

Dane County’s Behavioral Health Resource Center Releases Five-Year Report, Highlights Growth & Need During Mental Health Awareness Month

The Center Has Seen a 67 percent Increase in the Number of People Served per Year Since 2021

As part of National Mental Health Awareness Month, Dane County’s Behavioral Health Resource Center (BHRC) is releasing its inaugural five-year report detailing trends, populations served, vulnerable residents reached, connections, and outreach, as well as consumer needs, barriers, and feedback. The BHRC is a non-crisis, voluntary person and family centered service for mental and behavioral health care in the county and first opened its doors in October 2020. The BHRC has seen a 67% increase in the number of people served per year since 2021, highlighting its need and growing

reach in the Dane County community.

“The Behavioral Health Resource Center (BHRC) report illustrates the need of critical services and how the county has grown and adapted to help the Dane County community navigate the mental and behavioral health care landscape with care, compassion, and understanding,” said Dane County Department of Human Services Director John Schlueter. “We are proud of the positive impact and partnerships the Behavioral Health Resource Center and the provider community collaboratively built and look forward to what we can accomplish in the next five years and beyond.”

The BHRC bridges private and public mental and

behavioral health care providers—making it easier for patients, their families, and even providers to navigate care and advocate for loved ones. The BHRC is designed to help all Dane County residents connect to mental health services and substance use services regardless of insurance status, financial status, age, identity, ability or legal status. Staff assist Dane County residents from all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life.

“The BHRC staff were so kind, patient, and informative,” wrote one anonymous consumer. “Their compassionate and understanding persistence helped connect me with resources I desperately needed during a time of crisis when it was hard to even send an email.”

The BHRC has grown tremendously in five years of operation. People seeking services for themselves (56 percent) and people reaching out on behalf of someone they care about (25 percent) continue to make up the majority of contacts. Other contacts include professional staff seeking case consultation (19 percent). Over the last five years in service, the BHRC served over 11,000 individuals and made over 41,000 referrals to providers and community agencies. Referrals were made to over 500 providers, community partners, and/or behavioral health organizations.

Seven in 10 individuals who contact the BHRC were seeking mental health services and resources,

while one in five individuals were seeking substance use services and resources. One in 12 individuals were seeking non-behavioral health resources.

“The BHRC was designed to reduce stigma and empower people to get connected to care that feels helpful to them, ideally before reaching the point of a crisis,” said Behavioral Health Community Services Manager Carrie Simon. “It takes a lot for someone to reach out for help, and figuring out how to get it can be overwhelming, confusing, and demoralizing. As a no-wrong-door entry point for anyone in our community, grounded in empathy and advocacy, the BHRC is a unique and powerful force in breaking down barriers and making mental health

and substance use supports more accessible for all.”

In 2023, the BHRC learned through data collection that Latino and Hmong residents were underrepresented in the BHRC population compared to the Dane County population. The BHRC identified this gap and now has one Hmong Bilingual and one Spanish Bilingual Case Manager. These case managers specialize in providing BHRC services to people whose first language is not English or would prefer to speak in their primary language. These bilingual case managers focus primarily on improving access to behavioral health services to meet the needs of Latino and Hmong communities in Dane County, including attending community

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Middle Schoolers Win State Title in Presidential AI Challenge

Team from Mount Horeb Christian School named Wisconsin Track I Middle School champions for project designed to help older adults



Mount Horeb Christian School’s “High Vectors” team — from left: Brynley Hampton, Hannah Wagner, and Landen Anderson — with AI instructor Bill Snyder. The team won the Wisconsin Track I Middle School division of the 2026 Presidential AI Challenge. Photo courtesy of Mount Horeb Christian School.

A team of middle school students from Mount Horeb Christian School has been named the Wisconsin Track I Middle School winner in the 2026 Presidential AI

Challenge, a national competition drawing more than 2,500 submissions from students across the country. The team — Hannah Wagner, Brynley Hampton, and

Landen Anderson — calls themselves the High Vectors and developed a project titled Senior Assistant. Their idea: an AI-powered conversational assistant that helps

older adults handle everyday tasks like ordering food, arranging transportation, and connecting with services, all through natural conversation. The students, all in middle school, identified a problem they saw in their own community. Many older adults struggle with today’s smartphones and apps. Vision and dexterity changes, unfamiliar interfaces, and the fear of scams or mistakes can make simple tasks feel out of reach. The team’s solution aims to remove those barriers by letting people simply talk to an assistant the way they would to a friend or family member. “We can help people who don’t know how to use AI,” the team wrote in their project proposal. “People can be able to do and get their daily needs easier and better.” The project came out of Mount Horeb Christian School’s AI program, which

challenges students to apply artificial intelligence to real problems rather than learn about it in the abstract. Students work with tools like large language models and retrieval-augmented generation systems, and talk through the ethical questions that come with using AI responsibly. “In our AI curriculum, the students explore a variety of AI tools and concepts coupled with critical thinking and common sense to solve real-world issues,” said Bill Snyder, AI instructor at Mount Horeb Christian School. “Projects like Senior Assistant involve understanding some of the technical aspects of artificial intelligence, but it is the application of these tools that matters most.” As a Christian school, Mount Horeb Christian School frames these conversations around service. Students are asked not just how

AI works, but how it can be used to help their neighbors. The High Vectors were one of 328 state-level winners nationwide. The full list of state champions is available at <https://orise.orau.gov/ai-challenge/winners/2026/state.html>. As the Wisconsin State Champion, the team went on to represent the state in the East Central regional competition earlier this month, where they presented Senior Assistant to a panel of judges via Zoom. The regional title went to a team from Indiana. Mount Horeb Christian School is a K–8 Christian school serving families in the Mount Horeb area and part of Impact Christian Schools, a nonprofit network of Christian schools in Wisconsin. Learn more at mounthorebchristian.org.

Youth Governance Program Now Accepting Applications for 2026–2027 School Year

Applications open through June 26 for high school students interested in county government

The Dane County Youth Governance Program (YGP) is now accepting applications for the 2026–2027 cohort. Applications are open from *Monday, May 11, 2026, through Friday, June 26, 2026*. Established in 2012, the YGP offers high school

students a meaningful opportunity to engage directly in county government decision-making, bring a youth perspective to local issues, and develop the skills needed to become the next generation of community leaders. Throughout the nine-month program, participants serve alongside elected county board supervisors on standing committees, with the same

opportunities for participation as supervisors, with the distinction that their vote is advisory and non-binding. Each participant is paired with a county board supervisor who serves as their mentor, providing one-on-one guidance throughout the year. Participants also meet regularly as a cohort to develop a group project presented to the full county board at the end of the pro-

gram term. “The Youth Governance Program is one of the most meaningful ways young people can engage with their county government,” said County Board Chair Patrick Miles. “Participants don’t just observe the process; they sit at the table with supervisors, weigh in on real policy decisions, and bring perspectives that strengthen the board’s work. I encour-

age students across Dane County to apply.” **Who can apply:** Students currently in grades 9–11 (entering grades 10–12 in the fall) who can commit to: Attending at least 75 percent of in-person and virtual YGP meetings Six to eight hours of YGP work per month from September through May Prospective applicants are encouraged to review

the county board’s standing committees and watch a committee meeting and a board meeting online before applying to get a sense of the work involved. **How to apply:** Visit the Dane County Youth Governance Program website at <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/to-apply/> for additional program details, expectations, and the application form.

WEC expresses concern mail delays could threaten the ability of our citizens to vote

On Wednesday, May 27, the Wisconsin Elections Commission mailed a letter to USPS and Wisconsin’s elected officials in Congress regarding the timely delivery of absentee ballots by mail during the 2026 Spring Election. It comes after the Commission voted on May 7 to send a communication to the Postmaster General and Wisconsin’s Congressional delegation, following reports from some clerks and voters that mailed absentee ballots took an unusually long time to reach their destinations during the April election. During that meeting, Commission staff shared a survey that asked Wisconsin county and mu-

nicipal clerks to share their experiences about timely absentee ballot delivery. **The letter states:** *Dear Postmaster General Steiner, We write to you today to express our concern about mail delays that threaten the ability of our citizens to exercise their right to vote. While these concerns pertain to all voters, Wisconsin voters who are overseas or serving in the military are disproportionately affected by this issue. We are a bipartisan Commission charged with administering elections in the State of Wisconsin. As part of our duties, we assist over 1,850 municipal clerks and 72 county clerks. Unlike*

many other states, Wisconsin has a highly decentralized elections system, and these local officials are the ones doing the hard work to issue, receive, and process absentee ballots. Following Wisconsin’s Spring Election on April 7, 2026, many of these clerks contacted us to report grave concerns about the performance of the mail. In a subsequent survey of Wisconsin local election officials, two-thirds of clerks reported problems with the mail. More than half of the clerks reported receiving complaints and concerns from their voters. And a quarter of the clerks reported receiving more late ballots than is typical for an election. While most clerks

report mail arriving within 3-5 days, a concerning number reported election mail took 7-10 (or more) days to reach its decision. Finally, many of the clerks described infrequent mail deliveries when compared to past elections. One veteran clerk described the quality of service as the lowest in her 23 years of experience. The results of the survey, along with a memorandum prepared for the May 7, 2026, Wisconsin Elections Commission meeting, are included with this letter. These concerns are not intended to diminish the incredibly difficult and overwhelmingly successful work the Postal Service does every day. Many Wiscon-

sin clerks went out of their way to share that the support from their local Post Offices has been nothing short of exceptional. This sentiment is echoed by our state staff, who are deeply thankful for the professionalism and proactive engagement of their regional contacts. We recognize that a majority of election mail is delivered promptly. We hope you recognize that any delay in election mail can potentially deprive citizens of their fundamental right to vote. In previous elections, the Postal Service enacted “extraordinary measures” to maximize the throughput of election mail and ensure every ballot reached its destination as quickly as

possible. We call on you to again employ these measures for all future elections in Wisconsin to help ensure our citizens are heard. Wisconsin’s upcoming elections include: Partisan Primary August 11, 2026 General Election November 3, 2026 Spring Primary February 16, 2027 Spring Election April 6, 2027 Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,
The Wisconsin
Elections Commission

Mount Horeb High School students received the following awards during a Scholarship Ceremony on May 20

