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Gleanings

By **BARR JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

140 years Ago- June 23, 1886

Haying has commenced; a light crop from the uplands is the yield.
Another application for a saloon license from the west end of the town.
What foolishness to divide our County Board up into original parties, as though in county affairs there could be anything of a political character.
A man by the name of Gudbrand Ellingson became a raging maniac at the church in Perry last Sunday; he was taken to the insane asylum at Madison on Monday.

Considerable excitement was created in this southern vicinity Saturday and Sunday last about the mysterious disappearance of a Gjermund Blomhougeb, living 3 miles south of this place. He was last seen at this place Friday last, having in his possession considerable money which helped to create a fear of a more suspicious character as to his safety. Word reached his relatives at a late hour Sunday that the lost man was found in the town of Perry having had nothing to eat since his departure from home Friday morning.

130 Years Ago- June 18, 1896

The commencement exercises at the Academy of this place, last Thursday evening was very largely attended and the manner in which the program was carried out was a credit to the institution.
Our local telephone site is growing. The different places having telephonic communication are: Evans Pharmacy, Mt. Horeb Livery office, Heisig,

Grinde & Co., the Academy and The Times office. A system of calls have been adopted so that no central office is required.
Christ Thompson is expected back from school at Decorah, Iowa, this week. Christ has swung himself up in musical accomplishments, being president of the Luther College Musical Union. We may hope for a revival among our band boys when he returns home for his summer vacation. Get into line boys.
Ed. Sather expects to locate his bicycle factory in the rear of Swiggum's store, facing Main St. A splendid location indeed.

120 Years Ago- June 21, 1906

The class of '06 has evidently left high their insignia on the Mt. Horeb High School. May their ambition for good in life be likewise.
The second oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amend Dahlby of Joice, Iowa will be married at the home of her parents next Sunday, to a young man whose name we have not learned.
Street Commissioner Martin and assistants did good work last Saturday cleaning the principal streets which were left in a rather bad condition by the carnival crowd.
The National Self Winding Clocks have come to stay. And no wonder! They are so far superior to the old style key wind, spring clocks. Very simple in construction and perfect time keepers. Dahle & Berg Jewelers.
Dahle Brothers had one more 'phone installed in the store last week. They now have one in the grocery department and another near the dry goods and clothing departments.

Headed by the Barber cornet band of a dozen pieces in marching line, the people of the southwestern part of the township and vicinity to the number of 150 or more, happily surprised Mr. and Mrs. Hans Komplien last Sunday, the occasion being the 25th anniversary of their married life.
Lee & Harmon raised the smokestack to the new electric light plant. It is 50 feet high and weighs 2,500 pounds.
Oscar Jylland got his foot quite badly hurt while shoeing a horse, but is now able to be around again.

110 Years Ago- June 23, 1916

The Chautauqua opens today Friday and here is hoping for a week of sunshine and pleasant weather.
Black Earth has hired all the best ball players between Madison and Prairie du Chien to go against Mt. Horeb's regular team at Mt. Horeb July 4th. So if you want to see a hot game come to Mt. Horeb July 4th.
Henry Steuyer is preparing to move the old house off its present foundation to make room for a more pretentious residence, which will soon adorn the place.
Warning! Warning! I wish to warn trespassers in my garden that I will have arrested the first one caught and will hold same responsible for all damage previously done. Louisa Kabley.
Engineer Rue is having no small job in keeping people from using filthy buckets in dipping out water from the watering tank near the village hall, every one should know that most horses are apt to go dry rather than drink water that is in the least polluted.

100 Years Ago- June 18, 1926

C.R. Collins and Marvin Arneson, Blue Mounds, brought purebred calves to Madison last Saturday, which were sold to a county agent in Kansas for call club work. Up to \$100 apiece was paid for the calves.
A bolt of lightning struck the barn on the Harland Barton farm, Blue Mounds, Friday of last week. Four calves perished in the flames and all the hay, feed and some machinery burned.
Al Austin, who labors with pictures and dreams for melodies, has written a march called: "Royal Message," Mr. Hanneman, director of the high school band, was very enthused with the march as were the band members. We hope Mr. Austin will keep his pen moving and bring more melody there from.
Kleiner & Himsel sold two carloads of cows to Iowa parties at good prices.

80 Years Ago- June 20, 1946

Neighbors of the Lars Helgeson family plowed and worked the ground and planted 25 acres of corn last week. Their farm machinery was destroyed by the recent tornado that swept the Kittleson Valley. Last Thursday afternoon the businessmen of Blanchardville drove up to assist in cleaning the wreckage for the Helgeson family.
Word has been received that S/Sgt. Harold Iverson is ill in the Philippines. He has had 90 shots of penicillin and has been flown back to Leyte for treatments. He has a temperature of 104 degrees.
Arlene Midthun left a week ago for Lake Geneva to attend a training insti-

tute, after having enrolled as a volunteer worker in the American missions.
**60 Years Ago-
June 9, 1966**
Nine hundred boys of the Four Lakes Council of Boy Scouts recently participated in a two-day Camporee at the Blue Mounds State Park. Rev. Ruben Mostrom conducted services for 450 of the scouts at the west end of the park, while Catholic services were conducted for the remaining scouts at the east end.
Sunday twenty eighth graders of St. Mary's School, Pine Bluff, received their diploma from Fr. Lenarz after the 8:30 mass in St. Mary's Church.
Roxie Ann Bjelde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Bjelde, Route 3, Mt. Horeb, became the bride of James Ross Wichman, McFarland, at a ceremony Saturday, May 29, in East Blue Mounds Lutheran church. The bridegroom's father performed the ceremony.

