughts and deluges, battling everything from persistent pests to capricious market forces. And after 35 years in business, the family – including Peter and Sarah and their son, Mills – is reminiscing about all they learned as they grew, mulling the past and the present, and the role family has played – like a warm glass of Yuletide wine.

"The fundamentals don't really ever change," explains Peter. "You can refine some things, but making good wine doesn't ever change. It comes down to raw materials, and it's im-



The Botham family (Mills, Peter and Sarah) enjoy a rare moment of respite at their vineyards and winery. Photo by Matt Geiger.

possible to make great wine from crappy grapes. You can't make great wine without great grapes."

Botham currently produces between 8,000 and 10,000 gallons annually. Nestled in the hills of rural Barneveld, the winery has racked up more than 150 medals and accolades over the years, many of which adorn the walls of their on-

farm tasting room, which turns 30 this year. Their Big Stuff Red has twice won gold at the International Wine Competition in San Francisco, and writers have called their product "hands down the best wine in the state" (FoodandWineAesthetics.com) and "the best in Wisconsin" (Epicurious.com).

"I think we do it best," says Sarah with a smile. "But of course, I have my personal bias. But truly, our focus here is on making wine. That is the first thing we do. It's an obsession."

The land where this year's crops are currently growing has been in the Botham family since the 1950s. Some of that original farm is now conservancy, but the rest was transitioned from cows

to grapes under Peter's guidance. He worked there during the summers of his youth, tending to Hereford cattle, then headed east, where he took up winemaking. Thirty-five years ago, he founded Botham Vineyards. Five years later, on July 17 of 1994, they opened their tasting room. Peter and Sarah married among the

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First responders prepare for National Night Out



National Night Out in Mount Horeb will take place on August 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Grundahl Park. It is an opportunity for the local community to connect with law enforcement and learn more about what they do, and there will be an array of people and activities. “This is a great opportunity for community members to come out and meet with different public safety entities that we have in our area,” said Sergeant Cory Rehfeldt.

The following will be attending: Iowa County Sheriff’s Office K9, Blue Mounds PD, DCSO Community Deputy, DCSO SRT/ Bearcat, DCSO Command Post, Verona PD Drone, Journey Mental Health, UW Med-flight, WI DNR Water Safety, UW Safe Kids, UW Burn Center- Summer Safety, Crime Stoppers, and more. There will also be a balloon animal booth, Mount Horeb Wednesday Night Live, bouncy house, petting zoo, K9 Dunk Tank fundraiser, free hotdogs and water. The event is free, and all are welcome. File photos by Matt Geiger.

BOTHAM

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grapes on August 12, 1995.

Early on, Peter learned something that has remained at the center of Botham’s philosophy ever since. “It’s easy to make wine,” Peter says. “It happens on its own. You squish some grapes. Yeast exists in our environment and the juice will ferment. But it’s very, very difficult, and it takes a lot of practice, to make *good* wine.”

Over the past two years, Mills, 27, has played an increasingly important role as well. He went to the University of Wisconsin, graduated, got a job there, and then, through the unexpected curveball of COVID, came back. They say the future is still a mystery, but they have loved working side-by-side.

“It was a slow burn,” says Peter. “We never encouraged it. We figured if he comes to it, if he comes to it on his own, that’s fine. If

not, that’s fine too.”

“This is not for everybody,” he continues. “There’s not a lot of life outside of this if you decide to bite it off. For a man Mills’ age, that’s a big ask. This place always has been and always will be time hungry.”

“When nobody is here, this is the most beautiful and peaceful place in existence,” points out Sarah. “When it’s open, it’s lively and wonderful in its own way. But it can also be challenging.”

As a little kid, Mills used to bake muffins and sell them in front of the winery’s tasting room, but because his parents never forced him into the family business, and because he came to it on his own terms, he says he had the enthusiasm – both energetic new vision and slight naivety – of an outsider.

“I went into it, I think like a lot of people, with some pretty romantic notions about farming,” Mills said.

