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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY:
Saturday, May 30th
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Best Wishes always to the Barneveld High School Class of 2026 from
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Village of Blue Mounds

Village board okays new welcome sign

By ABIGAIL KARBUSICKY
Mount Horeb Mail

The Village of Blue Mounds is getting a new welcome sign, and the village board approved the wording for the sign at its May 13 meeting.

Village President Paul Baum said the new sign will be made of metal, so it will last longer than the current sign made of wood. The sign will include the welcome message, along with a sun over the mounds, like the village letterhead.

At the meeting, Baum said the village planned for the sign to read “Welcome to Village of Blue Mounds” to distinguish from the township.

But during public comment, resident Audra Anderson argued the village

should add “the” ahead of “village” in the sign. She argued it is universally known as “the village.”

Baum said he would prefer less words on the sign, as more words can cause driver safety issues if drivers are trying to read the sign while

driving.

But trustees Steve Burbank and Jeff Lange agreed with Anderson, and said the village should add “the” to the sign. And the majority of the board voted to approve that wording.

Baum said the vote means

the board approved ordering the signs, but said in an email to the Mount Horeb Mail after the meeting he didn’t yet have a delivery date on the signs.

Town of Blue Mounds

Public comments are back in Blue Mounds

By JILL JONAS
Mount Horeb Mail

The Town of Blue Mounds Board held their monthly meeting on May 19, after having postponed its May 12 meeting.

After Chair Rick VanDomelen called the meeting to order, the board approved their April 14 minutes without revision. The April 21 Annual Meeting minutes draft is now available for suggested edits. It will not be voted on until next year’s meeting.

After being omitted last month, the agenda item “Public Comments” returned. Edward Hill requested their home be included in the Town’s trash and recycling pickup program. Although their residence is located in the Town of Vermont, their driveway crosses an acre parcel that’s within the Town of Blue Mounds. The current trash pickup route runs past their property. Hill considers the one-acre parcel as part of their home, keeping it mowed and having a mailbox, house number, flowers, trees, etc. there. VanDomelen delayed board discussion until a later agenda item involving vacant parcels. Another second public commenter requested information on who to contact regarding home building on an existing home footprint. VanDomelen suggested the person begin by contacting Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Curt Winter via email.

Two zoning items were addressed.

The first was submission of an engineered driveway plan for a 10655 Rowley Rd property. A driveway construction application and fee has yet to be submitted. The driveway permit was approved pending completion of other requirements.

The second zoning item was a concept meeting for a parcel division and possible redivision off West Blue

Mounds and Tomnan Roads. There was some discussion and questioning regarding differences noted in the Certified Survey Map(CSM) drawing and it’s written legal description specific to total acreage. Also mentioned was an approximate eight foot wide, 600 foot long strip of land between the road right-of-way and the property. Related to that strip of land, discussion included a recent Ridglan Farms quick deed transfer. The resident noted the need to clarify tax responsibilities and the desire to have everything legalized. This agenda item was noticed as a concept meeting only, however a CSM was presented to the board. Although affiliated with Ridglan Farms, VanDomelen participated in the discussion and the board’s vote, approving the parcel division and possible redivision.

Next, Clerk Amanda Burghy presented a draft Special Event Permit Application Checklist. Burghy referenced a 2025 public event involving a band at Six Springs (the old Little Norway). After the fact, it was recognized that the event should likely have received prior Town approval. Due to last week’s meeting postponement, Burghy noted there was now a “time crunch.” She described the draft as a merger of other Towns’ documents. VanDomelen noted he views the “meat of it” as the Indemnification/ Hold Harmless clause. Burghy noted Six Springs’ desire to hold the event again. After discussing fees, the board approved the application with edits and directed Burghy to move forward with Six Springs.

Resident Melissa Cork requested the board lower the speed limit on Sand Rock Road. Patrolman Ross Powers noted the area Cork referenced appears to be within the Village of Mount

Horeb’s jurisdiction. Cork was advised to contact the Village. Supervisor Kevin Depies suggested she may want to see whether the Village would be willing to place a radar sign, advising drivers of their speeds.

In response to comments at the annual meeting, Supervisor Mary Ann Bellazzini reported on the board’s broadband follow-up. She stated the Dane County Broadband Coordinator identified 468 Town addresses scheduled for upgrades by the end of 2028. Bellazzini emphasized unsuccessful attempts to speak with the Mount Horeb Telephone Company (MHTC) manager. Bellazzini suggested the board’s next step be a direct letter to MHTC. Bellazzini will continue her follow up, including drafting the MHTC letter for the board’s review.

An updated Portable Storage Container Ordinance passed unanimously.

Regarding the engagement of a Town attorney to help review ordinances and resolutions, VanDomelen emphasized past discussions, including rates, with law firms Stroud, Willink & Howard, LLC. and “Mark Rooney’s firm at the time.” Burghy reminded the board of past discussions with Stroud, Willink et al and the need to update the “Agreement for the Provision of Legal Services” document, if they so choose. VanDomelen stated that, Bellazzini “told me before the meeting she did a little comparison shopping.” Bellazzini then noted that John Brixy originally brought this law firm to the board’s attention a few months ago. The board unanimously approved hiring Stroud, Willink et al for legal services starting 2026.

Next up was the allowance of trash receptacles assigned to vacant parcels. VanDomelen turned to

Winter who explained that Edward Hill, who had already provided public comments, was the “catalyst for this” agenda item. Winters noted that now that the Town has converted to totes, the “company knows who’s paying and who’s not. We’re finding all kinds of folks that live in communities, not ours, have been getting free garbage pickup.” Of note is that the Town of Vermont does not provide a similar garbage pickup service. Hill and others are interested in having the service. Winter questioned, “if, in fact, we want to allow that to happen...should the price be the same? I would advocate ‘no.’ That is entirely up to you.” Acknowledged to be a complicated issue, the board choose to deny the requested service and unanimously approved creating a resolution or ordinance reflecting the decision.

For Public Works, Powers reported highlights from attending the Spring Road School, most specifically the use of brine solutions and growth inhibitors and their associated savings. Powers suggested a spring road tour for board members. All supervisors were receptive to better understanding future needs. Patching and mowing roads will start soon. Powers completed stonework, mulching, and planting by the town building.

Land Use Committee (LUC) Chair, Chris Smith,

reported starting to schedule site visits and committee meetings, along with working on the driveway process for determining engineered planning requirements. Smith mentioned experimenting with different plotting software. These tools may help determine when an engineered plan is required. VanDomelen asked whether there was any progress on the Comprehensive Plan. Smith has been reviewing associated state regulations and blocking out “what” is going to be needed and “when” from a planning perspective. The LUC intends to have the bulk of the initial draft written by the end of the summer.

Winter mentioned correspondence from Australia that needs “a little background” to be presented next month. Bellazzini mentioned the June 13th Norsk Run involving a few roads within the Town. Staff confirmed that routes are similar to previous years.

Winter explained the agenda item, Correction of Errors by the Assessor. It involved gross “over values” at seven properties, resulting in overly large tax bills. The accounting errors, referred to as “palpable errors by the assessor,” results in a total Town outlay of \$54,494.69. The Town should then be

“paid back” by February, sans interest. Depies questioned necessary revaluation changes. Winter stated it will change the Town’s “Statement of Taxes” and “Statement of Assessment” forms that Burghy will have to file. Burghy stated, it will “affect our overall value.” The board unanimously approved that the Town satisfy the errors of taxation on the noted parcels before the due date of July 31 and as quickly as possible.

April bills of \$53,623.36 were approved. The largest payment was \$34,211.00 for the Mount Horeb Joint Fire Department New Building.

Winter added that “we raised the tax limit on the credit card for the office. It was at \$2,500.” Drawing the supervisor’s attention to expenses such as Quickbooks, he noted that expenses exceed that amount. Winter gave an aggregate office expense total of \$7500. The tax limit requested is \$10,000 with both Burghy and Winter’s sign-off that is also to include the minutes of this meeting and again, once approved. VanDomelen questioned whether a motion was necessary. Although there was no motion or vote, supervisors indicated they were okay with staff moving forward with their request.



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PERSPECTIVE

LaMantia Feels Lisa White is the Most Qualified Candidate for SD17

Dear Editor,

Do you know what suburban Madison communities like Oregon and rural farming communities like Cassville have in common? Large scale or small, nobody wants an AI data center in their community! Liberal or conservative, urban or rural, comedian Charlie Berens says,” this is more bipartisan than beer!”

Most of us can probably agree that we don’t want our environment ruined and our personal information sold to the highest bidder to only benefit a few billionaires and their tech companies.

We are often told AI is coming whether we like it or not. While that may be true, it is up to us, the voters and workers of this state, to decide how we can best prepare ourselves for this brave new world.

Lisa White is just the type of candidate Wisconsin Senate District 17 needs in Madison to get the job done!

First, we must elect candidates who will pump the brakes on proposed data center projects. Our future legislators and governor should propose a moratorium on con-

struction of new AI data centers. This will allow time for lawmakers to pass bills to reduce the environmental impact on communities and mitigate the cost of utilities to consumers. Lisa recognizes that data centers do serve a purpose and need to be placed somewhere. But, in order to reduce harm and increase the benefits to all of us, we need to have strong government regulation.