30 Years Ago- June 20, 1996

The Gators' first place 11-12 girls medley relay team members are Sara Pladziewicz, Eliza Johnson, Colleen Schultz and Stacey Trainor.
Beginning this fall, all Mount Horeb High School students who participate not only in athletics but in any of a total of 28 school-sponsored activities will be subject to a new extracurricular activities code of conduct.
When it comes to people with hyphenated professions, you could call Karen Steffen a model-horse breeder-jewelry storeowner. Steffen took over the ownership of the Gold Market in

Recreation Notes

Discover the fun of **Disc Golf!** Play on temporary beginner courses at two of your hometown parks! Participants ages 8 and up will learn rules, throwing techniques, and etiquette from local pros, Patrick Blake & Patrick Yu, in a fun learning environment. The program runs Monday through Thursday, June 29 to July 2, from 10 am to Noon. Monday and Tuesday will be at Sunrise Park; Wednesday and Thursday will be at Grundahl Park. The class fee is \$115 for residents and \$125 for non-residents, and includes a disc and mini marker. Enroll by 6/22.
Try **Gymnastics!** Instructors will demonstrate proper safety and instruction on the

balance beam, uneven bars, vault, and floor exercise! **Level 3 Prerequisites:** Unassisted back walkover. **Level 4 Prerequisites:** Unassisted back handspring on a mat (not trampoline). All levels meet in the High School Auxiliary Gym. Level 3 + 4 meet Monday through Wednesday, June 29 to July 1 and Monday through Thursday, July 6 to 9 with a fee of \$180. The registration deadlines are levels 3 + 4 = 6/22.
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 3 and 4 take place June 29 to July 9. 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 6/22.
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.

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REGISTRATION DEADLINES:**
6/22: Disc Golf Camp
6/22: Gymnastics Levels 3 + 4
6/22: Rugby
6/22: Smiling Trolls Summer Camp Sess. 3 + 4
6/22: Speedball Sess. 3, 6, + 9

Boy Scouts

Join Boy Scout Troop 62 for a fun and educational Bicycle Rodeo on Sunday, June 28, from 2-4 p.m. at the Mount Horeb Intermediate Center parking lot along Garfield Street.
This event is open to all elementary school age kids and is hosted by the Mount Horeb Cub Scout Pack 62 with support by the Boy Scout Troop 62, the Mount Horeb Police Department.
Kids should bring their helmet, bike and water bottle. A skills challenge course and safety instructions will be part of the activities. Bikes will be checked for road worthiness and for sizing with your child. If possible, necessary adjustments on the spot will be made to bikes and helmets.



Town of Blue Mounds

Speed limit changes on Sand Rock Road

By Jill Jonas
Mount Horeb Mail

The June 9th Town of Blue Mounds Board of Supervisors meeting began with unanimous approval of the previous month’s minutes, sans revision.

To allow for a Land Use Committee (LUC) site visit, a previously public noticed hearing for a County Highway JG property rezone was postponed until July.

Public Comments

Resident Isabelle Tochon had questions and comments about the type of weed killer being used by the Town. She specifically mentioned concerns for the German Valley Branch stream, wetlands, and trees along the roadside. Tochon said there are some weed killers less harmful than others, stressing the importance of being aware of the differences. Most specifically, those containing Glyphosate, she said. Tochon suggested perhaps the board might consider the type used before next year’s spraying. Acknowledging the safety needs for completing spring roadside cut-

ting, Tochon then asked the board to clarify the Town’s policy. Specifically, regarding picking up and cleaning up after the cuts. She suggested visibility wasn’t improved by pushing brush “towards the limits of the properties.”

Chair Richard VanDomelen reminded everyone that the board is not obligated to address public comments. However, he stated he felt he “wanted to address this one.” He explained that the policy is “33 feet from the center is the right-of-way. It’s the responsibility of the Township to maintain that.” He went on to say that includes removing “tall weeds for visibility, as well as brush...any kind of physical barrier.”

Supervisor Kevin Depies stated the “legal obligation is the 33 feet from the center line for right-of-way visibility,” noting there are some situations where it doesn’t work such as with rock cliffs.

Tochon stated she understood both the Town’s and property owner’s responsibility,

Zoning and related matters

VanDomelen recognized the next agenda item involving Dr. James Burns and a concept meeting for a parcel division off of Erbe Road, creating two residential lots. VanDomelen stated he would “like to make it abundantly clear that I am not going to be participating in this discussion, I will not be voting, I will offer up ‘all in favor’ at the end and don’t want it to be construed in any manner that I’m participating in this discussion or that it’s a conflict of interest.” Depies then recognized Burns who explained property details and requested beginning the rezoning and building site processes. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Curt Winter indicated he could “certainly start that process.” Winter confirmed to Depies and Supervisor Mary Ann Bellazzini that there are sufficient densities and nothing to hold back the process. The board approved the concept brought forth, 2-0 with one abstention.

Next up was a 1972 County Highway Z concept meeting for parcel division that separates an existing farmstead and creates a resi-

dential parcel. After review and discussion, the board unanimously approved the concept request, recognizing the need for a shared driveway access agreement and either a parcel creation or a conditional use permit.

Other Matters

The board continued last month’s discussion to lower the speed limit on a specific Sand Rock Road section. Since last month’s resident’s request, further communications occurred with the Village of Mount Horeb’s Police Chief, Doug Vierck. The Village and Town share speed limit responsibilities on the identified section between Docken Road and Maple Drive on Blue Mounds Street/Sand Rock Road. Given concerns for safety, the board unanimously approved Vierck’s request, setting consistent 25 MPH speed limits, inbound and outbound, throughout the joint area of responsibility. The Town will also maintain the “Slow Driveways Ahead” signage.

Being an active liquor license holder, Bellazzini abstained from discussion and voting on the Town’s 2026-2027 Alcohol Beverage Licenses. Applications received from Bridle Barn & Gardens, Campo di Bella LLC, Cave of the Mounds, Inc., Dreamy 280 Fresh Farm Meats, LLC, The Eloise, and VFW Centennial Post 9511 were all renewed on a 2-0 vote, 1 abstention. Prevailing Winds did not submit a renewal request.