Anita Laabs Memorial Scholarship: Marc Stoddard

Arthur and Joan Dolohanty-Dietrich Foundation Scholarship: Anneli Wik

Best Thespian Drama Club Scholarship: Lily Nelson, Anna Tranel

Cave of the Mounds Scholarship: Kyle Frischmann, Madeline Haack

Charlie Bledsoe True Colors Scholarship: Sylvia Seeliger

Chris McMahon Memorial Scholarship: Madilyn Hadac

Chuck Himself Memorial Fire Scholarship: Ava Dyre-son, Andrew Jones

Chuck Himself Memorial Music Scholarship: Noah Koltz

Clifford Aavang Memorial Scholarship: Harrison Walker

Commitment to Excellence Scholarship: Rania Hub-bard

Doylan Sponem American Legion Scholarship: Rae-lynn Gough, Kajsa Peterson

Dr. Albert Grove Memo-rial Scholarship: Lucy Raykowskie

eGenesis Biotech Schol-arship: Clara Jean Wagner

F.H. Hanneman Music Award: Anna Tranel

Farmer’s Savings Bank Scholarship: Calvin Odgers, Julia Zimmer

Friends of the Norsk Schol-arship: Nicholas Ibinger, Delaina Nicewander

Glen Pretti Memorial MH Basketball Club Schol-arship: Nicholas Ibinger, An-drew Jones, Molly McCue, Anneli Wik

Glenn J Spaay Memorial Scholarship: Trinity Alex-ander

Harley Hustle Memo-rial Scholarship: Lucy Raykowski

Harry J Cook Memo-rial Scholarship: Zachary Brummund

Hearts & Hands Alumni Scholarship: Kyle Frischmann

Helwig Auto Clinic “Future of Automotive” Schol-arship: Benjamin Brohn

JA Titan Business Chal-lenge Scholarship: Micah Ammann

James K Bakken Memorial Scholarship: Khaya Kasu-baski

JG Development “Building Dreams” Scholarship: De-laina Nicewander

Jorgen Moe Chamber of Commerce Scholarship: Joshua Kuntz

Joseph M Henderson Me-morial Scholarship: Annal-iese Schiffner

Kenneth Miller Memorial Scholarship: Eirinn Carr, Aspen Laesch

Kevin Kowalczyk Memo-rial Scholarship: Bjorn Oppegard

Kirk Jewell Memorial Scholarship: Molly McCue, Addison Turk

Korby Berg Memorial Scholarship: Coen Faber

Lake Ridge Bank Schol-arship: Jaxen Finley

Mabel Barton Memorial Scholarship: Madeline Haack, Matthew Oimoen

Matt McMahon Memorial Scholarship: Anna Tranel

Merlin Casey Memorial Scholarship: Romy Ginther

Mound City Bank Schol-arship: Micah Ammann, Laurel Aquino, Hannah Gervasi, Rania Hubbard

Mount Horeb American Le-gion Scholarship in Honor of Michael Wollin: Sophia Sadler

Mount Horeb Area Pay It Forward Award: Nicolas Gonzalez, Adeline Tweed

Mount Horeb Community Foundation Scholarship: Hannah Gervasi, Samantha Hanson

Mount Horeb Corner Kick Club Scholarship: Eli Dinh, Isaac Hefty

Mount Horeb Education Association Scholarship: Ethan Shumate

Mount Horeb Lions Club Scholarship: Brittany Wal-ton, Jackson Schultek, Julia Zimmer

Mount Horeb Rotary Club Scholarship: Laurel Aquino, Samantha Hanson, Andrew Jones, Evelyn Rinaldo, Jackson Schultek, Anna Tranel, Lillian Wahl

Mount Horeb Soccer Club Scholarship: Ethan Gage, Shayla Morin

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Mount Horeb Volleyball Booster Club Scholarship:

Elizabeth Mesenberg

Mount Horeb Centennial Post 9511 VFW Scholar-ship: Noah Koltz, Devyn Uptegraw, Lillian Wahl, Harrison Walker

Music Production Award: Laurel Aquino

National Honor Society Scholarship: Molly McCue

Nicholas Day Memorial Scholarship: Jackson El-lingson

Olivia G Zimmer Memorial Scholarship: Noah Koltz, Julia Zimmer

Opportunity 34 Scholar-ship: Nalia Craven, Kamron Nesheim

Optimist Club of Mount Horeb Scholarship: Barret Kreul, Eleanor Guenther, Kaylen Hastings, Lily Nel-son, Kyle Frischmann

PFLAG Mount Horeb Social Justice Award: Lily Nelson, Sylvia Seeliger

P.E.O. STAR Scholarship: Lily Nelson

Ray Trainor Memorial Scholarship: Devyn Upt-egraw

Richard and Connie Peter-son Memorial Scholarship: Ella Kahl

Richard, Helen and Roger Rexroat Memorial Schol-arship: Isabella Kolb

Rollie Schraepfer Memorial Scholarship: Jerome Larson

Sons of Norway Vennelag Lodge 5-513 Scholarship: Anna Tranel

Stan and Joyce Lesar Me-morial Scholarship: Finley Moore

Student Council Schol-arship: Jackson Schultek

Susan and David Koller Memorial Scholarship: Ava Bilse

Susan K Trainor Scholar-ship: Anika Schaller

Teresa Nichols-Trace Me-morial Scholarship: Trinity Alexander

Wally Keller Memorial Art Scholarship: Rania Hub-bard

Wisco Media Group and Wisco Radio Scholarship: Ethan Gage, Cameron Goodwin, Devyn Uptegraw

WI Academic Excellence Scholarship: Samantha Hanson, Lillian Wahl

WI Technical Excellence Scholarship: Sawyer Helge-sen, Ayden Sutter

Wisconsin Vietnam Veter-ans Scholarship: Addison Turk

Thank you to everyone in the Mount Horeb Commu-nity for your support and congratulations to these students!

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Gleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- June 9, 1886

Arne Huset has been speculating in horseflesh. The paintbrushes of Oberg and Moen have been beautifying the tailor shop. Harvey Scott has the foundation wall ready for a commodious barn that will be erected on his farm.

The trespass case of S. Thompson and S. Erickson is in session at this writing before Justice Elliot. A number of witnesses have been subpoenaed and the case is watched with interest.

LATER-Defendant paid costs and the case was withdrawn.

120 Years Ago- June 4, 1896

The racetrack at this place is being put into shape for this season; being widened and otherwise improved mainly for horses.

Mrs. Anton Christenson has been circulating a paper asking aid to return to her mother country, and with favorable results, as a sufficient amount has been promised to secure transportation for herself and child. The committee assisting is composed of Rev. Gunderson and Chairman Curtiss.

It becomes our painful duty to chronicle the sad death of Miss Ellen Olene Thompson, which took place at her home here last Friday. Dr. Evans was

given the case, but through modesty on the part of the patient, treatment had been deferred until it was beyond the power of medical skill to avert death.

On last Thursday in Madison Richard Cook of Cross Plains and Miss E. Mills, late of Madison, were married.

Several unmarried men of Primrose took their best girls to the Fish Hatchery Sunday.

On account of the abundance of rain, the oat crop is unusually heavy.

Last Saturday night a sad accident took place near the depot at Mt. Horeb. Luder's dog was run over and killed by the train. The unfortunate creature, who must have relied too much upon his legs, attempted to cross the track just before the moving train; but oh, he could not run fast enough. This should be a warning to other dogs; not to rely too much on the use of their legs, and not to go too near the train.

Poor doggie on his legs depended,

When he ran before the train. Poor doggie's life was ended. By the engine he was slain.

Doggie he gave up the ghostly,

When he went up to Mars. He did not see the sign-post, "Look out for the cars."

120 Years Ago- June 7, 1906

The voting contest for Carnival Queen will be one of the interesting features of this week's entertainment.

During Carnival week all

Millinery will be sold at half price. Your special attention is called to our line of trimmed hats. E. Halferdahl & Co.

Mrs. Ole Granum arrived here last Saturday from Barron county and will make a lengthy stay at the home of her son, K. Granum at this place. The lady is nearly 80 years of age and came the distance on the train without anyone accompanying her.

David O'Connell is able to be around after his great body bruise in the runaway two weeks ago, although he is suffering considerable pain. He is not able to ride, but can walk about.

How to Make Money: Agents of either sex should today write Marsh Manufacturing Co., 538 Lake Street, Chicago, for cuts and particulars of their handsome Aluminum Card Case with your name engraved on it and filled with 100 calling or business cards. Everybody orders them. Sample Case and 100 cards, postpaid, 40¢. This Case and 100 cards retail at 75¢. Send 40¢ at once for case and 100 cards.

110 Years Ago- June 9, 1916

Luhman Bros. have invested in a new threshing outfit, a separator and engine. The separator was unloaded here Monday.

John Gordon is employed with the Mt. Horeb Hardware Co. and is a handy man.

Leuicks Ice Cream, brick and bulk at Robertshaw's Pharmacy. Specials every Sunday.

The bricklayers started work

on Monday on the addition to A. Hoff's store. E.J. Bolles of Blanchardville and his crew of men are doing the work.

During the summer the library will be open only on Tuesday and Saturday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

100 Years Ago- June 4, 1926

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Peterson sold their fine residence on West Main Street Wednesday to Henry D. Becker. The purchasing price is reported to be \$12,000.

Carl Tollefson, Vermont township, is the proud owner of a new DeLaval separator, which he purchased from the Mt. Horeb Hardware Co.

Excavation began Wednesday of last week for the new addition to the Hanley Garage. Thomas Ayen has the contract.

The Rev. E. R. Anderson gave a splendid baccalaureate sermon at the gymnasium last Sunday and we trust the young people will keep it in mind.

Supervising teacher, Miss Ruth Hendrickson, was tendered a silver shower Tuesday evening at the J.N. Dahlen home. Miss Hendrickson will become the bride of Banford Dahlen June 12.

Miss Alice Bakken, daughter of Mrs. Ida Bakken, town of Vermont and Elroy Heisig, son of Mer. and Mrs. C.W. Heisig, Mount Horeb, were united in marriage at Dubuque, Ia., Thursday, May 27.

All members were present at the village board meeting Monday evening. A number of bills

were allowed and on motion the Marshall was instructed to remove all slot machines from any place where they may be found in operation in the village. Roy Beat appeared before the board and asked for permission to tap the city water main and extend same into the garage about to be constructed; then branch the same into three directions in said building for fire protection. The Hardware company to pay all costs in connection therewith. The request was granted.