“I was a little wide-eyed, I think,” Mills admits with a chuckle and a grimace. “I had a lot of good ideas but

I honestly wasn’t entirely sure how to make them happen. But I believed many of those ideas have merit, and I still believe they do.” Many of them have already been implemented, from reigniting relationships with distributors to beefing up the winery’s private events and social offerings, from weddings to music to trivia.

All winemakers know there are good years and bad years, as Peter says, and they know a single year is an expanse of time in which all manner of changes, challenges and opportunities can occur. Peter and Sarah say their son breathed new life into the family’s winery.

“Mills, at times, looks at jobs from a completely different perspective,” Peter agrees.

“Once upon a time, making excellent wine was sufficient,” explains Mills. “That’s not the case anymore.” Today, in a crowded and noisy marketplace, it can be a challenge to get people to take their first sip of a local wine.

“We have to recognize,” explains Peter, “that we will always be courting new generations.”

Music and trivia and events and everything else are wonderful, offering laughter and comradery and countless opportunities to enjoy the good things in life, and each other. But at the heart of it all remains good wine made with local grapes. The lifeblood of it all remains the fruit of this land.

“It’s all to get them here so they can taste our wine,” says Sarah. “We like to think it’s sophisticated ... but also approachable enough for everyone. We just want people to taste it. It’s part educational, and partly about making a fun and memorable experience because the product is so good.”

“Wine has this very romantic presence in our world,” muses Sarah. “It’s beautiful, and in the glass it’s this elegant drink. But as Peter said, it really is just farming.”

The most important thing,

according to Peter, is not what happens in the lab, or even in the tasting room. It’s what happens “out there,” he says with a gesture toward the vines. What happens out there is part of an annual cycle, and everyone in the family knows its rhythms. They face each year’s challenges together.

“Fortunately, aside from being a dad and son, we are also friends,” says Peter. “That helps.”

“Yeah,” jokes Mills. “He and I have only tried to kill each other twice in two years, which I think it pretty good.”

Turning more serious, a touch of gravitas now in his voice, he glances at his mother and father.

“There are two things I will always be grateful for,” says Mills. “The perspective they have given me by tearing away the romantic notions I had about farming and where food comes from. And these two,” - he gestures to his mother and father – “and what it took for them to make this thing

go, the sacrifices they made to make this work.”

He ponders for a minute and adds a third thing for which he wishes to give thanks.

“I get to spend a lot of time with my parents,” he adds, “which a lot of people my age don’t get to do. That’s something I’m grateful for, too.”

Sarah meets his gaze, then looks at Peter, and smiles again.

“It’s really pretty special to be part of this,” she says. “It’s a privilege to be part of this.”

Botham Vineyards and Winery will celebrate 35 years in business (and 30 years with a tasting room) on July 20. The event, dubbed “Sangria and Celebration,” will include special drinks, food and entertainment, including music by The Barn Flies.

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WONDER

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She hooks her thumbs in the straps of her overalls and looks around.

“I get to be in this,” she continues. “I mean, people pay to forest bathe, and here I am *everyday*.”

For D’Souza (formerly Bernstein), finding her “thing” has been part of an ongoing evolution of the soul and the mind. As a child, she was always bright and analytical, flirting with perfection in most academic realms from an early age. She loves math, engineering, problem solving, and finding new ways to understand herself and the world

she inhabits. Growing up near Chicago, however, an organic, pastured hog farm and Wisconsin’s sustainable food scene were not exactly at the forefront of her mind.

“It was Kraft Mac and Cheese, Chef Boyardee, Wendy’s,” she says with a laugh.

When she grew up and moved to the Madison area, she started sensing there was more to dinner, and more to life. She got an office job in Verona, lasting all of nine months.

“I was so jealous of the moms I saw on my way to work,” she recalls, “playing with their kids on the playground. And I was jealous of people who got to be out-

side.”

She soon did something about it, leaving her office job to raise her two children, homeschooling them so they could learn many important lessons (and unlearn plenty others). It was around the same time she started reading about food, and about food ethics.