Following discussion on a draft ordinance regulating placement of garbage and refuse receptacles on vacant lots, the board chose not to take further action, waiting to see whether any “real problem” develops. Of note was new information brought forward by Clerk Amanda Burghy, indicating Republic Services is willing

to individually contract with residents from other Towns. Now, people owning land in the Town of Blue Mounds, but whose actual home is in an adjacent Town, might choose to pay, individually, for garbage pickup. Winter reminded supervisors that the receptacles will still be placed on vacant land.

VanDomelen brought forward initial talks regarding a Dane County Data Center moratorium. VanDomelen stated that being “opted out” of county zoning, the Town would not be part of a county-wide moratorium. He went on to say “it is going to be part of the opt-out Towns’ future discussions.” He mentioned a “draft” being in the works. Bellazzini reminded the board that Dane County has both an opt-out representative and a County Town’s representative on the subcommittee. Depies, reported attending a separate County meeting at which the Dane County Supervisor Chair also appeared. Depies acknowledged existence of the subcommittee and that there didn’t seem to be much happening yet. He reported on discussion of the memorandum, basically pausing rezone approvals during an eighteen month window. The pause would allow for background research on infrastructure, water usage, and more of a deep dive into the realities of data centers. Depies also discussed the County Sheriff’s office overview, including efforts and issues on hiring staff, the new jail and Flock cameras. Depies briefly mentioned the potential effectiveness of joint developer agreements in dealing with data centers.

Patrolman Ross Powers is focused on mowing and road patching projects. There is also work with Town & Country on a Blue Rock Road culvert applica-

tion.

LUC Chair Chris Smith reminded the board of their first upcoming committee meeting of the year. The LUC has three reviews on the agenda, with possibly a fourth being added. Work continues on developing a driveway process, having the framework already mapped out. The intent is for evidence based decisions on engineered plan requirements. All three supervisors requested being included on LUC meeting invitations. The week before their monthly meetings, Smith intends to provide the board a LUC evidence packet for decision making.

For the Fire District Report resident Dennis Jelle mentioned the hiring of two new employees. Also, the new ambulance ordered about two years ago is expected to be delivered within the next month. Jelle then mentioned early budget discussions, specifically on how Towns are charged. There will be consideration on whether a budgeting formula, similar to ones used by other fire districts, may be possible. For budgeting purposes, any changes will need to be in place by September.

VanDomelen then acknowledged last month’s discussion on increasing the combined limits for the Town’s Administrative Office and Public Works credit cards to \$10,000, up from \$7,500. VanDomelen stated that even though supervisors were in agreement last month, the bank needs “a record of a formal motion.” The board then unanimously approved the limit increase.

The board unanimously approved paying bills as of May 31, at \$23,302.08. The largest three bills are \$6,097.70 for Republic Services including clean up day dumpster delivery, \$4,658.36 for Weld Riley, S.C legal services/Reviewing zoning ordinances and preparing model citation, and \$3887.50 for M&D Truck and Equipment Sales, LLC for Side Arm mower/delivery.

No new future agenda items were noted.

Upcoming:
August 11, 2026 - *Partisan Primary Election*
November 3, 2026 - *Partisan General Election*

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Board of Education welcomes new associate principal Shelby Steel

By Erin Herndon
Mount Horeb Mail

The Mount Horeb Horeb Area School District Board of Education welcomed a new associate principal. The Board met for its bi-weekly regular meeting June 1, where it also recognized its monthly spotlighted student, received updates on Principal Cody Lundquist’s efforts with the district’s therapy dog program, and reviewed end-of-year activities. Additionally, the Board approved the updated Board Policy #721.1, “Safe and Healthful Facilities,” as well as its consent agenda, personnel transactions, and May 18 meeting minutes.

Welcome Associate Principal Steel

Superintendent Steve Salerno and Principal Cody Lundquist introduced the new Mount Horeb High School Associate Principal, Shelby Steel, to the Board. Principal Lundquist said Steel started her career as a special education teacher in Monona Grove School District, where she also led a charter school and acted as assistant director of student services and equity.

“She’s worked on some pretty tough stuff in Monona Grove and has been a great leader,” Lundquist said. “When she applied with the interview process, we kind of knew right away she would be our next AP.”

Superintendent Salerno said Steel has been on the district’s radar for a number of years due to her support of diversity, equity, belonging, and inclusion activities not just in Monona Grove, but for superintendents and boards of education around Dane County and beyond.

“She’s somebody, who when we talked with her references, is very mission oriented, somebody who cares passionately about doing good and right by kids, and somebody who we were told would be an absolute mistake not to hire,” Superintendent Salerno said. “We’re finding very quickly that she’s going to be a wonderful addition to Mount Horeb High School.”

Student Spotlight

Mount Horeb High School staff recognized senior-to-be Madelyn Potter as the June 2026 student spotlight award recipient. According to the school district’s website, beyond embodying school values, Potter took the lessons from her own journey using assistive technologies to support her dyslexia and helped create accessibility content aiding not only students with Individualized Education Programs (IEs) but incoming high school students as well.

“I have an IEP for dyslexia and have been using adaptive tech since eighth grade,” Potter said. “As a freshman, I didn’t know of all the resources I do now and did a lot of my own research on adaptive tech. I also didn’t know where a lot of the rooms were, so I put together a portfolio, and now they’re implementing it for the whole school.”

Upcoming Events

Superintendent Salerno reminded the Board that Mount Horeb Middle School was hosting its annual musical. This year, students performed the Broadway production “Newsies.” The performance was held June 10 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

DANIEL SCHILLING IS “SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW”



Daniel was chosen as the Optimist Club’s high school recipient of the “Someone You Should Know” award for outstanding community service for the month of March.

Daniel is a senior at Mount Horeb High School. Since he earned one of the six percussion spots in middle school, Daniel has learned a lot about hard work as an individual and a teammate. Percussionists know that the performance needs not only strong musicianship but also the hard work of loading and unloading gear. He has been active within the music department performing in Marching band, Concert band, Varsity

band, and Jazz band within the percussion section as well as performing each year at Solo and Ensemble. That adds up to a lot of experience working as a team. It’s an experience that he shared when he volunteered during summer school and tutored middle school students during the fall music camp.