Lightening recently struck the Sever Skalet residence splintering an outside corner, tearing the telephone wire completely away so it could not be found, tearing the plaster off by the telephone and burning the fuse out of all the electric lights. The bolt followed the electric wire to the barn where the shock knocked the horses down on their knees.

90 Years Ago- June 4, 1936

Erling Offerdahl had the misfortune to break his arm and is under the care of Dr. H.M. Buckner.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderson, Perry, were pleasantly surprised upon arriving home from church Sunday, when relatives and friends were gathered in their home to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Memorial Day services here were well attended and the American Legion looked well in their new uniforms. Nels Hustad, 93, only G.A.R. Veteran to attend, placed the

wreath on the grave of the unknown soldier.

70 Years Ago- June 7, 1956

Pvt. David G. Sutter has completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and is spending a 14-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sutter.

Linda Jo Lampman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lampman Jr., will appear on the Lee Rothman Television Show over WKOW-TV on Saturday, June 9. She will do a rhumba tap.

The Mount Horeb C.Y.O. baseball team traveled to Cross Plains Sunday morning to open league play and came home with victory number one. Ray Trainor held the losers to two hits while Mount Horeb was collecting eight off two Cross Plains hurlers. Lawrence Hefty and Norman Bates share catching duties for the locals.

30 Years Ago- June 6, 1996

The "Girls of '96" have made it happen! The girls of the 1996 Mount Horeb-Barneveld track team won a first place gold trophy at the WIAA State Track Meet at UW-LaCrosse.

Scott T. Ellinson, son of Cindae and Dennis Dignan of Mount Horeb, has enlisted in the United State Air Force.

Marlan L. Haglund, 75, died on Sunday, June 2, 1996 in a Madison hospital. He was a veteran of World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

Recreation Notes

It is almost time for our 6th annual Cops and Bobbers! Join us for a FREE, family-friendly morning at Stewart Lake on June 6th from 9 to 11am! Spend time fishing alongside local police officers, Rec Department staff, and Optimist Club members. A limited number of fishing poles and bait will be available, or you're welcome to bring your own gear. Participants can fish from the pier or along the shoreline—please

note this is a catch-and-release event. In addition to fishing, families can enjoy snacks, face painting, giveaways, and chances to win door prizes! Don't miss this fin-tastic opportunity to connect with your community and enjoy the great outdoors! No registration is required, but it is appreciated.

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 Enclosed Shelter. Session 1 and 2 take place June 15 to June 25. 3 to 5 year olds play from 9:30-11:30 am

and 6-8 year olds play from 1 -3:30 pm. The program fee is \$60 for residents and \$70 for non-residents. Join before 6/8.

Get ready to dance, sweat, and have fun! Adult Zumba mixes low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie burning fitness party! Great for all fitness levels. Most routines will be repeated, so you will pick them up easily. Zumba takes place 11 to 11:45 am, on Fridays, June 19 through August 14 (no class 7/10) at the Early

Learning Center Gym.

This class is intended for ages 18 and older and the cost is \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. Registration Deadline 6/12.

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

Online (go to <https://secure.rec1.com/WI/mount-horeb-wi/catalog>).

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street.

Place completed registration form (found on Rec

Dept website) and payment in 24-hour drop box.

Email completed registration form (found on Rec Dept website) and payment to mhrec@mounthorebwi.info.

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES:
6/8: Smiling Trolls Summer Camp Sess. 1 & 2
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6/8: Viking Soccer Camp
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CONSUMER WARNING: Fraudulent phishing scams continue to target Wisconsin 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 continues to take active steps to thwart these efforts with website alerts and outreach through social media and

traditional media. But scammers are getting adept at mimicking our webpages so all customers should stay alert.

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.

Sign up for account activity alerts and renewal reminders by subscribing to Wisconsin DMV’s eNotify. Like most bank accounts, you will receive confirmation of transactions on your account which alerts you of any fraudulent activities. Sign up for eNotify

here: wisconsindmv.gov/enotify <https://wisconsindmv.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/renew-licens/enotify-default.aspx>

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>

WisDOT is committed to protecting consumers and they can always initiate their own DMV services online at wisconsindmv.gov.

DHS Releases Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan, Launches Dashboard to Track Progress

This Hepatitis Awareness Month, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is announcing a plan to eliminate viral hepatitis and a public dashboard to track progress of the plan’s goals.

The plan aims to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030 and was based off the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan goals. The plan was created in collaboration

with key partners including community-based organizations, local and Tribal health departments, and health care providers. It will guide statewide efforts to improve testing, vaccination, and treatment of hepatitis A, B,

and C to reduce death and illness associated with viral hepatitis infection. The plan outlines how DHS will collaborate with partners across Wisconsin and develop new partnerships to focus efforts on populations that are dis-

proportionately affected by viral hepatitis.

In addition, a public dashboard is now available to track statewide progress towards the elimination plan’s goals. It includes data on hepatitis A, B, and C. The

dashboard will be updated annually and will analyze data from several data sources, including public health disease data, the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR), and Wisconsin Vital Records.

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or towns that have adopted their own zoning codes.

The resolution comes as the county board’s Advisory Committee on Data Centers (ACDC) continues its work researching the impacts of data center development, including questions about energy use, water resources, long-term land use, and the demands of artificial

intelligence and digital infrastructure on local communities.

“I do support the Advisory Committee goals and as it does research leading to recommendations will ask that they include a provision that would require local unit of government approval of any data center projects,” said local county board supervisor Pat Downing.

“The Advisory Committee on Data Centers was cre-

ated to research the promises and the complex questions that come with this type of development,” said County Board Chair Patrick Miles.

“There is growing concern that Dane County communities could see project proposals before that work is complete. This moratorium gives the committee the time it needs to finish and gives the county the opportunity to make thoughtful, data-driven policy decisions

informed by their findings.”

The resolution finds that the construction and operation of data centers raise potential health and safety concerns, including the strain on public services and infrastructure, and potential impacts on property values, agricultural land, and the general welfare of residents, businesses, and visitors. It also notes that data center development is inconsistent with the Dane County Com-

prehensive Plan and the Dane County Zoning Ordinance.

“Data center development as it currently stands is not consistent with existing county plans and ordinances,” said Chair Miles.

“Since the county moratorium can only legally apply to towns under county zoning, it is our hope that cities, villages, and towns with their own zoning codes will consider adopting their own

moratoriums so their residents can also benefit from the work of the ACDC.”

The resolution was referred to the Zoning and Land Regulation Committee and as scheduled for consideration at the committee’s meeting on Tuesday, May 26, before returning to the full county board on Thursday, June 4.

SHOOTING

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hicle from the Town of Cottage Grove, Dane County, Wisconsin. The officer had the description of the stolen vehicle from dispatch and viewed a vehicle fitting the description traveling west on HWY 18/151, around the 82/83 mile marker.

Other officers had been directed to set up tire deflation devices in the area. The officer indicated he observed the first numbers of the license plate and saw a single male driver who looked directly at him as the vehicle passed his location. The officer pulled on to the highway and activated his emergency lights and sirens.

The officer had to pass a number of vehicles prior to catching up to the suspect vehicle. Once behind the suspect vehicle with lights and sirens still activated the officer was able to confirm the vehicle information/identification. At this time, the vehicle did not pull over but began to accelerate and the officer notified dispatch he was in a vehicle pursuit. The officer communicated with other officers so the tire deflation devices could be ready in an attempt to end the pursuit. The suspect vehicle was able to maneuver around two different tire deflation devices deployed by officers and continued to travel at speeds in excess

of 100 miles per hour. The weather conditions were deteriorating with high winds and snow occurring.

The suspect vehicle continued at a high rate of speed until the vehicle lost control and struck the median barrier cables. The driver was able to regain control of the vehicle as it crossed both lanes of traffic and came to a stop on HWY 18/151 at the intersection of Spring Rose Rd. As the officer pulled up toward the vehicle and before coming to a full stop the driver exited the vehicle. The officer radioed dispatch that a “foot bail” (foot pursuit) was occurring. The officer exited his squad as the suspect was advancing toward him brandishing a hammer in his right hand.

The officer shouted commands toward the suspect, later identified as Eric Pottinger, to put down the hammer and to get on the ground. Mr. Pottinger did not comply with the officer’s commands and continued to advance with the hammer in hand. As Mr. Pottinger continued to advance the officer moved backwards while continuing to give verbal commands with his duty weapon drawn. Mr. Pottinger paused briefly at the front of the officer’s squad shouting and raising the hammer before moving to the driver’s door of the squad’s driver’s seat.

The officer advanced to

the squad door and attempted to keep the door from being closed. At this time, Mr. Pottinger raised the hammer, which was still in his right hand, as he turned toward the officer and began to exit the vehicle. The officer backed away while still giving verbal commands. Mr. Pottinger exited the vehicle with the hammer raised and advanced toward the officer. The officer then fired multiple rounds hitting Mr. Pottinger numerous times. Mr. Pottinger dropped to the ground. The officer radioed shots fired and approached with another officer, who moved Mr. Pottinger away from the squad, moving the hammer and began rendering aid. Fire/EMS was requested and when they arrived they took over life-saving measures.

Mr. Pottinger was transported to the hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

“A hammer can be used as a dangerous weapon and may pose a grave danger of bodily harm and/or death to

an individual. A person fleeing from police who then advances on an officer armed with a hammer does pose a threat of great bodily harm and/or death to the officer,” said Dane District Attorney Ismael Ozanne. “Responding to that threat with deadly force is permitted under the law.”

Relevant evidence includes statements of officers at the scene, a statement from a citizen witness, scene diagrams, video from squad and body cameras, and evidence collection, which are consistent with each other. Under Wisconsin law, which applies equally to members of law enforcement and to those who are not, any person may use deadly force to respond to a genuine fear of deadly force to that person or any other person. In this case, the officer was compelled to use deadly force when confronted by a person armed with a hammer brandishing it as he moved toward him.

The role of the District Attorney’s Office in a case

of this type is limited to a review of the facts to determine whether further investigation is merited and, after all available evidence is obtained, whether criminal charges could be merited for any individual who has survived the incident. Police executives and supervisors have the exclusive responsibility of establishing appropriate training and protocols for use in response to crisis events, and of selecting from among the tactical options available to police in responding to particular events.