Second, Lisa wants to get laws passed to allow our local governments to have the power over their own land usage. She has already worked to educate many townships and citizens across SD17, from Cassville to Monroe and Waterloo, by showing up to small community board meetings. Because of her efforts to empower themselves, we are already seeing results. In my opinion, that already makes her the most qualified candidate to represent our district. She can best bridge the gap of our rural farming communities along the Mississippi River to our rapidly growing suburban communities near Madison.

Just like the physical hardware of data centers require regulation, so do the effects of new AI technologies. AI will have wide ranging effects on what the workforce of Wisconsin looks like for generations to come. According to sources like Gold-

man Sachs, AI could automate 25% of all work tasks. That’s a significant impact on the labor market. Lisa White believes in Wisconsin workers and will work to properly fund education and workforce development to prepare future workers and retrain displaced workers to insulate the effects of these new technologies.

On August 11, if you plan to vote in our Democratic partisan primary, the choice is clear! Lisa White is the best candidate to represent our district as a whole! Then, it will be on to victory in November to return the power of the people back from the out of touch Madison politicians who have become out of touch with their citizens.

Doug LaMantia,
Lancaster

Meet the Candidates for the New Wisconsin 17th Senate District

Dear Editor,

I’m writing to encourage people to attend a candidate’s forum at the New Glarus High School auditorium for the three candidates running in the primary for the newly revised 17th district for the Wisconsin senate. The district maps have recently been redrawn to

reflect balance and fairness, and the 17th is one that has been positively reshaped the most. The 17th Senate District features the largest changes. The new 17th Senate District includes Grant, Lafayette, Iowa, Green and Crawford counties, plus southwestern Dane County. So I encourage you to come out and hear in person from the candidates their fresh ideas and initiatives they propose to improve life for us, the residents of the 17th.

The forum is organized so that the candidates will answer questions on a variety of salient topics chosen ahead of time, as well as some questions from audience members. This will be a great way for you to hear directly from the candidates what issues are most important to them, and how they plan to deliver for their constituents if they succeed in winning the seat.

Let’s put the community back in politics by participating in person with those that represent us and further the spirit of constructive community engagement with our potential future leaders of the great state of Wisconsin. The event is on June 10th at the New Glarus High School auditorium at 6:00 p.m. See you there!

Jason Neton,
New Glarus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Governor OK’s US 18/151 and County F improvements, Blue Mounds

To invest in Wisconsin’s transportation system, Governor Evers recently signed a \$2,454,566 contract to reconstruct the US 18/151 and County F intersection in Blue Mounds, Dane County. Preliminary work is scheduled to begin May 26.

Rock Road Companies, Inc. is the prime contractor for the project. The project is designed to improve intersection safety by offsetting the US 18/15 right turn lanes onto County F. The addition of J-turns will be placed for left turning traffic at the intersection.

During construction, US 18/151 will remain open with shoulder and lane closures.

Project completion is scheduled for early September. The schedule is dependent on favorable weather conditions and construction progress.

Motorists are reminded that using handheld cell phones in Wisconsin work zones is illegal. Alerts and updates provided via these sites are not intended for

Phishing scams continue to target DMV customers

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is warning consumers of another wave of fraud attempts where scammers pretend to be from WisDOT. Some scams duplicate the look of official WisDOT content.

The latest phishing scam, often from out of state or out of country phone numbers, warns of a “Driver’s License Suspension Pending” or vague “violation details” with a demand for urgent action and payment or “continue for details” button with link that could take you to unofficial websites. The scammers’ goal is to get individuals to click on fraudulent links or reveal personal information.

These are not from WisDOT or DMV.

Wisconsin DMV urges consumers to be on the lookout and follow these tips:

Be suspicious of demands for immediate action, personal information or money.

Do not share personal information with unsolicited emails or messages.

If you have not signed

up to receive email or text messages from DMV and receive an unsolicited text message or email from an unknown number or person, do not respond, engage with the caller or click on links.

If you are the victim of a scam, you may: Consider filing a police report with the local law enforcement agency where you reside; Report it to the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) www.ic3.gov; Speak to AARP’s Fraud Watch Helpline and find Fraud Victim Support Groups (all ages accepted); Request a free credit report and research identity theft prevention: <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>.

Bill to ‘Protect EMTs and Other Healthcare Providers’ Signed

Governor Tony Evers signed Assembly Bill (AB) 905, authored by Sen. Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) and Rep. Tony Kurtz (R-Wonewoc), into law. Act 197 fixes state law to define “health care facility” and “health care provider” in a way that guarantees that all individuals providing critical healthcare are properly protected and able to do

their jobs safely, regardless of where they provide care.

Act 197 addresses an unintended problem in current state statute that was brought to lawmakers by Sauk County District Attorney Michael Albrecht. During a recent case, Albrecht found there was ambiguity about whether threats made outside traditional health care settings could be charged. As a result, while prosecutors could charge someone for threatening to cause bodily harm to a nurse in a hospital, they could not charge someone for making the same threat to an EMS provider working in an ambulance.

“This bill ensures our EMS providers and other health care professionals are protected no matter where they serve,” Sen. Marklein said. “EMS providers are often placed in high-stress and unpredictable situations. This bill ensures they have the protections they need while delivering care in the field.”

“We are very grateful that this commonsense, bipartisan bill has been signed into law,” Rep. Kurtz said. “Ensuring that the brave men and women who provide life-saving treatment when responding to an emergency

wherever they are needed are guaranteed the same protections as healthcare professionals working inside a healthcare facility is essential.”

Act 197 protects all healthcare professionals working in their official capacity, including EMS personnel, nurses, and other providers. The bill received bipartisan support in both houses of the legislature before being signed by the Governor.

Rep. Novak Encourages ‘Bipartisan Work’ to continue

Representative Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville) joined several Republican legislators in sending a letter to Governor Tony Evers encouraging continued bipartisan negotiations focused on returning Wisconsin’s budget surplus to taxpayers and advancing reforms to help lower costs for working families.

The letter follows last week’s failed special session legislation, which was the product of months of negotiations between Governor Evers and Republican legislative leadership.

Representative Novak

said the bipartisan agreement reflected the kind of practical governing Wisconsinites expect from their elected officials.

“People are tired of political fights getting in the way of getting things done,” said Rep. Novak. “The bipartisan agreement negotiated between Governor Evers and legislative Republicans would’ve provided meaningful tax relief, property tax relief, additional support for schools, and reforms to help families dealing with higher everyday costs. Those are issues that matter to people back home, and they’re worth continuing to work on.”

In the letter, lawmakers thanked Governor Evers for engaging in productive discussions throughout the spring and encouraged him to call the Legislature back into Special Session to continue work on the bipartisan reforms that had been negotiated.

“We still have an opportunity to come together and do something positive for Wisconsin families,” Novak added. “Our work doesn’t end because one bill failed. I remain committed to finding common ground and delivering results for the people I represent.”

COMMUNITY

American Legion Auxiliary Launches Veterans Donation Drive in Honor of America’s 250th Anniversary



In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, the American Legion Auxiliary Mount Horeb Unit 113 is launching a community donation drive to support local veterans in need.

Beginning May 25th through July 4th, community members are encouraged to donate essential household and personal care items to benefit the Madison VA Homeless Program and veterans who have recently secured housing.

The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to help promote this community-wide effort, which reflects the spirit of service and generosity found throughout the area.

The goal of the campaign is to collect 250 essential items. Needed donations include toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, laundry detergent, dish soap, sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, bedding, blankets, and other household essentials. A complete donation list will be available at each drop-off site.

Donation bins will be located at the following locations:

- Mount Horeb Family Pharmacy
- Evangelical Lutheran Church
- St. Ignatius Catholic Church of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish
- Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
- Mount Horeb Public Library

Community members are encouraged to participate throughout the donation period and help support veterans transitioning into stable housing.



Celebrating Leadership and a New Chapter at MARC’s Mt. Horeb Program

A meaningful leadership transition is underway at MARC’s Mt. Horeb program.

After serving as Director of the Mt. Horeb program for the last 11 years, Kim Watrud has accepted the role of Executive Director at MARC (Madison Area Rehabilitation Centers). Her leadership and compassion have made a lasting impact on participants, families, and the community. Kim will continue supporting MARC in this new role while helping ensure a thoughtful and seamless transition.

MARC Mt. Horeb is also pleased to welcome Marsha Babler as its new Program Director. Marsha brings more than 28 years of experience with MARC, including 10 ½ years as Assistant Director in Mt. Horeb. Her dedication, strong relationships, and deep commitment to those served make her a natural fit to lead the program forward.

Maggie Fassbender has accepted the role of Assistant Director. She brings a wealth of knowledge of Mt Horeb being from the area and is excited for this new opportunity to serve her community.

A valued member of the Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce, MARC is a nonprofit organization that provides community-based employment, day services, and support for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

This transition celebrates Kim’s incredible contributions to Mt. Horeb while warmly welcoming Marsha into her new leadership role—ensuring continued strength and success for MARC and the community.