“I kind of veered toward permaculture and gardening,” she says. “When I found out I was pregnant the first time, it kind of felt like the stakes were higher. So, we signed up for a CSA. I started to grow veggies. We were in Verona at the time and wanted chickens but they wouldn’t let us; I remember listening to

the mayor of Verona saying people would leave if their neighbors had chickens.” With a good-natured chuckle, she explains that that it was actually the people who wanted chickens that left, buying the land that became Wonderfarm in 2016. Located in the Town of Springdale on the outskirts of Mount Horeb, the barnyard was soon bustling with life. The property, which is around 80 acres, boasts an array of distinct ecosystems. It is always changing, ushering in each fresh season.

They started with chickens. Then, through Soil Sisters and April Prusia of Dorothy’s Range in Blanchardville, D’Souza learned about heritage-breed pigs. They got four feeders then started having their own litters.

“We bought a pregnant

sow, and she went into the woods and had her litter,” she says. “Those pigs lived their entire lives in the woods. The slaughter truck picked them up there.” It’s a far cry from the fate of many meat animals on larger industrial farms.

Giving pigs full lives together, slumbering in sunny grass pastures, foraging in the forest, and eventually feeding humans who care about their own well-being and that of the animals that sustain them, is what it’s all about for Wonderfarm. D’Souza loves the pigs’ intelligence, toughness and adaptability. She also makes no bones about the fact that they taste great, too.

“They’re like dogs, but no dog gives you bacon at the end,” she laughs.

On the farm, the former child who loved engineering and problem solving finds plenty of ways to exercise her body and her mind.

“I love problem solving,” D’Souza says. “I mean, I don’t *always* love having problems to solve, but in a

general way I love fixing things, and being a farmer gives me an opportunity to do that.”

“And the great thing about farms is you have a lot of options,” she says. “I’ve planted a bajillion fruit trees. Not all of them made it.”

While local, sustainably produced food is often linked to physical health, D’Souza says there is an important mental health component as well. In the fact that so many creatures depend on her for their well-being and survival, she finds her own personal well-being, too.

“I have to get out of bed and feed them, even if I don’t want to,” she explains. “I have to move my body. It’s a daily dose of medicine, whether I like it or not.”

Small wonder that living off the land, pursuing things that make you happy, and caring for the creatures who depend on you, can lead to happiness and health. Small wonder, that finding “your thing” can make such a big difference.



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Helgeson headed to all-star game

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by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

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MH-B opens season ranked No. 4