Now with the passage of Wis. Stat. 175.47 there is also a question of compliance with said Statute. This critical incident involved a City of Verona Police Officer who was attempting the apprehension of an individual when the individual exited a stolen vehicle after a

high-speed pursuit and produced a hammer from their person and raised it while advancing in the direction of the officer. This investigation was conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and is in compliance with the statute. In the case of a death caused by an officer, the statute requires that at least two investigators from outside agencies or agencies not involved in the critical incident/Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) lead the investigation: (3)(a) Each policy under sub. (2) must require an investigation conducted by at least two investigators, one of whom is the lead investigator and neither of whom is employed by a law enforcement agency that employs a law enforcement officer involved in the officer-involved death.

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More than 100 students prepare for ‘Newsies Jr.’

Mount Horeb Middle School will present *Disney’s Newsies Jr.*, the inspiring and high-energy musical based on the true story of the 1899 Newsboys’ Strike in New York City. Performances will take place Wednesday, June 10 at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Mount Horeb High School Auditorium. Performances are free and open to the public.

Disney’s Newsies Jr. explores themes of courage, perseverance, leadership, and the power of working together to create change. Cast and crew members in grades

six through eight gained experience in collaboration, communication, creativity, and problem-solving while building confidence both on stage and behind the scenes. Community members and families are invited to attend and support the hard work

and talent of more than 100 Mount Horeb Middle School students. For more information, contact MHMS Middle School Choir and General Music teacher Calli Ingebritsen at ingebritsen-calli@mounthorebschools.org.



Mount Horeb Middle School will present *Disney’s Newsies Jr.* Wednesday, June 10 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Mount Horeb High School Auditorium. Pictured above, Quintin Klassy and Jayden Smith rehearse for the show. Photos contributed.

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arrive just in time to make his debut as this year’s Summer Frolic Parade Marshal.

“Jorgen has been part of Mount Horeb’s troll identity for a long time,” said Plumer. “Our goal with this project was to preserve the character everyone knows and loves while creating a version that is more durable and comfortable for the vol-

unteers who bring him to life at community events. The updated version will hopefully allow us to expand on his role and have him out more often. We’re so excited for everyone to meet the new Jorgen at this year’s Frolic Parade!”

Many people have worn the Jorgen suit over the years. One of the most frequent figures in recent years has been Jorge Sevilla.

“For me, making people of all ages smile is my big-

gest compensation,” said Sevilla. “And yes, under the mask I am literally smiling for every single picture that I have posed for.”

For him, Jorgen is more than a gimmick; it’s a way to spread joy in a world that sometimes seems on the verge of succumbing to darkness.

“When I was younger living in Mexico, I was at a dark place in my life and a friend of mine at church introduced me to a group of

people that would go to public places spread the word,” Sevilla said. “I was very shy so him and I would dress as mimes or clowns and would do things to make people smile. I fell in love with the ability to bring happiness to people and still be anonymous.”

“I never knew how making others happy would in turn make me happy,” he continued. “It gave me confidence that I never had before. The first time I was

asked if I wanted to wear the suit, I had no problems doing it. Especially when I found out that the name was my name. It was destiny lol. It did not take me long to remember all those feeling from when I was younger and making people smile. And that is why I say that I am literally smiling in every picture.”

Sevilla said the old Jorgen costume did get pretty hot, at times, but having lived in Las Vegas and El Paso pre-

viously prepared him for it. He also said he is excited to don the new Jorgen costume and continue spreading happiness in the community, not just this summer, but all year round.

“I am super excited to try this new suit and I am so happy that it looks so much like the original,” he said. “Can’t wait to be walking around town waving at people, taking pictures and handing out candy at Christmas.”

PLANNING

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sociates to shorten it so less cumbersome, and not duplicate existing ordinances addressing lighting, public safety, and public nuisances. Kruesel explained the prior draft ordinance was not changed since the shortened one presented at the April meeting. However, the meeting packet included a memo from Rohr addressing once again why this (Ordinance) is needed, why a license, where the license applies, how it will work, and what if it does not work. Rohr also included a FAQ sheet for applicants considering installing a piece of public art.

side of the minor accessory structures section limiting height and size.

2) *With Public Art Ordinance*

A license is obtained through the Village, and the art piece is installed. The Village has a record of it if there’s an issue, the Village ensures that it is located in a manner that doesn’t impact vehicle traffic visibility or safety, and the Village benefits from a new public art project.

to have either.

Although a few different motions were made and then called (to cancel), the final motion was made by Vondra, seconded by Zalucha, to recommend approval of Public Art Ordinance 2026-06 to the Village Board for consideration. Motion denied. All four members present voted no.

Development on Lillehammer Lane

Jon Hepner, EVP of TJK Design Build, presented the CUP and Design Review applications for a multi-tenant commercial development at 100 Lillehammer Lane. An initial concept plan was presented at the April PC meeting and using feedback from commissioners, changes were made to meet all requirements, less one exception to the CUP and one exception to the Design Review.

The Springdale Street Design Standards (Section 17.07.02) require the building to be located within 30 feet of the right-of-way, and no on-site parking or traffic circulation between the right-of-way and the building. The CUP exception is allowing on-site traffic circulation between the building and the right-of-way as part of the drive-through lane configurations. Rohr recommends approval of the CUP as presented. Vondra motioned, Zalucha seconded to approve the CUP. Motion passed unanimously.

The Design Review exception was allowing only 175 points in the landscaping building foundation when 336 points are required for this portion of

the landscaping standards. Overall, a total of 974 points is required, addressing the paved surface areas, street frontage areas, yard areas, and building foundation. The presented Design Review landscaping has a total of 1430 points, well over the required minimum. Rohr recommended approval with the one exception, and it was approved unanimously. Although not required, Vondra suggested a connection from Springdale to the building be included, if possible, to make it more convenient for pedestrians and bikers to reach the building. As it stands, a connection is made to the building from Lillehammer, meeting the Design Review requirement. Hepner said he will relay the suggestion to the architect for consideration.

Car wash fence

Kurt Wedig, an Aqua Shine Carwash representative, requested an amendment of the Design Review approval given at the time of application to remove the existing PCV fence between the carwash and the neighboring property to the north. Initially the fence was required to prevent headlights shining on the property with customers entering the carwash. Cars do not actually face north when entering and the wash itself lends the vehicles to face south. The fence has incurred damage due to storms, requires maintenance, is an issue for snowplows and Wedig feels it is not needed. The motion to allow removal of the fence was unanimously approved.

Durtschi development

Hidden Ridge Neighborhood, a concept housing development plan, was presented by developer Brian Durtschi and general contractor Reed Jones. The development concept shows

five lots on Michele Street, connecting the two existing streets with the balance on Svettlana Court, a new street. Michele Street lots about Jaycee Park, village land. Wyser Engineering provided the aerial view, which includes 26 Single Family homes, each a single story with an attached two-car garage, driveway, and either a rear deck or four-season room. Planner Kruesel said the development is zoned S-2 under the new zoning code as each lot is 5000 sq.ft. Durtschi explained he expected the homes to be affordable and serve first home buyers and those wishing to downsize with expected square footage 1200-1400 sq. ft. There are remaining steps that need completion before final submission before the PC, but Durtschi said he would like to be able to do the infrastructure in November with actual construction beginning in Spring 2027.

The crux of the issue is to have an ordinance addressing current inconsistencies. Some mural designs have come forth to the PC for review while troll sculptures have not. The intent of a license is to document approval of the action, provide staff with the ability to track actions over time, and offer a mechanism for enforcement in the event of a complaint or violation. The proposed ordinance would apply across the entire community and could be altered or changed by the Commission prior to recommendation to the Village Board.

Rohr’s memo provided the following scenario for context: 1) without the Public Art Ordinance and 2) with the Public Art Ordinance.

With the new Zoning Code in force less than four months, Rohr recommends the draft ordinance be recommend with any changes to the Village Board for consideration for a one-year trial basis, with staff reporting to the PC in June 2027 the results of its first year – the process, proposed changes, and any other pertinent feedback.

The PC members, along with residents Destinee Udelhoven and Jill Schuettepelz who spoke, reiterated their concerns from the prior two presentations of the draft ordinance. All felt strongly that it should not apply to a homeowner’s private property. Some questions and thoughts that were raised: 1) whether the ordinance should apply only to the downtown business district or to all commercial properties. 2) Although the license is free, would the requirement prevent some potential applicants from applying simply because it is time consuming. 3) Does staff have the time to process and manage a new ordinance procedure. 4) Why is regulation required when there have been no problems with any public art installation. 5) Many communities having Public Art ordinances have a commission overseeing the selection of public art pieces as well as a working budget for public art. Currently Mount Horeb is not in the position

Klein now wants 90 units at former Karakahl

JT Klein representatives returned for both a GDP and SIP amendment for 101 Perimeter Road, requesting one additional unit be allowed in the income-based senior building, making a total of 41 units. The existing approved GDP allows for 89 total units (in both buildings), and the additional unit brings the total to 90 units. Room for the additional unit became available as the interior building was slightly modified. To approve the GDP, a Public Hearing was held, with no audience com-

A property owner wishes to install a 5-foot-tall free-standing art piece in the front yard. The property is located within the Neighborhood Mixed-Use Zoning District on Main Street.

1) *Without the Public Art Ordinance*

The art piece is installed, but there is no documentation of it and there’s no standards regulating it out-

Friends of Military Ridge Trail to hold next meeting on June 8

The Friends of Military Ridge Trail will hold their monthly meeting at 5:30pm on Monday June 8th, 2026 at the Ridgeway Train Depot in Ridgeway. Find more details at <https://friendsofmilitaryridgetrail.org>.

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SPORTS

MoHo track stars headed to state

Girls win sectional title

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Timing is everything. So are blazing times. No one knows this better than Mount Horeb's 3,200-meter relay team.

The Vikings' quartet of sophomore Mia Caygill, junior Julia Straka, junior Willa Vigliotta and freshman Isla Odgers obliterated the school record and cruised to first place at the WIAA Division 2 McFarland Sectional on May 29. Their performance helped Mount Horeb capture the sectional title with 83 points, edging runner-up Madison Edgewood (72).

Lancaster (70), North Fond du Lac (40) and Columbus (39) rounded out the top five.

Mount Horeb's Fab Four of Caygill, Straka, Vigliotta and Odgers also tied the Division 2 state meet record time and are the No. 1 seed at the state meet, which will be held Friday and Saturday at UW-La Crosse.