Military Ridge Retreat Brings New Group-Friendly Lodging to Main Street

The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome a new addition to our downtown community! Local owners Jim and Brenda have officially opened their charming new Military Ridge Retreat Airbnb and VRBO on Main Street, creating a warm and inviting space for visitors to experience all that Mount Horeb has to offer.

Jim and Brenda have put tremendous care and attention into preparing the home, thoughtfully designing it to accommodate a wide range of gatherings. Whether it’s hosting family reunions, welcoming out-of-town guests, creating a cozy home base for wedding parties, or even bringing together quilting circles and creative retreats, this new space is designed for connection and comfort.

Located right in the heart of Mount Horeb, guests will enjoy easy access to local shops, dining, and the unique character that makes our community so special. The addition of this rental helps meet a growing need for group-friendly lodging while enhancing the experience for visitors exploring the Trollway.

We look forward to the many memories that will be made within the walls of Military Ridge Retreat and the positive impact it will have on our community!



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Gleanings

140 Years Ago- June 2, 1886

D.S. Kelleher reports black-leg in his herd, a calf having fallen a victim.

Tom Burns has been scanning the country for a lost colt. The animal was found north of Verona after much perseverance.

Gus Schneider is suffering from a temporary ailment, the blues. When Mrs. Schneider returns from the visit she is now on at Black Earth Gus will count all O.K.

It is an old saying that “all signs fail in dry weather,” and we are experiencing it here to the full extent of the law. Corn is so dry that it sticks in the crows’ throats.

Andrew E. Thompson, who lives in the square brick house on the east side of town, has a large, fine looking patch of strawberries. Andrew keeps a small dog.

The Mount Horeb Society has adjourned for the ice cream season. The “Literary and Debating Society,” The young Ladies Home Mission, The middle aged Ladies’ Cooking School and the “Ladies Gossiping Society of all Ages” are among those who will resume in the fall.

130 Years Ago- May 28, 1896

Dr. G.A. Mills “got it in the eye,” one day last week, in operating a syringe. Some of the acid with which the syringe was charged was ejected into the Doctor’s optic, with painful and dangerous effect.

Miss Addie Olson, of Forest City, Iowa, who is visiting at this place, went to Mt. Vernon to try her luck at fishing. She is said to have succeeded in catching a big sucker.

A.A. Emmel, of Barneveld, drove though our streets last Sunday, with his glittering blacks and hitched to an elegant phaeton. Mr. Emmel was accompanied by his wife, children and two other ladies.

Those boys that were seen running around naked, near the main road about half way between this village and Mt. Vernon, had better be a little more careful. If they do not heed this fatherly advice, they will have to be cared for at the Hotel de Mickelson in Madison. This is a civilized country, and its people will not long tolerate such disgraceful proceedings as were carried on by those despicable thugs last Sunday and several times before.

Our broom manufacturer, O.B. Pickard, now occupies his new quarters.

120 Years Ago- May 31, 1906

The Metropolitan Carnival Co. of Milwaukee will show here next week, opening up to the public on Wednesday, June 6, continuing every day and evening the balance of the week, closing on Saturday night. The Great Howard’s, who are the greatest knife and ax throwers in the world. Among their most thrilling acts is that in which Howard throws a knife with unerring aim and cuts a rose from the breast of

his assistant.

A minister’s influence has far reaching effect seen on people outside of his own congregation. Rev. Pengilly’s enthusiastic advocacy of properly trimming shade trees has borne rich fruit. Let the good work continue.

110 Years Ago- June 2, 1916

Word comes from Rice Lake that Rev. Wirth’s 3-year-old girl took 2nd prize at a baby show recently held there. Mrs. Wirth will be remembered better as Volberg Gunderson here.

The band boys were dressed in their new uniforms on Decoration Day and looked very nifty. Mt. Horeb has reason to be proud of their band.

Our Linograph typesetting machine is being installed this week and Mr. Montgomery of Davenport, Iowa is here giving instruction in the operating knowledge of the complicated machine. Our readers will have to overlook the many errors that will be noticeable until the operator gets accustomed to the work.

John Handley and family visited at the home of Albert Kahl Sunday. Mr. H. has a feeling of fear that he is about to loose the art of milking and is glad to have a chance to use the pail and milk stool when the blacks and whites come home in the evening.

100 Years Ago- May 28, 1926

The Riley Store does a better business than John Brown

did in later years as it is better stocked up with all kinds of groceries.

The sale of the Valvoline Filling Station here took place Tuesday to W.J. Myrland and sons, Howard and Issac. The sale also includes the truck and oil route conducted by Fred Rieck.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Koenig died last Sunday and was buried Tuesday. His twin sister is apparently well.

The Mount Horeb Creamery is receiving 35,000 pounds of milk daily at this time. Butter-maker Werner says this is the heaviest delivery of milk to the local creamery since he came here.

Miss Mary Murphy is now employed at Hoff’s Basement Store, having commenced last Monday.

The Rev. E.R. Anderson will deliver the address at the Memorial Day service in the Yellowstone Congregation, the Rev. S.C. Benson in charge Saturday morning.

90 Years Ago- May 28, 1936

Arthur “Swede” Johnson, coach and athletic director in the Mount Horeb High School the past seven years, has resigned his position and in the fall will attend Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., to study medicine.

Perry Lutheran parochial school started in the Daleyville school on Monday with Hazel Paulson as teacher.

The Mount Horeb Fire Department was called to the Sand

Hill cheese factory Tuesday afternoon to a fire in a large woodpile. The fire truck broke down en route to the scene of the blaze.

80 Years Ago- May 30, 1946

While people in Daleyville were enjoying the hard rain last Friday morning, those in the Kittleson Valley were watching the approach of a tornado. The twister first struck the Milton Disrud farm, where a summer kitchen, top of the barn ventilator and a few trees were uprooted.

The tornado then raised itself into the air, crossed a meadow and came down on the Lars Helgeland farm. Here a good portion of the barn was demolished and only the foundation remained of the garage and machine shed. A car housed there was thrown down a hill and a chicken house partly destroyed and moved some distance. At the same time, the house was twisted on its foundation, almost every window broken, floors upheaved, and the roof almost entirely gone. At the Albert Helgeson farm, the twister picked up the garage, machine shed and granary. The chicken and hog house were damaged and it was thought that the machine shed was thrown against them.

On June 1, the Barneveld State Bank, founded in 1896 by Jerome Jones, will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Beginning as a private banking business, the bank became a state bank in November 1901.

60 Years Ago- May 26, 1966

Gottfried Stauffer, 86, Mt. Horeb, passed away Thursday, May 19, 1966, on arrival at a Madison hospital after a long illness. Mr. Stauffer was born in Switzerland. He was in the business of manufacturing, wholesaling and exporting cheese and dairy products in Hungary, before moving to the United States in 1951.

Principal Glenn Spaay will present diplomas to 103 graduating students of Mt. Horeb High School in commencement exercises June 1. Class president Ernie Wittwer, valedictorian Ruth Dimick and salutatorian Douglas Huseth will address their fellow students.

Mary Klir, daughter of Mrs. Ann Klir, Mt. Horeb, will receive a bachelor of science degree in elementary education at Wisconsin State University, La Crosse on Sunday May 22.

30 Years Ago- May 30, 1996

A son, William Karl Hutchison, was born to Keith and Barb Hutchison on Sunday, May 19, at Meriter Hospital.

Joyce E. Fargo, Mount Horeb, 56, died on Thursday, May 23, 1996, at her residence.

Phil Halverson has been selected as the parade grand marshal for the 1996 Summer Frolic.

Recreation Notes

Smiling Trolls Summer Camp is a great place for your kids to spend time this summer! These camps strive to foster personal growth for children by providing fun, safe, educational, and recreational experiences! Each camp will have a unique theme and include crafts, games, stories, and free play. Program will be cancelled in the event of heavy rain or severe weather. All participants must be able to toilet independently. Camps run Monday through Thursday at the Grundahl Park

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Get your friends together and sign up for **4’s Grass Volleyball League!** They are competitive 4 vs 4 volleyball leagues played on grass in a fun atmosphere!

Two matches will be played by each team per night. No coaches or coach instruction will be given. Rules will be given out after registration. There are 3 leagues: High School Competitive/Alumni League (Varsity level volleyball players and alumni), High School Intermediate League (JV1 and JV2 play-

ers), and the Middle School League: (Played volleyball in 7th or 8th grade or played on a club team). One team captain will sign up as a team of 4 (or 5 with a sub). **The program runs** Thursdays, June 11 to July 30 (*no games on 7/2*). Games begin at 6:00 PM at Garfield Park. The resident fee is \$80 per

team; non-residents pay \$90. Registration ends on 6/4.

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

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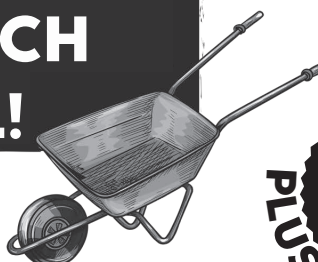
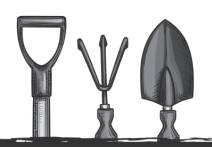
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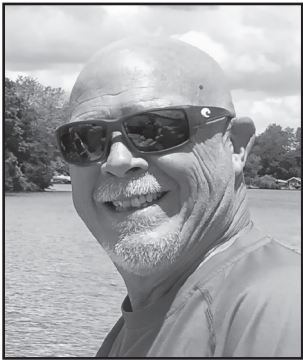
Obituary

Rodney Robert Handel

Rodney “Rod” Handel passed away on February 12, 2026.