Vikings went 11-1 in 2023, reached Level 3 of the playoffs

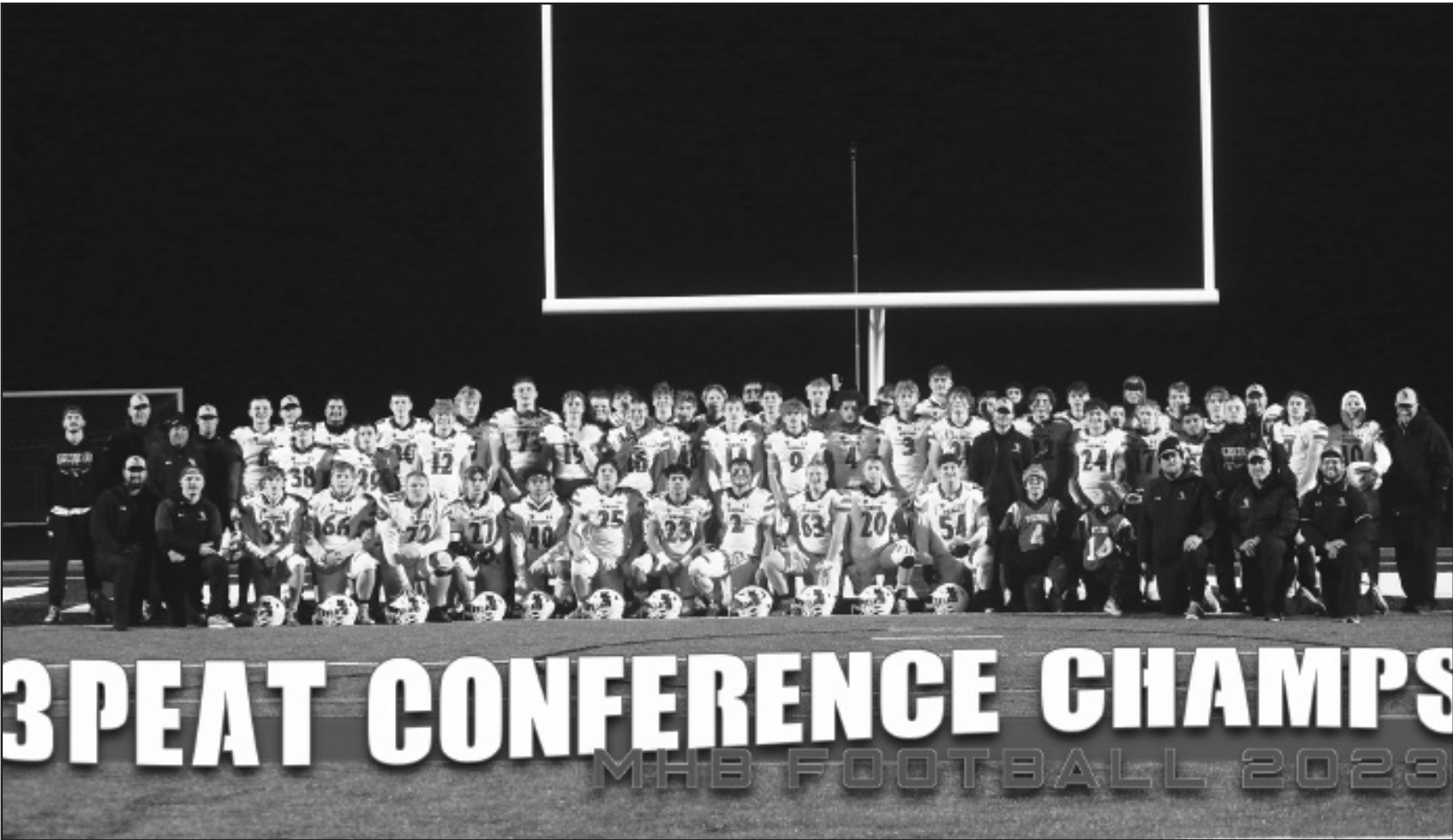
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Helgeson also threw for 2,073 yards and 23 touchdowns and earned all-conference first-team honors during his junior season in 2022, making him one of the most accomplished quarterbacks in school history.

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

“This paired with his speed and strength makes him an exceptional talent. He was our leader and



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Name	High School	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.
Ean Ackley	Sun Prairie West	6’2	215	ILB
Termarion Brumby	Racine Case	6’0	180	DB
Damarcus Chappell	Nicolet	6’2	240	DL
Garrison Codde	Verona	5’11	175	DB
Danny Cotter	Waunakee	6’0	185	DB
Gabe Enerson	Muskego	5’11	220	OL
Teagan Fox	Franklin	6’2	205	ILB
Logan Frey	Brookfield East	6’4	285	OL
Dom Frost	Middleton	6’4	303	DL
Tucker Grundahl	DeForest	6’3	220	TE
Tyler Hatcher	Sussex Hamilton	5’9	190	QB
Adam Heberer	Sussex Hamilton	6’5	225	TE
Kasey Helgeson	Mt. Horeb/Barn.	6’4	210	QB
Brock Hodge	Oak Creek	6’2	260	OL
Manny Joseph	Franklin	6’0	180	OLB
Nick Kihn	Sussex Hamilton	5’10	180	WR
Paul Kim	Janesville Parker	6’0	180	DB
Michael King Jr.	Racine Case	5’11	197	LB
Joseph Koch	Menomonee Falls	6’0	185	RB
Ashton Krause	Muskego	6’2	195	OLB
Aiden Krause	Muskego	6’3	215	TE/WR
Owen Leitel	West Allis Hale	5’10	180	RB
Ethan McClain	Kenosha Bradford	6’0	255	DL
Collin Meininger	Westosha Central	6’2	200	WR
Murphy Monreal	Marquette	5’11”	170	DB
Cooper Mueller	Franklin	6’5	185	K/P
PJ O’Brien	Marquette	6’3	195	DB
Nate Olsen	Waunakee	6’1	275	OL
Benjamin Ott	Nicolet	6’1	190	ILB
Kristian (KJ) Peterson	Middleton	6’2	295	OL
Carl Pevey Jr	Catholic Memorial	6’0	240	DL
Anthony Poole	Greenfield	6’1	275	OL
Walker Powers	Mukwonago	6’1	245	DL
Malik Robinson	Milwaukee King	5’10	190	OLB
Cole Savola	Waunakee	6’0	188	ILB
James Seagreaves	Monroe	6’6	205	DL
Nolan Shiplett	Kenosha Bradford	6’4	190	WR
Connor Stauff	Sun Prairie East	5’10	175	WR
Max Stuhlmacher	Nicolet	6’3	270	OL
Jae’Shaun Thomas	Catholic Memorial	6’4”	280	OL
Michael Valitchka	Verona	5’11	185	WR
Kaden Westphal	McFarland	6’4	275	OL
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Ken Krause, Muskego; Ryan Lucchesi, Muskego; Justin Gumm, Sussex Hamilton; Tommy Noennig, Sussex Hamilton; Dan Prahl, Milton; Anthony Dowery, Milwaukee Marshall; Evan Rosa, Nicolet; Nick Vitale, Wauwatosa West.				