Daniel is also an athlete. He participated in soccer all 4 years of high school. During his junior year, the team started with a slump. Daniel broke it by scoring the first goal of the season! Beyond playing, Daniel has also assisted Coach Gage with coaching younger students during the summer soccer camp. He has continued with his love of soccer by taking the steps to be a soccer referee. Daniel volunteered with Mt. Horeb Summer Frolic and Brats in the Lot for soccer club. He also volunteered with brat sales at the Farmers Market and the Country Music Faire to help with fundraising for the Mount Horeb High School London Trip.

Outside of school, Daniel plays drums for Immanuel Lutheran Church’s praise band. He also volunteers each summer for Vacation Bible School helping to create imaginative scenes and sets for each room, and then by being a counselor to the kids as well as serving in the needed tech role during the opening and closing gatherings. He has also volunteered with Neighbors Helping Neighbors by greeting people and loading vehicles.

On the tech side, Daniel spent many summers at Camp Invention as a camper. It’s a STEM camp where kids get hands-on experiences with science and technology. As soon as he was old enough, he volunteered with Camp Invention as a camp counselor. As a senior Daniel has joined the esports club at Mt Horeb High School where he participates in structured, team-based competitive gaming, focusing on strategy, communication, and skill improvement.

Daniel was honored at the March meeting of the Optimist Club with several family members present, Tara Schilling, Tom Henderson, Ben Schilling and Sue Henderson. He received a certificate of recognition, \$50.00, and is also in the running to receive one of the Optimist Club scholarships awarded at the Senior Awards event in May. The Optimist Club of Mount Horeb is proud to name Daniel Schilling as “Someone You Should Know.”

FAITH DROESSLER IS “SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW”



Faith was chosen as the Optimist Club’s high school recipient of the “Someone You Should Know” award for outstanding community service for the month of May.

Faith is a senior at Mount Horeb High School. She is actively involved in many different extracurricular activities including cross country, the high school musical, drama club, Writers’ Collective (a writing club co-founded and co-led by Droessler), among others. Droessler is also employed at Children’s Community School (CCS) and greatly enjoys being with and helping guide the kids.

Faith was honored at the May meeting of the Optimist Club with her parents Brian and Tany present. She received a certificate of recognition, \$50.00, and is also in the running to receive one of the Optimist Club scholarships awarded at the Senior Awards event in May. The Optimist Club of Mount Horeb is proud to name Faith Droessler as “Someone You Should Know.”

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Madelyn Potter earns Student Spotlight honor

Madelyn Potter, a rising senior, is the latest Student Spotlight recipient! Madelyn was nominated by her teachers for embodying the High School’s mission of cultivating an inclusive, safe environment and demonstrating an exceptional growth mindset.

Staff describe Madelyn as a dedicated lifelong learner who is incredibly hard-working, coachable, and resilient. She approaches challenges with optimism and determination, consistently maintaining a positive perspective while supporting and encouraging those around her. Her teachers note that what truly sets her apart is her ability to persevere through obstacles while continuing to uplift her peers.

Beyond her positive attitude and kindness, Madelyn is a remarkable self-advocate and a valuable resource for others. Having used assistive technology to support her dyslexia since eighth grade, she has developed



Photo (from left to right): Special education teacher Shannon Castrodale, proud brother Ben Potter, Superintendent Steve Salerno, Mr. David Potter, Student Spotlight recipient Madelyn Potter, service dog Crumble, Mrs. Mandy Potter, Associate Principal Talisa Corcoran, Principal Cody Lundquist, High School Board Liaison Jessica Arrigoni.

extensive knowledge of tools and strategies that help students succeed. Recognizing that many students and staff members may not be fully aware of the resources available through special education services, Madelyn took action to help bridge that gap.

She helped create resources for incoming stu-

than room numbers. What began as a project intended to support students with IEPs quickly proved beneficial for all incoming freshmen, helping students with a variety of learning styles and needs feel more confident and connected as they transition into high school. Madelyn also actively shares her expertise with fellow students, helping peers utilize assistive technology tools for reading and writing and empowering them to advocate for their own success. Staff describe her as one of the most thoughtful young people they have had the pleasure of teaching.

The District is proud to recognize Madelyn Potter for her dedication, resilience, leadership, and commitment to making school more accessible and inclusive for others. Through her advocacy and willingness to support those around her, she has made a lasting impact on our High School community.

Mount Horeb High School Students Earn Statewide Recognition for Convention Video

Three Mount Horeb High School students recently received praise for their work producing a professional video that was featured at the Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association (WSTA) 116th Annual Convention.

Drew Vigliotta, Aaron Hines, and Cullen Anderson recorded, edited, and produced the opening video for the convention. The project was created in collaboration with John Van Ooyen, CEO/General Manager of Mount Horeb Telephone Company, who provided the script and vision for the production. The students developed a creative “Star Trek”-inspired video that aligned with the convention theme, “Access Unleashed: Going Where No Broadband Provider Has Gone Before.”

Through their videography, editing, and production skills, they created an entertaining and engaging presentation that was shown to telecommunications pro-



Drew Vigliotta, Aaron Hines and Cullen Anderson.

fessionals from across Wisconsin.

The video received enthusiastic feedback from attendees and industry leaders, including the Executive Director of the Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association, who shared the following message: “On behalf of the Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association, thank you to the students and staff of Mount Horeb High School for the incredible opening video at the WSTA 116th Annual Convention. Your creative ‘Star Trek’ interpretation of our theme, Access Unleashed: Going Where No Broadband Provider Has Gone Before, was thoughtful, entertaining, and exceptionally well done. The effort, talent, and humor you brought to the production made a lasting impression

on everyone in attendance and helped make our convention truly memorable. Thank you for sharing your creativity and hard work with us. We appreciate your contribution and wish all of you continued success in your future endeavors.”

The recognition highlights the students’ ability to apply classroom skills in a real-world setting while working with a local business and statewide professional organization.