Rod was born January 28, 1957, in Madison, Wisconsin to Vincent and Dorothy Handel.

Rod is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Maria; his son, Anthony (Mallory Grigsby) and his sister, Mary Jo Wilmot (Tim). He is also survived by his in-laws, Edward & Norah Amaya, Eddie (Dana) Amaya, Julia (Gabe) Mon-



tez, and Catherine Perez. His memory lives on with his nieces, nephews, numerous cousins, and close friends.

Rod was predeceased by his parents Vincent and Dorothy Handel.

Rod graduated from Madison Memorial High School in 1975. He then attended the University of Wisconsin and received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Upon graduation, he moved to Chicago, Illinois to work for Standard Oil and obtained his CPA. After several years he transferred to Houston, Texas and while there decided to go back to school to obtain his law degree from the University of Houston. After graduation he moved to Corpus Christi to begin his 30-year law career. He

began practicing law with Kleberg, Dyer, Redford & Weil, then Redford, Wray & Woolsey. He then formed Hunter & Handel with Todd Hunter. Before retirement, he worked at Hunter, Barker & Fancher.

Rod was an avid sports fan his entire life. His favorite teams included the UW Badgers, Green Bay Packers and Boston Red Sox. Coaching and watching his son, Anthony, play baseball for many years brought immense joy to his life. Rod and Maria spent many weekends traveling

for baseball and enjoyed the adventures they had.

Golf was another passion Rod enjoyed throughout his life. Whether in Texas or Wisconsin, he loved being on the course with family and friends.

After retirement, Rod enjoyed summers at Lake Wisconsin. Whether on the golf course, on the boat, or playing cards, he lived life to the fullest.

Rod was a special man. He was kind, loving, fun and always up for a good time. He adored his family and looked forward to Handel

family reunions each year. He will be missed.

A private burial will be held at St. James Catholic Cemetery in Blue Mounds, WI on Friday, June 26 at 12:00pm. A celebration of Rod’s life will be held in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin on Sunday, June 28 at The Viking Bar & Grill, 120 E. Main St., from 11am-3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or the St. James Congregation-Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 51, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572.

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A Bird in the Driftless Bush

Bashing the Window, Bashing Ourselves

By William Robichaud
Special to the Mail

As I write this, for the past several days a robin (presumably a territorial male) has been flailing against windows in my living room, attacking his reflection. Each day as I sit at my writing desk, I can hear his fluttering and banging against the glass.

He and his actions might seem pathetically ridiculous. Clueless bird! But if I take a cue from the robin and look in the mirror, I’ll see how often I’ve been my own harshest critic, my own worst enemy. The times in

life that my soul has withered, it has more often withered under assaults from within than without. I’ll wager that this is true for many of us.

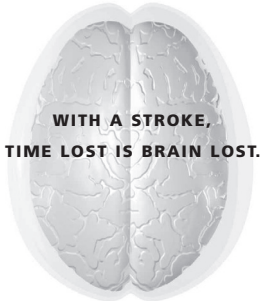
Similarly, if I feel compelled to attack or criticize someone else, I’m likely just projecting my demons onto them. Attacking my own reflection. As someone once noted, when we look in the mirror, we’re looking at both the problem and the solution. And this is the good news.

And from a wider perspective, there is no ‘other’ to attack. We are all ultimately

connected. Most recently, the United States didn’t attack just Iran, we attacked ourselves; and so inevitably, properly, we Americans are now also suffering the consequences. I’ve nicknamed the exhausted little robin ‘Uncle Sam’.

Nature and the real, non-AI world have teachers and reminders for us everywhere, and this battering and battered robin is just one of the latest.

Bill (“Bird”) Robichaud is a writer and an award-winning wildlife conservationist who lives on a farm north of Barneveld, on ancestral Ho-Chunk territory. He doesn’t spend much time in grocery stores, and you can follow along on Substack at “A Bird in the Driftless Bush”.



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A meaningful Memorial Day



Marlene Tilsner, a veteran of the Wisconsin Army National Guard and a local school teacher (above) spoke during Monday’s Memorial Day event at the high school.



The community gathered Monday, May 25 at 10 a.m. at Mount Horeb High School for a special Memorial Day ceremony that paid tribute to the men and women who gave their lives in service to the United States.

“Today we are here to honor the memory of men and women who gave their last full measure of devotion to this nation,” said Mount Horeb VFW Commander Marny Skindrud. “Because of their sacrifice, we are able to live in a nation where we are free to dream, free to disagree, and free to gather as we are today.”

“Behind every name etched in granite and marble among silent rows of stone is the story of a young American who stepped forward, willing to give their all in support and defense of our great nation,” Skindrud continued. “Let us resolve to live lives worthy of their sacrifice and let us build a community and nation worthy of their devotion.”

This year’s guest speaker was no stranger to those in attendance, being both a veteran and a teacher.

Marlene Tilsner, a veteran of the WI Army National Guard who served for nine years and attained the rank of Sergeant, has been a social studies teacher for more than 30 years.

“Being a veteran is something that I don’t think I will ever fully wrap my arms around,” Tilsner said. “I’ve always been told that service is service – it doesn’t matter what the situation, setting or era, and yet, I’ve met enough people with military service to know that I have merely scratched the surface in comparison. I think this is one of the main reasons that much of my time in the education world has been focused on explaining the importance of service and working to help students understand how gifted we have been – because of people who raised their hand, took an oath and faithfully completed their duties. But that is just the acknowledgement of veterans and today is Memorial Day, and this day has become harder to understand it seems.”

Memorial Day started nationally as Decoration Day in 1868, encouraging citizens to create memorials on soldiers’ graves with flags and flowers in acknowledgement of fighting of the Civil War. By 1971 it had become a three-day holiday weekend. Tilsner said that while Memorial Day is often associated with the start of summer, discount sales, and cookouts with friends, the true meaning of the day is to take a moment to truly reflect on the sacrifices so many have made.”

“As I consider Memorial Day and am surrounded today by the Mount Horeb community, I need to say something I’ve said before, Mount Horeb is a special place,” Tilsner said. “I knew it even before I was hired here at the high school – just touring the halls the day I interviewed on an impromptu walk-about and it was confirmed as the days became years. And that has a lot to do with students, but as I look over the people assembled here today on this day, I can tell you that the appreciation, dedication and thoughtfulness of this community is something that isn’t found everywhere.”

“This last year, I was gifted membership in the Frank E. Malone Post 113 of Mount Horeb,” she continued. “Specifically, all the work and effort the Legion and the VFW do here in our community to honor service and today specifically to never forget is beyond. This week as I drove by or looked through shared info emails, I saw and read about members of the posts working to clean and preserve the memorial on Springdale Street. I saw the Facebook post of members working with local boy scouts to assure that veterans grave sites are marked appropriately with an American flag and you just need to step outside this gym to see a wall of honor – highlighting decades of service. I do believe that Mount Horeb understands.”

Jim Schmidt provided special military displays in the high school commons.

At the conclusion of this program, veterans led a march to the Mount Horeb Union Cemetery for the presentation of a wreath, firing of volleys, and taps.

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DRIVER

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onto the porches of my customers. If you’ve ever asked me if I like being a bus driver, then you’ve heard me say I love it!

Here are some reasons why I love what I do. In the morning, we greet each other with “good morning” or “happy Friday.” At drop off, I hear “thank you” or “thank you, Curt” from practically everyone. I observe and hear random acts of kindness like “you can come sit with me,” or “leave her alone, she’s not bothering you,” or “you

can get off the bus in front of me today.” The younger kiddos in the front of the bus enjoy telling me about getting 100 tokens, pajama day, spirit day, school plays, and the games they played during recess. The older kids enjoy talking about soccer, flag football, gymnastics, who has a crush on who, getting together to hang out after school, who threw up in class, trading “this for that,” and who their favorite (insert sports team) player is. Being called by my first name, instead of driver, puts a smile on my face. Having one-on-one conversa-

tions during school loading and unloading (when I’m not driving) helps me build strong relationships and learn more about “the kid behind the kid” when not in school.

Of course, there are challenges that come with the territory, but the positives FAR OUTWEIGH the negatives. Challenges such as: regular reminders to stay seated, correcting inappropriate language and razzing, temporary seat assigning, keeping trash off the floor, stopping arguments, and yes, writing the occasional behavior report. One way

to describe the distractions of a full bus is this: imagine you are going to a concert to see your Top 5 favorite bands. There’s just one problem - they’re all playing on the same night and at the same time! So, you might be asking yourself, how can you possibly deal with all of these distractions while you’re driving? The answer really is simple. I am patient, I stay focused, I build rapport, and I can find calm in the chaos. Safety is job number one.