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Carter Amerson	Wausau West	5’10”	170	DB
Casey Arendt	Port Washington	6’6	300	OL
Sam Bossman	Onalaska	6’4	230	OL
Griffin Bowers	Homestead	6’0	165	DB
Miles Christenson	Menasha	5’10”	180	DB
Tanner Dalske	Fond du Lac	5’11”	195	RB
Sam Dickman	Hudson	6’3”	225	OLB
Max Dietzman	Medford	6’1	255	DL
Finnley Doriot	Kaukauna	6’2	185	QB
Sam Dudek	Kimberly	6’1”	200	OLB
Ethan Ehlinger	Stevens Point	6’5”	220	TE
Kyle Felt	Baraboo	6’4	265	OL
Ryan Ferguson	Germantown	6’2	180	WR
Ashton Fischer	Wisconsin Rapids	5’11”	210	DB
Hudson Fore	Cedarburg	6’2”	280	DL
Ben Fritsch	Port Washington	6’0	175	QB
Zack George	La Crosse Central	5’9”	170	DB
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Jack Modder	Appleton North	6’3	282	OL
Aidan Roh	Hortonville	6’1”	225	DL
Trace Schoenebeck	Luxemburg-Casco	6’2	200	OLB
Tayte Schommer	Rice Lake	6’0	250	OL
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Mount Horeb/Barneveld has produced some excellent teams under a few different coaches in the last 15 years or so, and the 2023 Vikings were right up there with any of them.

MH-B went unbeaten in the regular season en route to a dominating Badger-Small title. The Vikings went to Level 3 of the playoffs, where they lost a 26-21 heartbreaker to Notre Dame in the final minute.

“The strength of this team will be experience and skill,” said MH-B head coach Bret St. Arnould. “We have a lot of players returning especially on defense where we only lose three starters.

“Offensively we will have a new face at quarterback (Brooks Hendrickson) but he has incredible

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Owen Preimesberger (top) and Ricky Sevilla (above) will be two key returnees for Mount Horeb/Barneveld’s football team this fall. File photo

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arm talent. It is tough to replace a Big Ten talent on the offensive line like Austin Leibfried, but with four offensive linemen who played significant snaps last year the outlook upfront is a positive one. We have playmakers on both sides of the ball, with eight All-Conference players returning, the biggest one being honorable mention all-state wide receiver Chris Kiel.”

5. NEW BERLIN WEST

New Berlin West finished second in the Parkland Conference behind Catholic Memorial, following up a state semi-final run in 2022 with a playoff victory last season. Losing league Offensive Player of the Year Jack Wesolowski will certainly hurt, but the Vikings do bring back a 1,000-yard rusher in Sean Ryan, who doubles as an outstanding linebacker for head coach Ben Chossek.