Their success demonstrates the value of career and technical education programs that provide students with authentic learning experiences and opportunities to showcase their talents beyond the classroom. Congratulations to Drew Vigliotta, Aaron Hines, and Cullen Anderson for representing Mount Horeb High School with creativity, professionalism, and excellence.

Dane County Board Approves 18-Month Pause on ‘Hyperscale’ Data Center Development

On Thursday, June 4, 2026, the Dane County Board of Supervisors voted to approve a temporary halt on permits for hyperscale data centers in unincorporated areas of the county. The measure, Sub 1 to 2026 RES-039, prevents the receipt of applications for, and the granting of, any zoning permits related to the placement or construction of hyperscale data centers for the next 18 months.

The pause is intended “to give the county adequate time to study a category of development that is expanding rapidly across the country and to determine how it fits within Dane County’s existing land use framework. The resolution directs that time be used to examine the environmental, economic, health, and safety implications of data centers and to develop zoning regulations aligned with

the Dane County Comprehensive Plan.”

Following review by the Zoning and Land Regulation Committee, the resolution was narrowed to apply only to hyperscale data centers, defined as facilities that use at least 5,000 servers and occupy at least 10,000 square feet of floor space. Smaller data center infrastructure is not affected.

The moratorium applies to towns subject to county

zoning. It does not apply to cities, villages, or towns that have adopted their own zoning codes.

“Communities across Dane County are watching this issue closely, and there is real concern that proposals could move forward before we have the information needed to properly evaluate them,” said County Board Chair Patrick Miles. “Pressing pause is the responsible step. It protects

our communities while we do the work to understand what hyperscale data center development would mean for our land, our infrastructure, and our residents.”

The county board’s Advisory Committee on Data Centers, established to study these questions and recommend policy responses, is currently engaged in this research. The moratorium is intended to align with the timeline of the committee’s

work.

Miles also encouraged neighboring jurisdictions outside the moratorium’s reach to consider parallel action. “This is a regional question as much as a local one,” he said. “I hope our partners in cities, villages, and towns with their own zoning will look at taking similar steps so that no community in Dane County is left without the benefit of this research.”

Obituaries

Carol J. Schwarz



Carol Jean Schwarz, 90, died peacefully on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Sunset Vista Assisted Living facility in Silver City, NM. She was born in Monroe, Wisconsin on October 24, 1935 to Burnell Einerson and Jennie (Paulson) Einerson and was raised on the family farm located near Blanchardville.

Carol graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1953 and then attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she earned her B.S. Degree in Home Economics (currently School of Human Ecology)

in 1957.

On June 23, 1956 she married her high school sweetheart, Donald Schwarz, and they went on to raise three sons. Carol managed the household, while Donald had a career in teaching and educational administration

Carol and Donald spent most of their lives in Wisconsin. They lived together in Verona, Platteville, and Madison before settling in New Berlin, Wisconsin in 1972.

Carol and Donald became “snowbirds” after his retirement in 1993. At various times they had winter residences in Naples, Florida, Branson, Missouri, and in Brownsville, Texas. They enjoyed traveling to visit their sons who were living across the US and in Europe. They made numerous European trips, but especially enjoyed visiting Switzerland and Norway, because of ancestral connections.

Carol was an excellent fiber artist and worked in

various media. However, she especially enjoyed quilting. Aside from creating quilts for family members, she sold her work at craft fairs and local shops. She enjoyed planting and growing, and all their homes had beautiful gardens. This was a passion she passed on to all her sons. She later developed an interest in family genealogy. Carol and Donald were very active with the Sons of Norway Chapter in Milwaukee.

In 2023, after living in the same house in New Berlin for 50 years, they moved to a new home in the Burro Mountains near Silver City, New Mexico. This was to be closer to their three sons.

Carol is survived by her sons Paul (Alice) Schwarz, Mark (Earl) Hunter, and David Schwarz. She is also survived by her brother Philip Einerson.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Jon Welch



September 28, 1951 - June 7, 2026

The world got a little quieter and a little less bright on June 7, 2026, when Jon Welch, also known as JDW, J Dubbs, Dad, “Grandpa Jon,” and Bumpa passed from complications of an aggressive cancer in his home, surrounded by family.

Jon was born September 28, 1951, in Madison, WI, the first of five children born to Richard and Alice (nee Harms) Welch. He lived his life committed to working hard, playing hard, and loving his family.

He graduated from Edgewood High School in 1969,

served in the Coast Guard reserves from 1969-1975, and worked as a plumber for over 50 years. His most fulfilling work came from working alongside his wife, Sue, and daughter, Kim, owning and managing several apartment buildings in the Madison and Mount Horeb area.

Jon was an avid model railroader, pickleball and tennis player, boater, and skier. He loved to water ski, but only between August 1 and 2—“when the water temperature is just right.”

He lived the last 11 years of his life in a beautiful home just outside Mount Horeb, WI, where he loved to work on the property clearing trees, tending the prairie, and puttering in his shop, which was so big it needed its own address.

Jon’s lifelong love of model railroading was displayed through his beautiful train layout, which he spent countless hours building, refining, and filling with

scenes from his life and the lives of those close to him.

The spark of his memory is kept alive by his wife of 48 years, Sue, who he called Ocean; his three children, Katy (Adam), Tyler (Sarah Amalia), and Kim (Ben); grandchildren, Ila, Isaac, Ian, Sienna, and Tucker; additional family, Ed (Dawn) and Emily; and countless other friends, relatives, and strangers who were lucky enough to encounter his joy, gregariousness, and occasionally grumpiness.

A celebration of life will be held in late September at Tyrol Basin ski area.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Habitat for Humanity of Dane County (<https://habitatdane.org>).

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PFLAG: Examining the Music and the Controversy



The PFLAG Mount Horeb event “Examining the Music and the Controversy” was a resounding success. On June 3rd, community observers, members of the Mount Horeb and Barneveld Community Bands, friends of the band and many high school musicians filled the band room to learn in community through the piece of music called “A Mother of a Revolution” by Omar Thomas. The annual Pride Walk will take place on Wednesday, June 24 at 6 p.m. at Grandma Fosters Park 211 W. Main Street. Learn more at <https://www.pflagmoho.org>.