All told, I’ll end how I began – driving a school bus gives me joy, and I love

it! I hope you consider how you can make bus driving work for you. Maybe just one route per day is best, or being a substitute driver works for you?

Oh, and one more thing. If you’re thinking that now is just not a good time to look into being a bus driver, you may be right. But sometimes in life, the “right time” is when it doesn’t feel right. I know this because I became a bus driver in the first year of the pandemic. Does that sound right to you?

In closing, I’d like to express my gratitude. To the parents, thank you for en-

trusting me to drive your precious children. To the MHASD administration, thank you for giving me the opportunity to get your students to school. To the MHASD staff and teachers, thank you for your support and kind words when we see each other. To the bus garage leadership and mechanics, thank you for your flexibility, never-ending schedule coordination, and for keeping our buses on the road and in tip-top shape. Last but not least, to the students I transport, thank you for your smiles, laughter, and for treating me with respect.

CWD

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hasn’t given up hope regarding the legislation.

The 2025 proposals would have provided more than \$5 million for CWD work around the state, from deer herd testing and disease research to carcass disposal sites and education relating to the prion-based disease that is 100 percent fatal in infected deer.

A total of 17,759 deer were sampled throughout the state during the 2025

hunting seasons with 2,006 samples testing positive. The vast majority, around 87 percent, of these detections were in the Southern Farmland Zone, which is where Jacobson’s district is located.

“We want a healthy white-tail herd throughout Wisconsin,” she said. “I have heard stories from farmers telling me about seeing clearly infected deer wandering aimlessly, sometimes into roadways. We don’t want this for our deer, or for our outdoors. And while there

hasn’t been any known animal to human transmission of CWD, I don’t know anybody that wants to be eating infected meat. The need to act is clear, especially in the Southern Farmland Zone.”

A recent study by the Wisconsin DNR in Iowa County showed that CWD likely does have a negative impact on the deer population where rates are high enough. Jacobson said a less robust herd would have a negative economic impact, as well.

“Deer populations severely impacted by CWD could contribute to a loss in revenue in the Wisconsin economy, as deer hunting contributes about \$2.2 billion to the state’s economy,” she said. “Additionally, the Joint Finance Committee has refused to act to release important funding for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), so if deer populations decrease significantly due to CWD even greater economic loss could be generated.”

In a video presentation about the package last year, Smith warned that CWD is making a “slow, inevitable spread up to the Chippewa Valley.”

“Without prevention, CWD will spread faster, kill more deer and threaten our ability to preserve Wisconsin’s deer hunting legacy,” Smith continued. “If passed, this legislation would strengthen CWD research, testing and disposal efforts across the state.”

Jacobson said state lawmakers’ recent bipartisan progress combatting water pollution gives her hope the CWD funding could eventually gain traction, as well, in

one form or another.

“On April 6, 2026, Governor Evers signed two bills into law that allocate \$133 million of state funds to combat PFAS contamination in Wisconsin,” said Jacobson. “This was a significant bipartisan accomplishment that addresses “forever chemicals” and the contamination they cause in our state. The bipartisan achievement of passing the pair of PFAS bills paves the way for the potential introduction and passing of legislation about CWD and other threats to the wellbeing of Wisconsin human and animal populations.”

Jacobson said she hopes

CWD funding bills receive hearings in the near future so that stakeholders can weigh in on the issue.

“This is why giving thoughtfully crafted bills a hearing is so important,” she said. “The most direct way to get feedback on a bill is through a public hearing where any stakeholders can weigh in. I am hoping that next year these bills will be given the chance they deserve.”

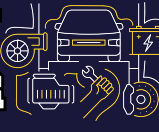
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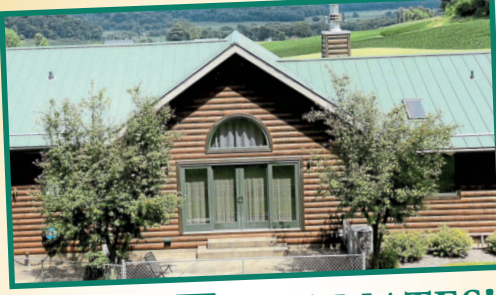
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Heating up at the perfect time

Mount Horeb's baseball team has won five straight games

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's baseball team has picked the perfect time to begin peaking. With the postseason now here, the Vikings have string together five straight wins — including four last week. Mount Horeb defeated Wisconsin Heights, 5-2, on May 18, then swept a pair of games from Stoughton on May 19 and May 21. The Vikings then capped their big week with an 8-5 win at Evansville on May 22. Mount Horeb improved to 15-8 overall and finished the Badger Small Conference season 9-5, which was good for third place. The Vikings received the No. 4 seed in their half of the sectional and now open the postseason Thursday by hosting 13th-seeded Richland Center at 5 p.m. in a WIAA Division 2 regional quarterfinal. Here's a recap of the Vikings' big week.

- **Mount Horeb 5, Wis-**

consin Heights 2 — The visiting Vikings broke open a 2-2 game with a run in the fourth and two in the seventh and toppled the Vikings. Terek Isely had a big day earning the win and driving in three runs. Isely threw four innings and picked up the win, while striking out six, walking one and allowing three hits and no earned runs. Brecken Dudley threw the final three innings and picked up the save. "We played really good baseball throughout, but just didn't capitalize on a few of the chances we had to gain some separation from a good Wisconsin Heights team," Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said. "Terek and Brecken both pitched great on the mound for us and we played well be-hind them defensively." Hayden Anderson had a double, two hits and an RBI for Mount Horeb, while Easton Messenberg had an RBI. Jaxen Finley and Josh

Kuntz both added doubles for the Vikings. With the game tied, 2-2, in the fourth, pinch runner Easton Leach scored on an error to give Mount Horeb a 3-2 lead that it wouldn't relinquish. The Vikings then added two insurance runs in the seventh. Jaxen Finley opened the inning with a walk, and a Jackson Myers single to right sent Finley to third. Isely followed with a sacrifice bunt that scored Finley, then Anderson ripped an RBI double to center that scored pinch runner Brady McCue. "Offensively we had a bad stretch in the second inning where we weren't being competitive at the plate, but we quickly fixed that and for the most part had quality at-bats up and down the lineup," Finley said. "We were finally able to gain some separation in the seventh. It was a good road win and I like how we are playing right now." continued on page 14



Brecken Dudley (2) and Mount Horeb's baseball team have won five straight games. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Bring on the postseason

Mount Horeb's softball team is on an eight-game winning streak

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls softball team finished the regular season on a roll. Mount Horeb cruised past Belmont, 11-1, on May 18 and downed Dodgeville, 5-3, on May 19. The Vikings finished the regular season with a 23-3 record, then received the No. 1 seed in their half of the sectional. Mount Horeb finished the regular season with eight straight wins and is 16-1 in its last 17 games. The Vikings had a first round playoff bye, then hosted eighth-seeded Reedsburg in a WIAA Division 2 regional semifinal on Tuesday. If Mount Horeb won there, it would host either fourth-seeded Evansville or fifth-seeded McFarland in a regional final on May 28.

The Vikings, who are looking for the first trip to state in school history, received a No. 1 seed for the sixth straight season. "It's great getting the No. 1 seed for the sixth straight year," Mount Horeb manager Jeramie Holman said. "If we play our brand of ball, we have a good shot to get to the sectional final game." The sectional semifinals are June 2, and if seeds holds, Mount Horeb would face second-seeded Monroe. The sectional finals are June 4 at Portage High School at 5 p.m. Beloit Turner (17-2), ranked fifth in Division 2 by Maxpreps, is the No. 1 seed on the other half of the sectional. Mount Horeb is looking for its first-ever trip to state.

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Ella Baber and Mount Horeb's girls softball team are the No. 1 seed in their half of the sectional. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Soccer Vikings fall to Eagles

Sauk Prairie strikes for three goals in first half

by DAN LARSON
Sports Reporter

PRAIRIE DU SAC — It was a tale of two halves for Mount Horeb’s girls soccer team on May 19.

One half was good. One not so good.

Unfortunately for the Vikings, the bad half outweighed the good one and they suffered a 3-0, Badger Small Conference loss to host Sauk Prairie.

“They’re obviously a good team, and they have a good keeper,” Mount Horeb coach Megan Lemire said of Sauk Prairie. “Unfortunately, we didn’t test their keeper very much.”

Mount Horeb generated just two shots on goal — both in the second half — against the Eagles, the ninth-ranked team in Division 2 according to the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association poll.

“But we came out in the second half with a little bit more control of the ball,” Lemire said.

It’s true, the Vikings did exactly that.

After allowing all three goals in the first 40 minutes — two in the first 15 minutes and the other in the 29th minute — Mount Horeb was a much harder egg to crack in the second half.

“We played a lot better and communicated better,” Vikings’ freshman keeper Sara Seibel said. “The first few goals was just because of communication and not knowing where our marks were. We changed that in the second half.”

And that’s why the Eagles didn’t score over the final 40 minutes, managing six shots on goal in that half compared with eight in the first half.

“After the first half when we lost a couple of our marks, and gave up a couple goals that way, we talked about making sure they were communicating with each other and staying with their marks,” Lemire said. “In the second half they did a really good job of that.