Owen Athas, Lucas Hartung, and Bennett Mueller are returning starters on the

offensive line.

6. WATERFORD

Waterford struggled out of the gates in 2023, dropping both non-conference games and an early league contest against eventual Division 2 state champion Badger. However, the Wolverines rebounded from the 1-3 start to rattle off six consecutive victories, and seemed poised for a nice playoff run before getting upset by seventh-seeded Stoughton in Level 2.

Waterford brings back 14 starters from a year ago as they try to challenge for the Southern Lakes title.

“We return a lot of skill players, especially at receiver and quarterback, but lose our leading rusher from last season on offense and the conference defensive Player of the Year,” said second-year head coach Tony Shiffman. “We will be young in spots, but have great senior leadership in others.”

One player to keep an eye on is senior Carter Thompson, who led the team in receiving last year and was one of the standouts of the off-season camp and combine schedule.

7. PORT WASHINGTON

The Pirates put together an outstanding 2023 season, winning the first 10 games of the year en route to an East Central Conference title. While things came to an end in a one-point loss to Grafton in Level 2 of the playoffs, it was a continuation of a nice run for Port Washington in the last few years.

Head coach John Bunyan brings back eight starters on offense and eight on

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On top, quarterback Brooks Hendrickson (19) and running back Evan Preimesberger (28) will be key members of the Mount Horeb/Barneveld football team this season. Above, Zach Maguire (5) had a terrific 2023 season for MH-B at both linebacker and place kicker. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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1. GREEN BAY NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame dropped just one game during the regular season last year, a tough one to Waunakee, as the Tritons captured an outright FRCC-South title and advanced to within a game of the state championship before falling to Rice Lake in the semi-finals.

With defending state champion Rice Lake promoted to Division 2, there is guaranteed to be a new champion in the division, and Notre Dame has the pedigree, talent, and ability to be the one to take over.

It starts with two of the best players in the entire state: James Flanigan and Christian Collins. Flanigan is a Notre Dame recruit who earned all-state honors as a tight end and also led the team in tackles. Collins led the state in rushing a year ago, running for 2,503 yards with 40 touchdowns.

Asa Poister, Charlie Hornacek, and Abe Augustine are other returning standouts for head coach Michael Rader.

2. GRAFTON

Grafton was sitting at 3-2 midway through the season, but rallied to claim

a share of the Woodland Conference title. Not satisfied there, the Black Hawks won three straight very close playoff games to advance to the state title game for the first time in more than 40 years.

They came up just short, falling 28-20 to Rice Lake. With 17 starters back, including 13 all-conference players and 93% of the offensive production, there is every reason to believe the team could be even better in 2024.

“We had a large number of underclassman gain valuable and extensive playing experience in 2023, while starting six sophomores and 12 juniors,” said head coach Jim Norris.

Brady Hilgart is the reigning Woodland Conference Offensive Player of the Year after throwing for more than 2,700 yards. Tommy Lutz is also back after a 1,400-yard rushing season. Add in first-team all-conference wide receivers Gavin Lempke and Carson Hildebrand, plus a trio of all-league offensive linemen in James Nellis, Thomas Peterson, and Miles Muilenberg, and there’s a lot to like about the offense.

The defense could also shine, bringing back eight starters, led by linebackers Tyler Heinle and Tyler Van Sluys.

3. CATHOLIC MEMORIAL



Mount Horeb/Barneveld football coach Bret St. Arnauld has led the Vikings to three straight conference titles. MH-B begins the year ranked No. 4 by wissports.net. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Catholic Memorial went through a bit of an odd season, entering with loads of hype behind numerous scholarship prospects. However, the Crusaders

lost their first two games of the year to Marquette and Franklin before rallying to win 10 straight. Locked in a tough game against Luxemburg-Casco

in the state semi-finals, CMH was up in the closing seconds, only to see the Spartans score late and complete a shocking 23-21 win, sending the Crusaders home shy of Madison.

This year, CMH moves up a division due to the WIAA Tournament Performance Factor points, as they’ll return to Division 3 after competing in D4 since 2019.

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