Dane County News

County Executive Agard Issues 2027 Budget Guidelines

Dane County Executive Melissa Agard today released budget guidelines for the 2027 county budget, highlighting significant progress in the county’s financial outlook while emphasizing the need for continued fiscal discipline to protect the services residents count on.

Earlier this spring, the Department of Administration released an updated budget outlook showing meaningful improvement in Dane County’s fiscal position. Through responsible financial management, difficult but necessary decisions, and stronger year-end financial performance across county operations, the county’s projected 2027 structural deficit has been reduced from \$31.8 million to approximately \$15 million.

“That progress did not happen by accident,” said County Executive Agard. “County staff and department leaders across government stepped up in a big way over the last year to manage resources carefully while continuing to deliver the high-quality public services people depend on every day. The decisions we made together were not easy, but they are helping put Dane County on stronger financial footing for the future.”

Agard said the improved outlook is encouraging, but warned that significant fiscal challenges remain. Rising health care and personnel costs, inflationary pressures, uncertainty surrounding federal and state funding, and the continued costs of delivering mandated county services continue to place strain on local governments across Wisconsin.

“We have a responsibility to be honest about the challenges in front of us,” Agard said. “Fiscal responsibility is not about abandoning our values or walking away from the people who rely on county services. It is about making sure we can continue delivering those services not just today, but for years to come.”

As part of the 2027 budget process, county departments will collectively be asked to identify \$10 million in General Purpose Revenue reductions. Unlike last year’s budget process, the county will not implement uniform across-the-board cuts. Instead, departments will receive individualized reduction targets based on a more tailored framework.

Agard also said her administration has been in communication with the

Insurance Advisory Committee to explore options for reducing employee health insurance costs as part of the broader effort to address the remaining structural deficit.

Additional 2027 budget guidance includes:

- No new GPR-funded positions should be requested

- Extreme restraint should be used when considering new capital requests

- Departments should review existing programs and services for opportunities to better align resources, reduce duplication, and ensure programs continue to meet current community needs

- Departments should seek partnerships and service delivery models that improve efficiency and reduce long-term county costs

- Departments should identify operational efficiencies and cost-saving measures that can be sustained beyond a single budget year

Agard said Dane County’s continued growth and investments have helped meet the needs of a rapidly growing community, but have also increased ongoing operational costs that must be managed carefully moving forward.

“People choose to live in Dane County because of the strength of this community and the quality of the services we provide,” Agard said. “Our responsibility now is to protect that strength while ensuring county government remains financially stable, resilient, and affordable for future generations.”

Agard Proclaims June as Dairy Month

Dane County Executive Melissa Agard is proclaiming June as Dairy Month in Dane County, recognizing the vital role dairy farmers, processors, workers, and dairy businesses play in supporting the county’s economy, agricultural heritage, and rural communities.

“Dairy is an important part of Dane County’s history, economy, and identity,” said County Executive Agard. “Dairy Month is an opportunity to recognize the hard work of the farmers, families, and workers who help feed our communities, support local jobs, and carry forward a proud agricultural tradition.”

Dane County is home to approximately 170 dairy farms and around 150,000 cows, making dairy a significant part of the county’s agricultural economy and rural landscape. As home to World Dairy Expo, Dane County also plays a leading role in advancing and celebrating Wisconsin’s dairy tradition. Dairy farmers have also been innovative,

willing partners in addressing runoff challenges and advancing practices that support healthy land and clean water.

“Dairy Month is a time to celebrate the people behind one of Wisconsin’s signature industries and to acknowledge the importance of agriculture in our daily lives,” Agard said. “Their dedication, resilience, and stewardship help keep Dane County strong.”

Throughout June, Dairy Month serves as a reminder of the value of local agriculture and the many ways dairy producers contribute to the health, culture, and economy of the region. Dane County remains committed to supporting agricultural communities and recognizing the essential role farmers play in sustaining a vibrant local food system.

County Executive Agard encourages residents to celebrate Dairy Month by supporting local dairy farmers and businesses, learning more about the county’s agricultural heritage, and taking time to recognize the contributions of the dairy industry to communities throughout Dane County.

“As we celebrate Dairy Month, let us thank the people who make this proud tradition possible and continue working together to support a strong future for agriculture in Dane County.”

Agard Recognizes June as Pride Month

Dane County Executive Melissa Agard is recognizing June as Pride Month, celebrating the contributions of LGBTQ+ residents and reaffirming Dane County’s commitment to creating a community where everyone is treated with dignity, respect, and belonging.

“Pride Month is a time to celebrate the diversity that strengthens our community and to honor the generations of LGBTQ+ individuals whose courage and advocacy have expanded freedom, equality, and opportunity for so many,” said County Executive Agard. “Dane County is proud to stand with our LGBTQ+ neighbors, not just during Pride Month, but every day of the year.”

Throughout its history, Pride Month has served as both a celebration and a reminder that the work of building a more inclusive society continues. Dane County remains committed to fostering welcoming communities, supporting equal access to services and opportunities, and ensuring that all residents can live authentically and safely.

“When every person feels valued and respected, our

entire community benefits. Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate love, acceptance, and the shared belief that everyone deserves the freedom to be who they are.”

County Executive Agard encourages residents to participate in local Pride Month events, support LGBTQ+ organizations and businesses, and take time to recognize the many contributions LGBTQ+ individuals make to the cultural, economic, and civic life of Dane County.

“As we celebrate Pride Month, let us continue working together to build a Dane County where everyone has the opportunity to thrive,” Agard said. “That is the Dane County Way.”

Strategic Plan released

Dane County Executive Melissa Agard has officially released “Dane County in Action: A Strategic Vision Delivering Results the Dane County Way,” a new strategic plan that will guide the priorities and direction of Dane County government in the years ahead.