"I've been holding these ladies back from racing together all season, knowing we would bring everything together at the right time — championship season," Mount Horeb co-coach Alexa Richardson

said. "They are so focused, confident and are hungry for competition, and to race hard at state."

The Vikings' performance in the 3,200-meter relay was the highlight on a night that saw several Vikings shine at sectionals and earn trips to state. That group included:

- The 400-meter relay team of senior Julie Zimmer, junior Avena Meyers, junior Emerson Kroll and sophomore Aicha Dowling was first at sectionals in 49.38 seconds. That quartet is now seeded fifth at state.
- The quartet of Zimmer, senior Eleanor Guenther, Kroll and Dowling won the 800-meter relay and is now seeded 12th at state.
- Odgers won the 800-meter run in 2:16.27 and is seeded third at state.
- Caygill won the 1,600-meter run in 5:11.53 and is seeded eighth at state.
- Vigliotta won the 3,200-meter run in 11:17.66 and is seeded eighth at state.
- Myers was third in the triple jump at 36 feet, 9 ¼ inches and is seeded fifth at state.
- Freshman Aliyah Chovanec was third in the high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 3

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Mount Horeb's 3,200-meter relay team of (from left) Mia Caygill, Willa Vigliotta, Isla Odgers and Julia Straka are the No. 1 seed at state. Photo courtesy of Kevin McGivern

Softball Vikings win regional title

Mount Horeb gunning for its first-ever trip to state

by **DENNIS SEMRAU**
Sports Reporter

It was a day where nerves were high for Mount Horeb seniors Delaina Nicewander and Sunny Schreiber. After earning a No. 1 seed for the sixth year in a row, the Vikings' softball program had high expectations entering postseason play.

Yet, the senior duo acknowledged that they have learned not to take anything for granted.

"We were both a little nervous because it could be our last game together," said Nicewander, the Vikings starting right fielder. "We were ready to soak it all in."

However, for the sixth year in a row, Mount Horeb earned a trip to the sectional semifinals fol-

lowing an 8-0 victory over fourth-seeded Evansville in a WIAA Division 2 regional championship game on May 28.

Vikings' sophomore pitcher Ella Baber allowed just one hit — a one-out single in the seventh inning — to help Mount Horeb advance. The Vikings improved to 25-3, extended their winning streak to 10 games, and won for the 18th time in 19 games.

Mount Horeb also set a program record for most victories in a season.

As the only seniors on the team, Nicewander and Schreiber acknowledged they were focused on keeping alive their dreams of being the first Vikings' softball team to earn a berth in the state tournament.

So far, so good.

"It's amazing. I'm so happy for the whole team," said Schreiber, the Vikings' starting catcher. "But me and (Delania) have played together our whole lives. To be the final two seniors out here out of all the girls we've played with, is so fun and so cool."

For most of the game, it was a pitching duel between Evansville's Summer Larson and Baber, who was called up to the varsity late last season, but was making her first regional final start.

Baber pitched with the poise of a veteran, though, as she stymied Evansville (15-9) until the Vikings' offense exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Mount Horeb manager Jeramie Holman said the

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Mount Horeb softball manager Jeramie Holman (left), Lauren Mester (30) and the Vikings won a WIAA Division 2 regional championship on May 28. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Golfers storm into sectionals

Mount Horeb advances through regionals for first time since 2019

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Never flinch.

That phrase is often a rallying cry for coaches and teams, encouraging them to stay strong under pressure.

That’s exactly what Mount Horeb’s boys golf team did on May 26, when the Vikings finished fourth at the WIAA Division I DeForest Regional and earned a trip to sectionals for the first time since 2019.

“We had not a had a round this year where everyone played their best on the same day, but (at regionals) we did just that,” Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. “With such a loaded regional, not much was expected of us heading into the round, so our message to the team was to enjoy it and play loose, as the pressure was on the other teams expected to move on. We did just that, matching our best score of the season.”

Middleton shot a 4-over-par, 292, at Lake Windsor Country Club and edged runner-up Madison West (298) for the regional title. Waunakee (299) was third and Mount Horeb (314) was fourth among the eight teams.

DeForest was fifth with a 317 and Verona was sixth at 326.

The top four teams and top four individuals from non-qualifying teams advanced to the Reedsburg Sectional that was held on June 2. The state tournament is June 8-9 at University Ridge in Verona.

“I could not be prouder of our guys and the way they showed ‘competitive greatness’ and playing their best when playing your best is needed,” Krentz said. “Playing in arguably the most difficult regional in the state year-in and year-out and going against schools two to three times bigger than us has been a challenge the past few years, but we proved that

we could compete with some of the state’s best teams.”

Mount Horeb junior Finn La Fleur had a magnificent day carding a 76 and finishing ninth individually. Vikings sophomore Jace Stadele shot a 78, which was good for 14th overall.

Mount Horeb senior Nick Ibinger and freshman Nolan Niemetscheck both fired 80s as the Vikings matched their season-low of 314 which they had shot earlier this season at Portage.

Mount Horeb was on its game from the start, firing a 162 on the front nine. That had the Vikings sitting in fourth place at the turn, just ahead of fifth place DeForest and Verona (164).

“We got off to a terrific start at Lake Windsor,” Krentz said. “We don’t typically make a lot of birdies as a team, but we had four different players record one in their first five holes, which always helps on the scorecard.”

“Our score could have been even lower, but we ran into some trouble on holes seven through nine, making three double bogeys and two triple bogeys across our lineup. That being said, we put ourselves in great position after nine holes to secure one of the four team qualifying spots for sectionals, but would need to play an even better second nine in order to advance.”

The Vikings did just that.

With DeForest charging on the back nine, Mount Horeb shot a season-low 152 on their second nine to hold off the Norskies.

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“Tremendous performance by our guys down the stretch,” Krentz said.

LaFleur led the way with a career low 76.

LaFleur carded two birdies on the front nine — one at the par-3, fourth hole and another at the par-4 ninth hole — and made the turn at 40. LaFleur then stayed red hot and fired an even par, 36, on the back nine,



Mount Horeb’s boys golf team advanced through regionals on May 26 and qualified for sectionals for the first time since 2019. From left are assistant coach Geoffrey Krentz, Nolan Niemetscheck, Finn La Fleur, Nick Ibinger, Andrew Bennin, Jace Stadele and head coach Nolan Krentz. Photo submitted

which was also a career-low.

LaFleur began the back nine with five straight pars, then birdied the par-5, 15th hole. His only blemish on the back nine was a bogey at the par-4, 17th hole.

Stadele made a birdie at the par-4, third hole and shot 41 on the front nine. Then Stadele fired a blistering 1-over, 37, on his inward nine.

Stadele parred No. 11-13 before making a 40-foot putt for birdie on the par-three, 14th hole. Stadele then parred No. 15, 17 and 18 and set a career-low with his 78.

“Both Finn and Jace played great golf for us on the back nine,” Krentz said. “Both struggled in their practice round the day before, but learned a lot and put it to use when it really counted.”

Ibinger made a birdie at the par-5, fifth hole and shot 41 on the front nine. Then he made six pars and three bogeys on the back, where he carded a 39 to finish with an 80.

And Niemetscheck shot 40 on each side.

He made a birdie at the

par-4, third hole and added five pars on the front nine. Niemetscheck then birdied No. 15 and 18 — both par 5s — on his way to a 40 on the back nine and an 80 overall.

“Led by Nolan’s two birdies, we played the par five’s in 3-under as a team with no bogeys on the back nine, something we had struggled with throughout this season,” Krentz said. “That proved to be the difference over DeForest as they played the same holes in even par as a team.”

“We certainly struggled a bit with our inexperience this year, finishing sixth in conference play, but with six teams from the Badger Small Conference advancing to sectionals, we proved to be battle-tested come postseason play.”

Now, the Vikings hope to surprise again at the sectionals.

“The pressure will be on the other teams expected to be in contention for state,” Krentz said. “Hopefully we can play loose and relaxed once again and take advantage of the pressure being on the others.”



Mount Horeb’s Finn La Fleur shot a career-low 76 at regionals helping the Vikings advance to sectionals for the first time since 2019. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



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End of the road for baseball Vikings

Mount Horeb falls in regional semifinals

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Surprised. Startled. Stunned.

That’s how Mount Horeb’s baseball team felt after their season came to an abrupt end on May 28.

The fourth-seeded Vikings were heavy favorites in their WIAA Division 2 regional semifinal against 13th-seeded Richland Center. But the Hornets stunned the host Vikings and posted a 6-3 win that ended Mount Horeb’s season.

“That was definitely a tough and unexpected loss that no one in our program saw coming,” Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said. “I’m not suggesting we were overconfident as we had a great practice on Wednesday (the day before) and I felt we were ready to go play another great baseball game. But that’s baseball, and Richland Center played a great game.”

Mount Horeb entered the game with a six game winning streak. But the Hornets used a four-run fifth inning to rally from an early 2-0 deficit and KO the Vikings.

Mount Horeb ended the

year 16-9, while Richland Center improved to 10-11-2.

“We had been playing really good baseball throughout the month (of May), with the exception of one game at Baraboo (on May 4),” Finley said. “I felt like we were peaking at the right time and becoming a dangerous team that could compete with anyone in our sectional. Our four senior pitchers had been throwing well, our defense had been solid, and offensively we were swinging the bats better than we had all season.”

Momentum is hard to sustain in baseball, though, and that’s what happened on this night. Mount Horeb managed just five hits and couldn’t bounce back from a rough fifth inning.

The Vikings grabbed a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning when Ethan Morrisard drew a leadoff walk, was sacrificed to second and scored on a single to left by Connor Casey. Casey moved to second on a groundout, then scored on an RBI single by Jaxen Finley.

Mount Horeb starter Hayden Anderson rolled through the first three innings, but gave up a run in the fourth as Richland Center pulled within 2-1. The Vikings answered back in the bottom of the frame, though, when Terek Isely drew a one-out walk and scored on an error as Mount Horeb took a 3-1 lead.

“We were able to score early, but weren’t able to put any distance between us and them,” Ryan Finley said.

And that cost the Vikings in the fifth inning.

Richland Center’s leadoff runner reached on an error, and the Hornets followed with three hits, a walk and hit batter off of Anderson. By the time the Hornets’ flurry ended, they had surged to a 5-3 lead.