“Our defense usually communicates well in the first place. Our keeper’s very vocal, so they did a good job sticking together as one cohesive unit.”

Mount Horeb fell to 7-7-1 overall and 2-5 in the Badger Conference. The Vikings’ improvement

was needed after allowing the three first-half goals.

Kenzington Kleist scored the first goal for Sauk Prairie (8-2, 5-0-2 Badger Small), which secured a share of the league title with the win.

Kleist created a turnover then dribbled the ball into the box before poking it into the right corner of the net with 4 minutes, 10 seconds gone by.

“I just stayed composed and was aiming toward a corner, hoping that it would go in and I wouldn’t bomb it over,” Kleist said of her early goal.

It was Kleist’s first goal of the season.

“Kenzi has had multiple chances to score and the composure just hasn’t been there, totally,” Sauk Prairie coach Julie Grutzner said. “Tonight, that first goal was exceptional. She controlled it, she looked up and she placed it.”

Kleist, the Eagles’ junior captain, then assisted on her team’s next two goals. The first of those assists when she connected with junior forward Monika Salazar from the end line to the top of the box and Salazar drilled it in to make it 2-0 with 14:09 gone by.

“I went end line and then kicked it toward the top of the box, and she was right there,” Kleist said. “She just hit it in. It was great.”

The Vikings, who had no shots on goal in the first half, generated an attack in the 27th minute, but ultimately couldn’t push toward the box.

It was one of the few times in the half they controlled the ball across mid-field.

Then with 1:46 left in the first half, Kleist found sophomore Maggie Hanna from left of the box just in front of the net and Hanna did the rest to make it 3-0.

The way the first half went, Seibel barely had a moment to let her guard down.

“Literally, just stay on your toes and make sure everyone is where they need to be,” Seibel said of facing the Eagles’ relentless attack.

Seibel kept the deficit at 3-0 in the final seconds of the first half when she made a diving save to stop a close-range shot by Kleist.

Then in the 50th minute, Seibel came out of the net and was able to sidetrack



a one-on-one chance by Salazar, forcing Salazar’s shot wide left.

Seibel got caught in no-man’s land, but it worked out.

“I wasn’t able to get back (to the goal line),” she said. “So I was like, ‘OK, I might as well just go to it.’”

Meantime, Mount Horeb controlled possession a little better after halftime and man-aged two shots on goal in the final 20 minutes, one by senior forward Maddie Ryan and the other by freshman forward Harper Cassens.

“We’ve proven that we’re hard to score on,” Grutzner said. “(Goal-keeper) Lila (Shadewald) has only given up one goal, and we’ve only given up four the whole season.

“So teams that come and play us, we don’t necessarily always play the prettiest soccer, but we work hard for each other and make it difficult for teams to have any success against us.”

All in all, it wasn’t a bad showing by Mount Horeb against one of the top teams in Division 2.

And especially considering the Vikings went into the match knowing it was going to be an uphill battle and wanting to prepare a little bit for the upcoming playoffs.

“It was good to get some more players some playing time in a high stakes game,” Lemire said. “Some of the players that I played tonight, sub-wise who were in the starting line-up, haven’t really been tested as much in earlier



Jaina Czyzewski (top), Stella Simmons (above) and Mount Horeb’s girls soccer team fell to Sauk Prairie, 3-0, on May 19. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

games in the season.

“So this was good practice for them in a high pressure game. This was kind of a game to test things out and see that everybody gets some rest, but we didn’t give up (in the sec-

ond half), and that’s important.”

May 19
SAUK PRAIRIE 3,
MOUNT HOREB 0
Mount Horeb 0 0 — 0
Sauk Prairie 3 0 — 3
First half: SP -- Kenzing-

ton Kleist, 4:10; Monika Salazar (Kleist), 14:09; Maggie Hanna (Kleist), 38:14.

Second half: No scoring.
Saves: MH (Sara Seibel) 11, SP (Lila Shadewald) 2.
Shots on goal: MH 2, SP 14.
Corner kicks: MH 0, SP 7.

Track teams shine at conference

Mount Horeb's boys, girls both take second

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's track teams had terrific showings at the Badger Small Conference meet on May 19 as both squads notched second place finishes .

Edgewood won the girls' meet with 173.0 points, while Mount Horeb was second with 125.50. Sauk Prairie (115.50), Reedsburg (90.0) and Portage (57) rounded out the top five.

On the boys' side, Reedsburg was first with 118.50 points, while Mount Horeb (104.50) and McFarland (102.0) rounded out the top three.

Here are the Vikings' top-five finishes.

- BOYS
- Harrison Walker won the discus with a throw of 143 feet, 4 inches.
 - Andrew Jones won the 300-meter hurdles in 42.66 seconds.
 - Maxwell Grundahl was second in the high jump with a leap of 6-feet.
 - Jack Wilson was second in the discus (140-8).
 - Gavin Reynolds was second in the shot put (45-7 ½).
 - Mount Horeb's 400-meter relay team of Ben Rothamer, Devyn Uptegraw, Colton Bell and Colin Haag was second in 44.46 seconds.
 - Andrew Jones was second in the 110-meter hurdles (16.34) and Alexander Feltz was third (17.09).
 - Mount Horeb's 3,200-meter relay team of Desmond Kelley, Gavin Van Gorden, Nathaniel Sher-ven and Jaxon Hughes was third in 8:57.81.
 - Devyn Uptegraw was

- third in the 200-meter dash (23.22) and fourth in the 100-meter dash (11.70).
- Samuel Wyse was fourth in the 3,200-meter run (10:17.87).
 - Alexander Feltz was fourth in the pole vault, clearing 11 feet, 6 inches.
 - The Vikings' 800-meter relay team of Colton Bell, Mason Hurda, Ben Rothamer and Cullen Ander-son was fifth in 1:35.98.
 - Maxwell Grundahl was fifth in the triple jump with a mark of 40 feet, 10 ½ inches.

- GIRLS
- Mount Horeb's quar-ter of Julia Zimmer, Avena Meyers, Emerson Kroll and Aicha Dowling won the 400-meter relay (50.84).
 - Isla Odgers won the 800-meter run (2:19.64).
 - Aicha Dowling won the 100-meter dash (13.35) and the 200-meter dash (27.19).
 - Mia Caygill won the 1,600-meter run (5:03.79).
 - Willa Vigliotta won the 3,200-meter run (11:33.82).
 - Aliyah Chovanec won the high jump (4-10).
 - Avena Meyers was sec-ond in the triple jump (35-10), third in the long jump (15-7 ¾) and fourth in the 100-meter dash (13.84).
 - Maeve True was fourth in the 1,600-meter run (5:40.90).
 - Mount Horeb's 800-meter relay team of Julia Zimmer, Emerson Kroll, Eleanor Guenther and Marhianna Marshall was third (1:51.86).
 - Julia Straka was fourth in the 400-meter dash (1:02.72).
 - Abigail Marshaus was fifth in the 100-meter hur-dles (18.56).



Mount Horeb's Andrew Jones (top) won the 300-meter hurdles at the Badger Small Conference meet, while Maeve True (left) was fourth in the 1,600-meter run. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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Mount Horeb’s Mason Williams and Verona’s boys lacrosse team won a pair of games last week. Photo courtesy of Erin Blodgett

V-MH’s boys lacrosse team receives the No. 5 seed

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

The postseason has arrived. And the Verona/Mount Horeb boys co-op lacrosse team certainly won’t be an easy out. Verona/Mount Horeb received the No. 5 seed in its sectional and earned a first round bye. The Wildcats will host either 12th-seeded Sun Prairie or 21st-seeded Stevens Point in a regional semifinal on Friday at 7 p.m. If V-MH wins there, and seeds hold, it would meet fourth-seeded Hudson in a regional final on June 2. The sectional semifinals are June 4, and the sectional finals are June 6. Waunakee is the No.

1 seed in the sectional, followed by Middleton, Edgewood/Monona Grove, Hudson and Verona. The Wildcats head to the postseason after winning a pair of games last week and finishing the regular season with an 11-5 overall record and a 7-3 mark in the Badger Conference. Mason Williams, a junior from Mount Horeb, also surpassed 100 points for his high school career. Here’s a recap of the Wildcats’ week.

- **Verona/Mount Horeb 11, Madison Ultra 4** — Mason Williams had five goals and three assists as the Wildcats rolled to a win on May 19.
- Junior Cooper Blodgett added four goals, while

Cullen Olson, a junior from Mount Horeb, had one goal, one assist and nine ground balls. Freshman Braxton Jagla had two assists, while junior Gabe Weisensel had a goal. Simon Williams, a freshman from Mount Horeb, added an assist, while sophomore Brady Bowdish forced one turnover and had five ground balls. Junior Ayden Jagla forced three turnovers and had three ground balls, and freshman Riley Stagman won 95% of his faceoffs and had nine ground balls. Senior Caleb Jabas also had 13 saves in goal.