Agard first unveiled the strategic plan during her first-ever State of the County Address at the Alliant Energy Center, where she highlighted the administration’s focus on long-term planning, collaboration, accountability, and delivering results for residents across Dane County.

The plan states:

“Dane County is a growing, dynamic community at a pivotal moment. As the primary driver of population and economic growth in Wisconsin, the County faces significant opportunity alongside the added pressures that come with development. Demand for services is rising, infrastructure is under pressure, and residents deserve a government that delivers results that are effective, equitable, and fiscally responsible. This strategic vision outlines how the Agard Administration will lead Dane County to meet this moment.”

“County government plays a unique and often underappreciated role in residents’ daily lives,” it continues. “It delivers essential services that support families, protect public safety, and respond to crises. It also manages the infrastructure, natural resources, and public systems that allow communities to function and grow. Much of this work happens behind the scenes, but it is foundational to the County’s strength and quality of life. During this planning process, many consistent themes emerged. Demand for services is in-

creasing even as staffing and budget pressures constrain capacity. Departments are working to modernize systems and use data more effectively. Public trust and engagement remain critical to success. And perhaps most importantly, nearly every priority depends on coordination across departments, jurisdictions, and community partners. At the same time, Dane County will continue to face budget challenges, which requires careful stewardship of public resources.”

“Fiscal responsibility is not separate from the County’s goals, it is the foundation that makes them possible. Meeting this moment requires thoughtful decision-making now to protect the services residents rely on, maintain and improve critical infrastructure, and prepare for future growth,” the plan stated. “The structure of county government, designed for democratic oversight and shared authority, adds complexity to the work. In addition to the County Executive, there are 60 independently elected County officials who play critical roles in delivering services and administering justice. County departments operate within a broader system shaped by state and federal mandates, municipal partnerships, and community organizations. Success depends not only on the work of individual departments, but on how effectively actors coordinate and collaborate. Within this context, the role of the County Executive is to lead not by directing every action, but by aligning efforts across a complex system and doing so in a way that reflects community needs and input. The Executive convenes partners in the community and other branches of government, sets direction, promotes shared priorities, and communicates with the public. This leadership role is essential to breaking down silos, improving coordination, and ensuring that county government delivers results.”

“This strategic plan reflects both where Dane County is today and where we want to go moving forward,” said Agard. “Dane County is at a pivotal mo-

ment. We are growing rapidly, facing real challenges, and being called on to meet this moment with urgency, compassion, and vision.”

The plan is built around four strategic pillars that will guide the administration moving forward: Community Services Delivery; Economic Development; Justice System Improvement; Environmental Leadership.

“Together, these pillars reflect our commitment to collaboration, compassion, and planning ahead for the next generation,” Agard said during her State of the County address.

Agard emphasized that the strategic plan is intended to serve as more than a vision document, describing it as a roadmap for action across county government.

“A plan only matters if it leads to action,” Agard said. “That is why we are building implementation teams across departments to break down silos, improve coordination, and make sure county government is moving in the same direction.”

The plan also includes a focus on measurable outcomes and accountability across county operations, she said.

“Too often in government, good work can happen in separate lanes,” Agard said. “This strategic plan is about bringing people together around shared goals, shared accountability, and measurable results.”

During the State of the County Address, Agard highlighted accomplishments and initiatives tied to each pillar, including environmental conservation and clean energy investments, justice reform efforts like Community Court and the ATTA program, major economic development initiatives at the Alliant Energy Center and Dane County Regional Airport, and expanded investments in behavioral health, affordable housing, and community services.

“This is about building a county government that plans ahead, adapts, and continues moving Dane County forward together,” Agard said. “That is the Dane County way.”

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News & Notes

Father’s Day at Donald Park

The Friends of Donald Park are hosting their annual *Bring your Pop to Pop’s Knoll Picnic* on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 21st from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please Join us at Pop’s Knoll picnic shelter, bring a picnic lunch and celebrate Dad on his special day. Hot dogs and root beer floats will be available for purchase. Entertainment will include easy listening blue grass music by, ‘*The Grazers*’, and a scavenger hunt for the kids.

Bring your Dad, family and friends and join us at Donald Park, located between Mt. Horeb and Mt. Vernon at 1945 Highway 92. Enter at the Pop’s Knoll entrance and picnic at Delma’s shelter. For more information, visit www.donaldpark.org or email, contact@donaldpark.org.

‘Building Unity’ launches tour

Building Unity Launches a Wisconsin tour with a Community Rally in Mount Horeb on Sunday, June 21, from 12:30- 1:30. The event, located at Liberty Park, 1201 Cox Drive will serve as the first stop on this statewide journey, the event kicks off a statewide tour promoting peace, justice, sustainability, and democracy. The Mt. Horeb rally will feature local music, speakers, and an art project to paint a portion of the Building Unity bus with an iconic Mt. Horeb image. In honor of Father’s Day, the event will include free ice cream for attendees. The Mount Horeb welcoming committee includes the Southwest Wisconsin area Progressives (SWWAP), The Mt. Horeb Area Progressive Trolls, and Brix Cider.

Organizers said the “event underscores the mission of Building Unity: connecting individuals and organizations committed to nonviolent action for social change.” Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in activities that celebrate local culture

while advancing the causes of peace, comprehensive justice, economic opportunity, environmental sustainability, and participatory democracy. Building Unity advocates for investing in diplomacy, advancing human rights, ensuring economic justice, and strengthening democratic participation. Through grassroots events like the Mt. Horeb rally, the organization fosters collaboration among diverse communities working for a more equitable, sustainable, and democratic future.

The organizers invite all Wisconsinites to join in, “harnessing the power of unity to create meaningful change across the state. The tour will run for 20 straight weekends.” It will visit every region of Wisconsin between Juneteenth and Nov. 3 (Election Day).

Youth grants available

The Dane County Youth Governance Program (YGP) is now accepting applications for the 2026–2027 cohort. Applications are open from *now 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 program 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 encourage 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.

Chamber of Commerce announces Thirsty Troll Brew Fest

The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce is excited for the return of the Thirsty Troll Brew Fest on Saturday, August 29, 2026, now owned and organized by Tyrol Basin.