“We made a defensive mistake to start the inning and they capitalized,” Ryan Finley said. “They came



through with several clutch two-strike hits and were able to score four runs in the inning.”

Mount Horeb had two base runners in both the fifth and sixth innings, but couldn’t break through. And the Hornets added an insurance run in the seventh off Vikings relieved Brecken Dudley.

“Offensively, I thought we had quality at-bats most of the night,” Ryan Finley said. “Unfortunately, we couldn’t find many holes, and a few balls that we hit really well ended up hanging in the air with the wind blowing in, allowing their outfielders to track them down.”

While the end was tough to swallow, Ryan Finley was thrilled to have had the chance to coach this senior class. That group included Finley’s son, Jaxen, and nine others including Anderson, Dudley, Morrisard, Isely, Josh Kuntz, Evan Preimesberger, Logan Ford, Zach Brummund and Jackson Myers.

“This senior class is a special group for me and the entire coaching staff,” Ryan Finley said. “We’ve been coaching many of these young men since they were playing 9U baseball, and



The baseball season ended last week for Hayden Anderson (top), Josh Kuntz (above) and Mount Horeb’s baseball team. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

we’ve had the opportunity to coach several of them in other sports, as well.

“My son, Jaxen, has been a part of this program since he could walk, serving as the team bat boy for many years until his own playing schedule conflicted with the high school season. Not having the opportunity to coach him and his classmates again is something that will certainly be missed.

“They are an outstanding group of young men, and I have no doubt they will continue to make their families, school, and community proud as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. Overall, it was a really good season but certainly left us all wanting more.”

• **Mount Horeb 13, Oregon 5** — The Vikings ended the regular season with a convincing win over the

host Panthers on May 26.

Mount Horeb scored four runs in each of the first two innings and led comfortably throughout.

Brecken Dudley went 2-for-4 with a double and four RBIs and Terek Isely had two RBIs. Jaxen Finley went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored, while Hayden Anderson was 2-for-2 with three runs scored, two RBIs and a double.

Josh Kuntz had a triple, walked twice and scored four runs, and Jackson Myers went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs.

Jaxen Finley was the winning pitcher after allowing two earned runs in four innings. Dudley, Isely and Anderson all threw one inning of relief, as well.

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Stella Simmons (25) and Mount Horeb’s girls soccer team are the No. 6 seed in their sectional. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Soccer Vikings land No. 6 seed

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Postseason seeding meetings are always filled with strategy, as teams jockey for positions they believe can lead to big playoff runs.

Mount Horeb girls soccer coach Megan Lemire felt her team should have been a No. 5 seed in their WIAA Division 3 sectional, but after the coaches voted, the Vikings landed the No. 6 seed.

Lemire could have challenged, but chose to stay put for one simple reason.

“Long story short, we have a slightly tougher second game with the chance of playing a slightly easier third game,” Lemire said.

So, the Vikings — who carry an 8-8-1 record to the playoffs — received the No. 6 seed and hosted 11th-seeded Jefferson (5-10-1) in a regional semifinal Tuesday. If Mount Horeb won there, it would likely head to third-seeded Delavan-Darien for a regional final on Saturday.

The sectional semifinals are June 11 and the sectional finals are June 13.

By not objecting to the No. 6 seed, the Vikings are on the opposite side of the bracket from top-seeded McFarland and wouldn’t see the Spartans until a sectional final.

“The voting was close for the No. 4-7 seeds,” Lemire said. “I could’ve challenged to move up to a (No.) 5 seed, especially since we beat Platteville (voted the No. 5 seed) twice, but I didn’t argue because a (No.) 6 seed gives us a better chance at making it to sectional finals.”

If the Vikings defeated Jefferson Tuesday, they’d likely face a Delavan-Darien team on Saturday that they dropped a 2-1 decision against earlier this year. Mount Horeb did not have standout Kolbie Severson that game, though, and Lemire added, “We also didn’t play as well as we could have.”

If Mount Horeb faces Delavan-Darien for a second time, Lemire and her Vikings

are confident.

“I think we have a good chance to beat them,” Lemire said. “Of course, all of this only matters if we play well and beat Jefferson.”

Mount Horeb did suffer a blow last week during its 6-0 loss to Monona Grove on May 26, as junior midfielder/defender and captain Jaina Czyzewski suffered an injury and won’t be available this postseason.

“Jaina has been one of our most reliable players on the field, and losing her now is heartbreaking, especially given how much she loves the sport,” Lemire said. “However, this opens up an opportunity for some other players to step up and help their team win some big games.

“I believe in these girls. They work their butts off every game. If they are able to find that extra little post-season spark, we could win at least a regional final for the first time in a few years.”

Boys lacrosse team wins playoff opener

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

They’re off and running.

The Verona/Mount Horeb co-op boys lacrosse team defeated Sun Prairie, 17-6, in a regional semifinal on May 28. The Wildcats had a bye in the first round.

Verona/Mount Horeb, the No. 5 seed, traveled to fourth-seeded Hudson for a regional final Tuesday. If the Wildcats won there, they’d face top-seeded Waunakee in a sectional semifinal Thursday.

The sectional finals would be Saturday and the state championship match is June 13.

In the Wildcats’ win over Sun Prairie, junior Cooper Blodgett had five goals and

two assists, while sophomore Ryder Blodgett had three goals and three assists. Junior Mason Williams had one goal and six assists, and junior Gabe Weisensel had two goals.

Freshman Braxton Jagla had two goals, while juniors Evans Bartel and Jackson Bubbers both had a goal. Junior Cullen Olson had a goal, forced two turnovers and had seven ground balls, while freshman Olin Olson forced three turnovers and had five ground balls.

Sophomore Brady Bowdish forced three turnovers and had a ground ball, junior Ayden Jagla had four ground balls and forced a turnover, and freshman Riley Stagman had a goal, won 73% of his faceoffs and had 11 ground balls.

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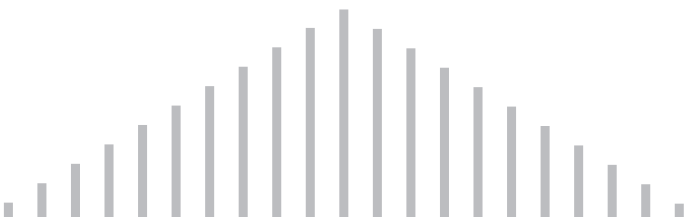
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Vikings believed it was only a matter of time before they would put the game away.

“I told the girls we’ve been here (in the regional finals) five times. This would have been Sunny and Delaina’s fourth time and the sophomores a second time,” Holman said. “Evansville hasn’t been here before, so the pressure is on them. You girls have been here before. We talk about it. You girls know you can hit.”

Holman said the scouting report on Evansville was that it had a weakness successfully handling the bunting game. So, when the Vikings finally got an opportunity to play some small ball, they were primed and ready to go.

“I told the girls we’ve got three facets of the game — pitching, defense and hitting, and you girls have been doing that all year,” Holman said. “A lot of teams don’t have all three going for them. Some teams can’t do as good on defense, but they can hit. Or their pitching isn’t good.

“I said, ‘Ladies, you’ve got all three going for you right now. So, as long as you do those three things, you’ll be tough to beat.’”

Mount Horeb stranded baserunners in scoring po-

sition in the first, second and fourth innings.

Meanwhile, Baber kept the Blue Devils hitless, although she walked four batters through the first five innings.

“My rise ball was a struggle a little bit, but my fastball was working, as long as I focused on it a little bit more,” said Baber who finished with nine strikeouts and five walks. “I was throwing my changeup a little too hard. I was a little pumped up today.”

Baber got out of a jam in the top of the fourth inning when she issued a pair of walks and cleanup hitter Bella Tway reached base on an error on a bunt attempt.

But Nicewander executed the defensive play of the game when she snared a line drive from Katelynn Ross and then fired a throw to second base to double off Brooklyn Maves, who had opened the inning with a walk.

Baber then walked Kate Sandelbach, but struck out Ava Olson to end the only serious threat Evansville was able to mount.

Holman credited Baber for keeping her poise in the pivotal inning.

“I’m very proud of her,” Holman said. “The one thing I’ve got to talk to her about is this far in the tournament, you can’t get behind in the count. Because

when you’ve got to go 2-0 fastball with the short porches, a good hitter will light her up.

“That’s how we lost the Edgewood game. We got behind (in the count), and they started getting hits. The first time against Stoughton, we got behind in the count, and they kept on going.”

Holman, though, said Baber’s emergence as the Vikings’ ace in the circle has been critical to Mount Horeb’s continued success on the diamond.

“Ella is so much more effective when you get up in the count and the rise ball goes up, and the batter’s got to guess,” he said. “If you throw it too high right away and the batters won’t swing for you, you go 2-0 and have to throw that thing down the gut, good hitters can hit that this deep in the game.”

Mount Horeb finally broke open the game in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Shortstop Lauren Mester opened the frame with a single to left field and moved to second on a single to center field by third baseman Elaina Imbus. That set the stage for Nicewander to come up big.

“Once Lauren fake bunted it and hit, I said we were ready to go,” Nicewander said. “We felt ready to break it open.”

After Holman issued a bunt sign to Nicewander, she laid down a perfect bunt inside the third base line to advance the runners. But Mester also scored on the play on a throwing error by third baseman Jessica Muench to provide the only run Baber would need.

“I had a buddy of mine scout (Evansville), and he

said they had problems fielding the ball,” Holman said. “So, we talked (Wednesday) night ‘We’ve got to get our bunts down.’ Of course, we didn’t really have a chance to bunt until that last inning when we got a leadoff hit.”

After first baseman Clare Casey sacrificed Nicewander to second base, second baseman Emily Wittenwyler executed a perfect bunt to score Imbus. An error on a dropped throw also allowed Nicewander to score on the play to give Mount Horeb a 3-0 lead.

“The first bunt, they made an error, so I said we were going to just keep on bunting until they make an out, and it worked,” Holman said. “We just kept putting the pressure on them, which was huge.”

After Baber was hit by a pitch, Schreiber grounded into a force play. That set the stage for left fielder Eva Larson, who singled to right field to drive in two runs and extend the rally.

“My No. 9 hitter comes up (Larson), and our two courtesy runners on base are faster than deer,” Holman said. “I gave (Ava) a hit and run sign, so both those girls were off and running for our No. 9 hitter and she came up with the big hit.

“So, I give Ava credit for coming up with a big base hit for us. That brought up the top of the order, and Jozie (Clifton) got a bit hit. That opened the flood gates.”