- **Verona/Mount Horeb 15, DeForest 3** — Mason Williams had four goals and two assists as the

Wildcats rolled to a win on May 21. Cooper Blodgett added three goals and one assist, while Gabe Weisensel had three goals. Brady Bowdish had two goals, one forced turnover and five ground balls, while Simon Williams had two assists. Ayden Jagla had one goal, three forced turnovers and a ground ball, and Olin Olson had a goal, a forced turnover and four ground balls. Jackson Bubbers had one assist and Cullen Olson had four forced turnovers and nine ground balls. Riley Stagman added a goal, 12 ground balls and won 89% of his faceoffs.

Girls lacrosse team earns the No. 2 seed

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

The Verona/Mount Horeb co-op girls lacrosse team received the No. 2 seed in its sectional. The Wildcats have a first round bye, then battle either 15th-seeded Kimberly or 18th-seeded Pulaski in a regional semifinal on Thursday at 7 p.m. The regional finals are June 2, and if Verona/Mount Horeb advances that far, it would face either seventh-seeded Bay Port or 10th-seeded Notre Dame. The sectional semifinals are June 4 and the sectional finals are June 6.

Hudson is the top seed in the 17-team sectional, followed by Verona/Mount Horeb, Oregon, Waunakee and Appleton East. The Wildcats finished the regular season with an 8-7 win over Kettle Moraine on May 22. Sam Genin led V-MH with five goals and an assist, while Rae Olson — a freshman from Mount Horeb — had two goals and an assist. Ellie Schultz, a sophomore from Mount Horeb, had a goal, while junior captain Ava Anderson added an assist. Senior captain Emma Yeager had nine saves in net.

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Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ week.

- **Mount Horeb 11, Belmont 1 (5)** — The host Vikings scored in every inning but one, and downed the Braves in a game stopped after five innings due to the mercy rule. Belmont is the defending WIAA Division 5 state champions, and Braves ace Carsyn Ramaker was the Pitcher of the Year in Division 5. Mount Horeb knocked Ramaker out after just three innings, though, after scoring six runs in its first two at bats. Delaina Nicewander had a huge day at the plate, with two doubles, two runs scored and four RBIs. Jozie Clifton also had two doubles, went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and an RBI. Elaina Imbus went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored and Lauren Mester scored three runs. Ella Baber struck out eight and allowed just one run to pick up the win for Mount Horeb. “The Belmont game was a nice win beating the Division 5 pitcher of the year last year when they won state,” Mount Horeb manager Jera-

mie Holman said. “She is a very good pitcher. The girls hit the ball very well and Ella pitched another great game.”

- **Mount Horeb 5, Dodgeville 3** — Jozie Clifton went the distance and picked up the win for the Vikings. Clifton threw strikes on 60 of 90 pitches (66.7%), allowed three runs and seven hits. Second baseman Emily Wittenwyler went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while short-stop Lauren Mester blasted a three-run home run in the third inning. Mester’s home run helped the Vikings turn a 2-0 deficit into a 3-2 lead and they never trailed again. “Lauren Mester energized the team with a big three run blast,” Holman said. Clifton also had a double, two hits, an RBI and scored a run. Third baseman Elaina Imbus had two hits and scored a run, while catcher Sonja Schreiber and left fielder Delaina Nicewander both had two hits. Center fielder Eva Larson added a double. “The Dodgeville game was probably one of the best defensive games I’ve witnessed in my seven seasons of being here by both teams for an entire game,” Holman said. “There was only one strikeout in the game, so 41 of 42 outs were made by the defense and there were some outstanding plays.”

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Terek Isely (above), Josh Kuntz (right) and Mount Horeb’s baseball team are on a roll as the postseason arrives. Photos courtesy of Aaron Jacobus



BASEBALL

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• **Mount Horeb 3, Stoughton 2** — Jaxen Finley’s game-winning, RBI single in the top of the seventh helped Mount Horeb rally past Stoughton.

With the game tied, 2-2, in the seventh, Ethan Morrisard was hit by a pitch with one out, then Connor Casey singled to right. With two outs, Finley singled to left and Morrisard raced home with the game-winning run.

“Jaxen Finley came up clutch to give us the lead,” Ryan Finley said.

Hayden Anderson went the distance and picked up the win for Mount Horeb. Anderson struck out eight, allowed two runs, two hits and walked two.

Anderson also went 2-for-4 at the plate with a triple, while Brecken Dudley added an RBI.

“Hayden Anderson was dominant on the mound and again at the plate for us to help secure this hard fought conference win,” Ryan Finley said.

• **Mount Horeb 5, Stoughton 4** — Brecken Dudley’s single to center in the seventh inning scored Jaxen Finley with the winning run and lifted host Mount Horeb past Stoughton in a battle of the Vikings.

Mount Horeb rallied from deficits of 3-1 and 4-3 to de-

feat Stoughton for the second time in three days.

Finley led off the seventh with an infield single, then after consecutive outs, Hayden Anderson drew a walk that moved Finley to second. Dudley then ripped an 0-2 pitch to center that scored Finley with the game-winning run.

“As the playoffs approach, this game really tested our resilience,” Ryan Finley said. “Despite our four errors that allowed all of Stoughton’s runs, I am incredibly proud of our team’s effort and competitive spirit. After a back and forth game, we were finally able to put Stoughton away.”

Finley also pitched the first four innings, and while he allowed four runs, none were earned. Finley allowed five hits, no walks and struck out five.

Dudley then threw the final two innings and picked up the win. Dudley held Stoughton without a run, struck out three and gave up two hits and no walks.

Catcher Jackson Myers, shortstop Terek Isely and Anderson all had two hits and drove in a run. Second baseman Ethan Morrisard also had an RBI.

Mount Horeb trailed, 3-1, when it struck for a pair of runs in the bottom of the third inning. Josh Kuntz had a one-out single and scored on a base hit by Myers to

Mount Horeb earns No. 4 seed

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s baseball team earned the No. 4 seed in its half of the WIAA Division 2 sectional and will host 13th-seeded Richland Center in a regional quarterfinal May 28 at 5 p.m.

If the Vikings win there, they would host either fifth-seeded Baraboo or 12th-seeded Stoughton in a regional semifinal on June 2. If Mount Horeb won there, and the seeds hold, it would travel to top-seeded Sauk Prairie for a regional final on June 3.

The sectionals semifinals and sectional finals are June 9.

“I’m happy with our seed as there are a lot of good baseball teams in our sectional,” Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said.

Sauk Prairie is the No. 1 seed in the Vikings’ half of the sectional, followed

make it 3-2. Pinch runner Brady McCue then scored on a base hit by Anderson that tied things, 3-3.

Stoughton took a 4-3 lead in the top of the fifth. In the bottom of the frame, though, Myers ripped a two-

out double to center and Isely followed with an RBI single to center that scored pinch runner McCue to even things, 4-4.

Dudley worked scoreless sixth and seventh innings, then Mount Horeb won it in the bottom of the seventh.

“All five of our runs were produced with two outs tonight and we needed all of them,” Ryan Finley said. “Gaining the experience in close games like tonight, when we weren’t playing our best baseball, will be vital as we prepare for the upcoming postseason.”

• **Mount Horeb 8, Evansville 5** — The visiting Vikings built a 6-0 lead through five innings, then held on to topple the Blue Devils on May 22.

“It was a fun non-conference matchup to cap off a great week of baseball for the Vikings,” Ryan Finley said.

Terek Isely picked up the win, allowing just one earned run (four total) in six innings. Isely gave up just three hits, struck out seven and walked four.

“Terek Isely delivered another great outing on the mound to pick up his second win of the week,” Ryan Finley said.

Third baseman Hayden Anderson had an enormous day at the plate, with two doubles, five RBIs and two runs scored.

“Hayden Anderson stayed red hot,” Ryan Finley said.

Ryan Kuntz also had two hits, including a triple, and drove in two runs.

Evan Preimesberger added a double and scored a run, while Jaxen Finley

scored two runs.

Mount Horeb led, 1-0, in the third inning when it struck for three runs. Josh Kuntz had a one-out triple, Finley reached on an error and Jackson Myers walked to load the bases. Anderson then drove a 3-1 pitch to center for a double that cleared the bases and gave Mount Horeb a 4-0 lead.

Connor Casey’s sacrifice fly in the fourth scored Brecken Dudley to make it 5-0, and Ryan Kuntz’s RBI single in the fifth brought home Anderson as Mount Horeb’s lead grew to 6-0.

Evansville answered with three unearned runs in the sixth. In the top of the seventh, though, Preimesberger and Anderson’s had back to back doubles, then Ryan Kuntz had an RBI single as Mount Horeb pushed its lead to 8-3.

Evansville rallied with two runs in the seventh as Isely hit his pitch limit. Carter Vesely finished off the Blue Devils, though, as Mount Horeb continued its winning ways.

“After jumping out to an early 6-0 lead, we were able to utilize our entire bench, with everyone playing a part,” Ryan Finley said. “I really like how the team is coming together, playing with a lot of energy, and different guys are stepping up each night to help us out.”

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Jennifer Broberg, Clerk
Posted: May 21, 2026

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TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS
NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Town of Cross Plains of Dane County shall hold a meeting on the 11th day of June 2026 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Community Center, 3734 County Road P, Cross Plains, Wisconsin.