Clifton’s RBI single made it 6-0, and after Mester reached base for the second time in the inning when Evansville misplayed her bunt, Imbus followed with a triple to right center field to drive in Clifton and Mester and cap the scoring.

Clifton said despite entering the bottom of the sixth inning in a scoreless tie, the Vikings knew it was their time to shine.

“We were nervous going into it,” Clifton said. “But we all know our defense has been on spot, and we all know how to hit the ball.

“We knew at the beginning of the game that they

struggled fielding bunts. We tried it and figured it out and were able to get them down and keep going.”

For a team that opened the season with more questions than answers, Holman said he was brimming with pride in how the Vikings have grown as a team this season.

“Not a single girl is playing where they did last year. We’re a brand-new team, and they set a record with 25 wins,” Holman said. “I’m most proud of our defense and hitting.

“All our hitters are over .300. Our No. 6 hitter, Emily (Wittenwyler) didn’t know what she could do at the beginning of the year, and all she has done is hit all year for me every game. She’s playing a great second base.”

Holman said there have been many pleasant surprises as the year progressed.

“Imbus decided to come out at the last second,” Holman said. “She was trying out for track and asked if she could come back, and I said, ‘Yeah, we’ll take you.’ We need a No. 3 hitter. She’s been a big surprise.

“Our sophomore pitcher (Baber) is 17-0 now. She won one game last year, so she is 18-0 in her career in high school. That’s nice.”

And despite the small senior class, Holman said that Nicewander and Schreiber have been all that a coach could ask for on and off the field.

“Our seniors have been great,” Holman said. “Delaina’s hitting about .500 and has six home runs this year. She’s hitting the ball hard.

“Sunny wasn’t even our starting catcher this year. During an open gym, I asked her if she wanted to get back into catching. She said, ‘I’ll try it.’ Thank you. That was a big key, too. We’ve had a lot of surprises this year, and they’re all doing good.”

But after five straight trips to sectionals have come up empty — including last season’s 6-0 loss to West Salem in a sectional semifinals — Clifton said this could be the year the

Vikings finally make their state tournament debut.

“There’s been such big growth,” said Clifton, who celebrated her third regional title. “Honestly, I think all of us on the team can say we went into the season struggling. We didn’t know what we were going to do. We didn’t know where any of us would go.

“But we bonded together. We figured it out together. It’s meant a lot. We’ve grown a lot together as a team. We’re a positive team. I haven’t been on a Mount Horeb team that has gotten along this much. It’s been a fun season.”

• **Mount Horeb 13, Reedsburg 2 (5)** — The top-seeded and host Vikings eliminated the eighth-seeded Beavers in a game called in the fifth inning due to the mercy rule.

Delaina Nicewander had a huge day offensively with two home runs and six RBIs. Nicewander also went 3-for-3 and scored three runs.

Elaina Imbus went 3-for-3 with a double and scored three runs, while Emily Wittenwyler went 2-for-3 with a double, an RBI and scored a run. Sonja Schreiber had a double and an RBI, while Lauren Mester scored two runs and Eva Larson drove in two runs.

Ella Baber was the winning pitcher, throwing all five innings and allowing two runs. Baber struck out eight, allowed four hits and two walks, and threw strikes on 53 of 78 pitches (68.0%).

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb hosted second-seeded Monroe in a sectional semifinal on Tuesday. The winner advances to the sectional championship game on Thursday to face the winner of Beloit Turner and Lakeside Lutheran.

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Leading hitters — E: Ava Olson 1x3. MH: Elaina Imbus 3x4 (3B), Lauren Mester 2x4, Emily Wittenwyler 2x3.

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Tuesday, June 9, 2026

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1. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Announcements.

3. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items.

4. Liquor license application - Laura Tisch, 175 Drammen Valley Rd.

5. Land Use:

a. BadgerLand Foundation, 847 County Rd JG – zoning changes for Lots 1 and 3, totaling 70.6 acres, to NR-C, and Lot 2 to RR-8 for 9.4 acres for existing residence and driveway.

b. Driftless Area Land Conservancy and BadgerLand Foundation – resolution of support.

c. Permit Application Form – form revisions.

6. Roads, Equipment, Facilities:

a. Petition for Discontinuance of Unpaved Alley – Grove Street – set public hearing date.

b. Petition for Discontinuance of Part of a Public Way – Josephson Road – set public hearing date.

c. Recycling Center.

d. ATV/UTV access on Town roads.

e. Dane Co. Bridge Aid – Sherven Rd. bridge.

7. Mount Horeb Fire Department - proposed change to service payment.

8. Treasurer’s Report.

9. Friends of the Parks of Perry report.

10. Parks and Open Space Committee:

a. Committee appointments.

11. Dane Co. Towns Association and Wisconsin Towns Association discussions.

12. Community meeting / correspondence to elected representatives update.

13. Minutes of Previous Meeting – May 12, 2026.

14. Pay Bills due.

15. Succession planning.

16. Closed Session. Dane Co. Circuit Court case 15CV0065 DSG; Hauge Historic District Park easement negotiations: convene a closed session under WI § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy and WI §19.85(1)(b) and (c) personnel.

17. Adjournment.

Action might be taken on any agenda item shown above. Public comment might be invited on any agenda item presented.

Stephanie Zwettler, Clerk/Treasurer

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APPLICATION

Laura Tisch, owner and operator of Munchkey Apples, 175 Drammen Valley Rd, Mount Horeb, WI, has applied to the Town of Perry for a Class A liquor license, effective July 1, 2026.

This license application will be considered by the Town Board at the meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Stephanie Zwettler
Clerk/Treasurer

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TOWN OF SPRINGDALE

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Springdale, 2379 Town Hall Rd., Mt. Horeb WI, is seeking bids for: total reconstruction, repaving, striping, and concrete pad/sidewalk for the Town Hall parking lot; and 190 tons of hot mix wedding on various town roads.

For project specifications and deadlines, contact Town Patrolman, Devin Dahlk, at (608) 444- 5707. All bids must be received no later than 5:00 PM, June 15th and include proof of insurance. Mark envelope with the type of work being bid. Bids will be opened at the 7:00 PM Town Board meeting on Tuesday, June 16. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any bids, and to award bids to the lowest responsible bidder (Wis. Stat. 60.47(1)(b)).

Jackie Arthur, Administrator/Clerk

Post: 5/26 Town Hall and springdalewi.gov

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TOWN OF VERMONT

DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSING

Notice is hereby given Pursuant to Section 125.04(3) (G) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The following have made application to the Town of Vermont for alcohol license. Said applications will be acted on by the Town of Vermont Town Board at the board meeting on June 10, 2024. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Town Hall, 4017 County Rd JJ, Black Earth, WI 53515

Alcohol Beverage Renewal Licenses—July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Class “B” Beer & Class “B” Liquor

Tyrol Holdings LLC- Nathan McGree

3487 Bohn Rd, Mount Horeb WI 53572

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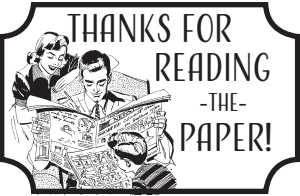
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NOTICES

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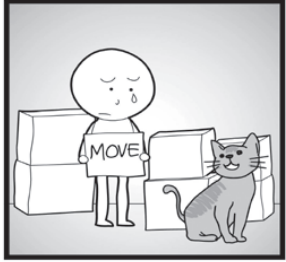
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TOWN OF PRIMROSE
REQUEST FOR BIDS
FOR GARAGE FURNACE REPLACEMENT

The Town of Primrose is requesting sealed bids for the replacement of the furnace in the Town garage located at 8468 County Road A, Verona, WI 53593. Interested contractors may contact the Town Clerk at clerk@townofprimrose.com for additional information or to schedule a site visit.

Sealed bids must be submitted by mail to: Town of Primrose, 8468 County Road A, Verona, WI 53593, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10.

Bids will be opened at the regular Town Board meeting at 7:30pm on Monday, July 13, and the accepted bid may be awarded at that time.

The Town of Primrose reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, as deemed to be most advantageous to the Town.

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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 BLUE MOUNDS
LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for Beer & Liquor Licenses will be reviewed by the Village of Blue Mounds Board at 6:30 p.m. on June 10, 2026, at Village Board Meeting at the Village Hall, 11011 Brigham Ave., Blue Mounds, Wisconsin.

“Class B” Beer and Liquor License:
No applications received.

“Class A” Beer and Liquor License:
Melissa Frank, Agent, 28 W Mary St, Milton, WI 53563; d/b/a Casey's Marketing Company, Casey's General Store at 10836 Village Circle, Blue Mounds, WI 53517
Multani & Sons, Inc., Gurjit Singh Multani, 11024 Division St, Blue Mounds, WI 53517; d/b/a Blue Mounds Grocery & Liquor, 11024 Division Street, Blue Mounds, WI 53517

Class “B” Beer and “Class C” Wine License:
Christopher Berge, PO Box 156, Blue Mounds, WI; d/b/a Obert Alvin Coffee House, 2969 Main Street, Blue Mounds, WI 53517

Beverly Petrolis
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to each person who owns, occupies or controls land in:

**VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUNDS
TOWN OF SPRINGDALE
TOWN OF PERRY
TOWN OF PRIMROSE
TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS**

To destroy all noxious weeds on such property before plants bloom. The noxious weeds are: Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Field Bindweed (commonly known as Creeping Jenny) and any other weed the governing body of the municipality has declared to be noxious.

Noxious weeds shall be controlled at such time and in such manner as will effectively prevent them from maturing to the bloom or flower stage as required by Section 66.0407 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Alyssa Gaffney, Clerk Village of Mount Horeb	Beverly Petrolis, Clerk Village of Blue Mounds
Jackie Arthur, Clerk Town of Springdale	Stephanie Zwettler, Clerk Town of Perry
Matthew Waite, Clerk Town of Primrose	Amanda Burghy, Clerk Town of Blue Mounds

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TOWN OF PRIMROSE, DANE COUNTY
STATE OF WISCONSIN
NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW
TWO-HOUR MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Primrose, County, Wisconsin, shall meet on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at 8468 County Road A, Verona, Wisconsin.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board of Review:

- After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board of Review's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board of Review about the person's objection, except at a session of the Board of Review. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the Board of Review.
- The Board of Review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the Board of Review Clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the Board of Review shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, and the Board of Review may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session, or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days, with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the Board of Review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
- Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the Board of Review Clerk within the first 2 hours of the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Review may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session, or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The Board of Review may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, and the Board of Review shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the Board of Review in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the Board of Review, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the Board.
- When appearing before the Board of Review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information used to arrive at that estimate.
- No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the Board of Review, the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses that the assessor requests, as specified in the Assessor's Manual under Wis. Stat. § 73.03(2a). The Town of Primrose has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided in this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. State § 19.35(1).
- The Board of Review shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse prescriber certified under wis. Stat § 441.16(2) that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board of Review, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.
- No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board of Review, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under Wis. Stat. § 70.47(3)(a), that person provides notice to the Board of Review Clerk as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the Board of Review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.
- No person shall be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of the real or personal property being assessed.

Notice is hereby given this 4th day of June, 2026
Matthew Waite, Town clerk

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TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS
RETAIL ALCOHOL
LICENSE APPLICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applications have been received by the Clerk of the Town of Blue Mounds, Dane County, for alcohol retail licenses for the July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, license year:

- Cave of the Mounds, Inc**
“Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Beer License
Cave of the Mounds Inc.
National Natural Landmark
2975 Cave of the Mounds Road
Blue Mounds, WI 53517
(608) 437-3038
- The Eloise LLC**
Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License
2212 County Road JG
Mount Horeb WI, 53572
(608) 338-3610
- VFW Centennial Post 9511**
“Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Beer License
Mt. Horeb VFW
2787 Erbe Road
Blue Mounds, WI 53517
(608) 437-7260
- Dreamy 280 Meats**
“Class A” Retail Liquor and Class “A” Retail Beer License
Dreamy 280 Meats
2790 Cave of The Mounds Rd
Blue Mounds, WI 53517
(608) 576-1313
- Campo di Bella**
Class “B” Beer and “Class C” Wine License
Campo di Bella
10229 Sharp Road
Mount Horeb, WI 53572
(608) 320-9287
- Bridle Barn & Gardens LLC**
Class “B” Beer and “Class C” Wine License
Bridle Barn & Gardens LLC
9736 Blue Valley Dr
Mount Horeb, WI 53572
(608) 220-7500

The Town Board of the Town of Blue Mounds will consider and receive public input, comment, or concerns regarding the issuance of the above referenced licenses at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Blue Mounds Town Hall, 10566 Blue Vista Road, Blue Mounds Wisconsin.

Amanda Burghy, Clerk

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From left, Mount Horeb’s Avena Meyers, Jack Wilson and Aliyah Chovanec all earned trips to the WIAA Division 2 state meet, which will be held this weekend at UW-La Crosse. Photos courtesy of Kevin McGivern



TRACK

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inches and is seeded 10th at state.

• Dowling was fourth in the 100-meter dash in 12:52 and is seeded 11th at state.

• Senior Devyn Uptegraw was fourth in the 200-meter dash in 22.49 seconds and is seeded 16th at state.

• Senior Jack Wilson was fifth in the discus with a throw of 158 feet, 2 inches and is seeded ninth at state. While the top four finishers at sectionals earn automatic berths to state, Wilson received an extra qualifying spot.

“We had a great night,” Mount Horeb co-coach Kevin McGivern said. “There’s a lot of excitement heading into this week.”

With good reason. Mount Horeb won the girls cross country state championship last fall, and the Vikings could also be in contention for a state track title this weekend.

At the heart of it all will be the gifted 3,200-meter relay team that was more than 16 seconds faster than runner-up McFarland at sectionals.

“Our goal was to run as fast as we needed to break the school record — and I’d say we did just that,” said Caygill, who ran the first leg of the 3,200. “Celebrating with everyone after Isla (Odgers) crossed the finish line was the best. We’re all so happy with the effort, but not satisfied as we know we can run even faster.”

Mount Horeb’s time is 9:18.06 earned it the No. 1 seed at state, followed by Bloomer (9:19.88) and University School of Milwaukee (9:28.16). The Vikings’ quartet will now take aim at a championship on Saturday.

“I’m super optimistic about our ability to perform well,” Caygill said. “We’ve all been working extremely hard this season, pushing and motivating one another every day.

“We’ve been locking in on handoffs during practice, so we feel confident going into the big weekend. We’re super excited to go out there and race at full effort for the first time.”

Mount Horeb’s 400-meter relay team of Zimmer, Meyers, Kroll and Dowling also have great expectations after running a sizzling 49.38 at sectionals and edging Lan-

caster (49.89) for the top spot. The Vikings’ foursome broke the school record for the third time this season and carry the fifth fastest time from sectionals to state.

“This group of ladies has been working all season to perfect their handoffs and conditioning and they have proved themselves to be a top tier relay,” Richardson said of the 400-meter relay team.

Added McGivern: “Three out of the four girls have been working together for three years now and their work ethic and determination came to fruition (at sectionals).”

The 800-meter relay team of Zimmer, Guenther, Kroll and Dowling won the sectional title with a time of 1:45.02, just ahead of runner-up Lancaster (1:45.09). Mount Horeb narrowly missed out on a state berth in this event last year, and now hopes to make some noise in La Crosse.

“These girls have such a strong bond, and are dedicated to their relays and to each other,” Richardson said of the 800-meter relay team. “We’re excited to see what they are capable of at state. As fast as they’ve already proven to be, there’s still more in the tank.”

McGivern agreed. “They set a goal before the season started to make it to state and now they made it in two relays,” McGivern said. “They are staying hungry and ready to compete against the best this week at La Crosse.”

Odgers was first in the 800 in 2:16.27, more than a second ahead of runner-up Maddie Driscoll of Lancaster (2:17.62). Odgers now carries the third fastest time from sectionals to state.

Amazingly, Odgers has competed in both track and softball this spring and has excelled in both sports.

“Isla is a special lady,” Richardson said. “Track is actually her secondary sport to softball. Isla managed to compete in both sports this season without burning out or getting injured.

“One thing I’ll say about Isla, I think she will literally bleed before she loses. This girl continues to amaze me and loves her teammates so much. Although only a freshman, Isla races beyond her years. This season is a mere stepping stone to what this lady can accomplish.”

Caygill missed the track season last year due to injury,

but has rebounded in impressive fashion. Her winning time in the 1,600 at sectionals of 5:11.53 was nearly six seconds faster than second place Driscoll, and Caygill is now seeded eighth at state.

“My 1,600 was much calmer than anticipated,” Caygill said. “I was expecting to have a little more competition, but the race felt really smooth and I definitely saved a lot for (state). I’m really looking forward to racing my hardest and hopefully having success at state.”

For Richardson, watching Caygill excel has been one of many highlights in the Vikings’ memorable season.

“This season has been something so special to her,” Richardson said. “Mia puts in the work on and off the track. Mia also thrives off of competition. The second she steps on that track, she is fierce and ready to push her limits.

“It was also difficult to decide what to race Mia at state, as she could probably podium in four different events. However, due to her injury last year, we played it more cautious this year, focusing on the two events. I can always count on Mia to give every ounce of energy and heart on the track.”

Vigliotta’s ran away from the competition in the 3,200, posting a winning time of 11:17.66 that was exactly eight seconds faster than second place Aubrey Schoenemann of Lodi (11:25.77). Vigliotta is also seeded eighth

at state.

“Willia has improved in all of the distance events this season,” Richardson said. “It was difficult to decide what to run her in, because she can run anything.

“Willia is eager for a high level of competition again, something she hasn’t had much of since the Hale distance night. Willia is a competitor and I am excited for her to showcase all of her hard work at state.”

Myers broke the school record in the triple jump with her leap of 36 feet, 9 ¼ inches at sectionals. That was the fifth longest jump among sectionals from across the state.

“Avena’s in her first year doing triple jump in her high school career and saved her biggest jump of the season to qualify for state,” McGivern said. “Avena will now get to stack up against a talented triple jump field.”

Richardson is excited to see how Meyers fares at state.

“Avena’s an all-around athlete, proving to be resilient and ready for any occasion,” Richardson said.

Chovanec set a personal record in the high jump at sectionals with her leap of 5 feet, 3 inches. Chovanec missed much of the season with a hip injury, but she tied for the 10th best jump in the state among the four sectionals.

“It is truly unbelievable that after only five meets under her high school belt she qualified for state,” McGivern said of Chovanec. “Aliyah is a nat-

ural athlete and has made the transition to high school track and field look seamless. Aliyah is just getting started and her willingness to continue to improve will help her this weekend and in future years.”

Dowling also missed the majority of her freshman season due to injury, but has erupted this season and earned a trip to state in three events.

“As a sophomore Aicha is one of the top girls in Division 2,” McGivern said. “Aicha missed almost all of last season as a freshman due to injury. She used that as motivation to come back this season stronger. Aicha loves a challenge and is relishing the opportunity to compete against the best at state this weekend.”

Uptegraw, who will run at UW-Platteville next season, was part of two relay teams that narrowly missed qualifying for state. But Uptegraw shook off that disappointment and earned a trip to state in the 200 in his final season.

“Devyn has proven himself over and over again, especially these past two seasons, in the sprint relays and open sprint events,” Richardson said. “Devyn is always calm, cool, and collected at competitions.

“Devyn is easily one of the hardest workers on the team, which is why he’s competing at the state meet. Devyn has perfected all parts of the 200

— his specialty event. In my 12 years of coaching, I have met few gentlemen who are as polite, respectful, kind, but also fierce, determined, and gritty as Devyn. We’re so excited for Devyn to celebrate his fitness this weekend.”

Wilson, a North Dakota State football recruit, set the school record in the discus at sectionals, but settled for fifth place due to the high level of competition. Wilson’s throw of 158-2 earned him a special qualifying spot, though, and he’s now seeded ninth at state.

“Jack has been working tirelessly this season to be where he is today,” Richardson said. “Jack shows up every single day ready to outwork anyone and everyone, and it shows! As a senior, state will be his last high school competition. Knowing this fuels his fire and I know he’ll outperform himself yet again.”

McGivern is also excited to see Wilson perform for the final time, capping a memorable Mount Horeb career that saw him excel on the gridiron and the track.

“Jack has won many meets and medals, but the one that was missing was qualifying for the state meet,” McGivern said. “Before Jack gets ready to start his college football at NDSU he has one more opportunity to represent Mount Horeb at the state competition.”

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