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 24, 2026

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 Brookstone South LLC, for an amendment to the General Development Plan (GDP) Cottages at Brookstone Hills, a Pocket Neighborhood as phase 2 of the Brookstone Hills subdivision. Further described as a common lot parcel 0606-141-4177-1. The applicant is requesting an amendment to the GDP regarding the impervious surface ratio. No other changes to the previously approved GDP are proposed.

The Village Board, by its Plan Commission will hear all persons concerning all matters and/or objections written or oral at that time.

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VILLAGE OF MT. HOREB
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE
LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The following applications for alcohol license renewal will be considered at the Village Board meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026:

COMBINATION CLASS "A" BEER & LIQUOR
Walgreen Co; Rebecca Wentworth, Agent; Walgreens #11648, 1401 Springdale Street
Longshot Investments LLC; Michael Rogers, Agent; Trollway Liquors, 504 W Main Street
Miller & Sons, Inc.; William Miller, Agent; Miller & Sons, Inc, 1845 Springdale Street
Premier Cooperative; Joshua Kitelinger, Agent; Premier Cooperative, 501 West Main Street
Kwik Trip Inc; Daniel Hying, Agent; Kwik Trip 794, 525 Springdale Street
Kwik Trip Inc; Tracy Alvey, Agent; Kwik Trip 1130, 9255 Ridgeview Road

CLASS "A" LIQUOR
Elegant Bridal LLC; Marah Odgers, Agent; Marah's Elegant Bridal, 101 E Main Street
WiscoBoxes LLC; Mills Botham, Agent; WiscoBoxes LLC; 305 E Main Street

COMBINATION "CLASS B" BEER & LIQUOR
Friends of the Norsk LLC; Michael Woodward, Agent; Norsk Golf Club, 2755 Golf Bowl Road
Grumpy Troll LLC; Robin Pharo, Agent; Grumpy Troll Brew Pub, 105 S Second Street
The Doghouse Tavern and Grill: Jeff Ackerman, Agent; The Doghouse Tavern and Grill; 117 S. 1st Street
Birky's 3, LLC; Thomas Anderson, Agent; Buck & Honey's Restaurants; 108 S Second Street

COMBINATION CLASS "B" BEER & RESERVE LIQUOR
Tulum LLC; Jose Onate, Agent ; Aztlan Mexican Grill, 407 W Main Street
Hoff Bistro 101 LLC; Mark Valaskey, Agent; Hoff Bistro 101, 101 E. Main Street
Into the Driftless, LLC; Matthew Schmock, Agent **D r i f t l e s s** Social, 128 E Main Street

COMBINATION CLASS "B" BEER & "CLASS C" WINE LICENSE
Rokit, LLC; Taddeus Rokitowski, Jr., Agent; Sunn Café, 201 E Main Street
MOHO JO, LLC; Tyler Marks, Agent; MOHO JO, 100 S 1st Street

"CLASS C" WINE ONLY
Isaac's Antiques, LLC; Janelle Holmstrom, Agent; Isaac's Antiques, 132 E Main Street

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MoHo golfers fifth at conference meet

Vikings now head to the postseason

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

The postseason is here. And Mount Horeb’s boys golf team is hoping to create some magic — although the Vikings know just how tough that challenge will be. Mount Horeb competed at the WIAA Division 1 DeForest Regional on May 26. That regional contains three of the state’s top four teams and is undoubtedly the state’s toughest. No. 1 ranked Middleton leads the regional that also includes No. 2 Waunakee and No. 4 Madison West. The top four teams at the eight-team regional, and the top four golfers from non-qualifying teams move on to sectionals. “Advancing an individual to sectionals let alone a team will be quite the challenge,” Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said before regionals. “We still have not played a round this season where everybody is ‘on’ and playing at their best on the same day, so I am hoping that it can happen at regionals. “The postseason is a fresh start for everybody and what you have done previously has no bearing on what you do moving forward, so hopefully we can take advantage and play our best golf when it matters the most.” The Vikings also wrapped up their regular season last

week by finishing fifth at the 15-team Green County Open in Monroe on May 18 and fifth at the eight-team Badger Conference meet held at Wild Rock Golf Club in Wisconsin Dells on May 20. Here’s a recap of Mount Horeb’s week.

GREEN COUNTY OPEN

The Vikings posted a team score of 334 and finished in fifth place out of 15 teams.

Monona Grove claimed the team title with a 314 followed by Cuba City/Benton/Southwestern with a 320 and Sun Prairie West with a 323.

“It was good start to the week for us at Monroe,” Krentz said. “It is a similar course to both Platteville and Portage where we had success earlier in the year, so I had hoped we might be able to go even a little lower as a team, but a solid performance nonetheless.”

Mount Horeb freshman Nolan Niemetscheck shot a 78 to lead the Vikings. Niemetscheck also finished in a tie for sixth place out of 74 players in the field.

Niemetscheck birdied the par-three, 12th hole and finished his round with nine pars.

Senior Nick Ibinger had an 83, tying for 21st overall behind eight pars on the day. Senior Andrew Bennin

chipped in an 85, tying for 28th with seven pars, while sophomore Jace Stadele added an 88 highlighted by birdies at No. 6 and No. 9, as well as six pars during his round.

“This was one final tune-up for us heading into our conference and regional tournaments,” Krentz said. “A lot of teams do not like to play any other events the week of their conference tournament, but getting the opportunity to play another 18 holes on a challenging course like Monroe was good for us and hopefully benefits our players moving forward.”

BADGER CONF. MEET

Mount Horeb finished in fifth place with a 339 and moved into sixth place in the overall conference standings that also included results from the dual meet season.

Madison Edgewood finished first at the conference meet with a 311 and McFarland was second at 314. Those two teams had the top two conference spots locked up before the meet and remained there.

Reedsburg was third with a 315, while Stoughton (338) and Mount Horeb (339) rounded out the top five. Sauk Prairie finished sixth with a 342.

“This was by far our best showing at Wild Rock this season, having played there twice previously,” Krentz said. “So it was good to see us using some of our experience to our advantage.”

Niemetscheck led Mount Horeb with a 79 and tied for seventh place individually. Niemetscheck made birdies at No. 4 and 6 on the front nine and finished his round with 10 pars.

Stadele posted an 83 that



Mount Horeb freshman Nolan Niemetscheck shot a 79 and finished seventh individually at the Badger Small Conference meet. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

included a 40 on the back nine and finished in a tie for 15th place overall. Finn La Fleur recorded an 88 that included a birdie at the par-5, first hole, and Ibinger added an 89 that was highlighted by consecutive birdies at No. 13 and No. 14.

The Vikings shot a front nine score of 168 and were in fifth place at the turn.

McFarland led the way after nine holes with a 151 followed by Edgewood with a 153 and Reedsburg with a 158.

Niemetscheck paced the Vikings on the outward nine with a 38, while La Fleur and Stadele had matching front nine scores of 43.

“We got off to a pretty good start as a team,” Krentz said. “The first few holes there are always a challenge and they were even more difficult for teams such as us teeing off in the first wave as we played much of our front nine in a light rain and un-

seasonably cool conditions.”

Mount Horeb then shot a 171 on the back nine and held onto fifth place for the day.

“We were pretty consistent with our play on the back nine compared to the front,” Krentz said. “We did a good job for the most part navigating Wild Rock, but still had a few too many scores of double bogey or higher as a team to be in the mix with the top teams in our conference. We now look ahead to postseason play.”

CHURCH NOTES

Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church – ELCA
315 E. Main St. 608-437-5012
www.elcmthoreb.org
5 pm Saturday Worship
9 am Sunday Worship

New Hope Evangelical Free Church
639 S. Eighth St., Mt. Horeb
Phone: 608-437-3273
www.newhopeefc.org
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Immanuel Lutheran- ELCA
310 W. Main St. Mount Horeb
608-437-8733
10am Sunday Worship
www.immanuelmh.org/
1st Steps Childcare
608-218-4425

Vermont Lutheran Church- ELCA
9886 Vermont Church Road
Black Earth, WI 53515
www.vermontlutheran.org
608-767-3312 (office)
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Good News Lutheran Church - WELS
9975 Pepper Dr, Mt Horeb
Pastor Jonathan Bauer
Thursday Worship: 6:30 pm
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
Sunday School and Bible Study: 10:15 am
608-437-4646
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Mt Vernon United Church of Christ
1693 Washington St. Verona
608-832-6677
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http://mountvernonucc.org

Springdale Lutheran Church
2752 Town Hall Rd.
608-437-3493
Pastor Jim Ranney
Worship: 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays of the month at 10am
twosteeple.org

Mt. Horeb United Methodist
Corner of Hwy. S & Hwy. 78
Sunday Worship: 9am online and in person
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West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church
2962 Church St., Blue Mounds
608-437-3493
Pastor Jim Ranney
Worship: Every 2nd & 4th
Sunday of the month, 10 am
twosteeple.org

Perry Lutheran Church ELCA
1057 Hwy 78 S, Mt. Horeb
608-437-5294
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
www.perrylutheranchurchelca.org

St. Michael The Archangel Parish
~St. Ignatius Catholic Church
109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb
608-437-5348
Mass: Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday, 5:30 pm,
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