Attendees can once again expect great live music, craft beverage tastings, food, and fun that has made Thirsty Troll a favorite tradition in Mount Horeb — along with a few exciting updates for 2026.

This year’s event will feature expanded ticket options to make the festival more accessible for a wider range of attendees. In addition to the popular VIP Tasting Ticket, organizers are introducing both a General Admission Ticket and a Music Only admission option for those who want to enjoy the atmosphere and entertainment with fewer beverages.

Early bird ticket pricing is available now through the end of May on Tyrol Basin’s website.

“We’re excited to see Thirsty Troll continue and evolve while keeping the

spirit of the event people know and love,” said Allison Plumer, President of the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce. “Tyrol Basin has created an incredible setting for the festival and we’re thrilled that this Mount Horeb tradition will continue to bring people together for great music, local beverages, and community fun.”

Earlier this year, ownership of the Thirsty Troll Brew Fest officially transitioned from the Chamber to Tyrol Basin, ensuring the long-running event can continue to grow while remaining part of Mount Horeb’s event tradition. With a festival-ready venue and strong partnerships with brewers, entertainers, and vendors, Tyrol Basin is well positioned to build on the event’s success for years to come.

Public health warning about ticks

Encourages Wisconsinites to understand tick activity, report ticks, and prevent against disease

With tick activity reaching its peak for the season, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) continues to closely monitor tick activity, with the most recent surveillance data showing nymphal deer (blacklegged) ticks are currently driving the trend. Nymphal deer ticks are young (not yet adult) ticks known for being very small—about the size of a poppyseed—and for spreading more human tickborne infections than adult deer ticks, including Lyme disease and other illnesses.

“Nymphal ticks are harder to spot due to their small size, making them more likely to go unnoticed, and remain attached for longer, so they have a higher potential to transmit disease,” said Vectorborne Disease Epidemiologist Rebecca Osborn. “Fortunately, there are many ways to prevent tick bites, including using insect repellent, wearing clothes and gear that have been treated with permethrin, and doing daily tick checks when you are outdoors.”

To understand tick activity in Wisconsin, DHS conducts a bi-weekly sampling at sites in Iowa County, Lincoln County, and Waupaca County. DHS conducts “tick dragging,” where the DHS

public health entomologist pulls a squared cloth drag through vegetation and checks for ticks at 15-meter intervals.

“Sampling in local communities helps us gather data to better understand where ticks are, how many we see, and then provide information to help people understand any risk for illness. We provide the tick data we collect through new tick surveillance reports,” said Public Health Entomologist Xia Lee. “In addition to tick dragging, DHS closely monitors emergency department data for people seeking medical care for tick bite-related concerns and shares the data through an interactive tick bite tracker.”

If Wisconsinites do find a tick on themselves, family, or friends, and want to learn more about it, they can submit it to DHS through the DHS Tick Identification Service, a fast and simple service to identify the tick based on a few questions and photographs submitted online.

For Wisconsinites who plan to enjoy the outdoors, DHS recommends they:

Wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep ticks away from skin. Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to spot.

Apply insect repellent with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 to exposed skin and clothing.

Treat clothing with permethrin prior to heading outdoors. Do not apply permethrin directly to skin.

Walk in the center of trails and avoid wooded and brushy areas with tall grass and leaf litter.

Do daily tick checks after being outdoors in areas where ticks may be present.

Check all parts of the body carefully. Pay special attention to the armpits, behind the knees, scalp, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, and groin.

Parents should check their

children for ticks.

Take a bath or shower within two hours of spending time outdoors to help find and remove any ticks.

Place your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill any ticks you may have picked up after spending time outdoors.

DHS recommends anyone who finds a tick:

Remove the tick properly as soon as possible.

Grasp it with a narrow-bladed tweezer as close as possible to the skin using steady pressure. If tweezers are not available, they should use fingers shielded with tissue paper or rubber gloves.

Use rubbing alcohol or soap and water after removing the tick to clean the bite site and hands.

Take a picture of the tick to identify it. Never crush a tick after removing it. Get rid of the tick by one of the following:

Putting it in alcohol.

Placing it in a sealed bag or container.

Wrapping it tightly in tape.

Flushing it down the toilet.

Even if a person has not noticed a tick bite, it is possible they have been bitten and did not know it. Anyone who has spent time outdoors, especially in areas with woods or tall grass, and develops flu-like illness, such as fever, rash, body aches, headache, and fatigue, should talk to a health care provider about the possibility of tickborne disease.

Not all tick bites will make someone sick, but it’s important for Wisconsinites to protect themselves and their families while enjoying time outdoors. The best way to stay safe from diseases that are spread by ticks is to prevent tick bites. Find information about ticks, illnesses that can be spread by ticks, and ways to Fight the Bite on the DHS website.

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Wild Type Ranch combines ancient grazing practices with modern innovation in an attempt to heal the land and create a sustainable, economically viable farming enterprise. Photos by Matt Geiger.

WILD TYPE

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guardian dog that perfectly matches many of the sheep except for his long teeth and booming bark, looks on from the spot where he stands sentinel in the pasture, deterring coyotes and bobcats in his regal and lackadaisical manner. A herd – Faivre calls them a “flerd” because they are sort of a flock, too – of cows is grazing and chewing cud along the edge of a nearby forest filled with very old oak trees. A few pastures over, young pigs, their skin a mottle assortment of pink, dark umber and black, bask in a sunny pasture as they digest their slightly fermented grain. Closer to the barnyard, egg layers and meat birds cluck, scratch, and snatch bugs from the earth.

Whichever animal and whichever pasture, the earth (and the Earth) are the foundation of this entire endeavor. The farm’s four founding principles are “healthy soil, nutritious food, balanced living and an engaged community.” “Healthy soil is literally the ground from which all of creation springs,” Faivre explains. Everything, from a blade of grass to a bio-ag startup, grows from the ground up. How fast and how well often depends on the health of that ground.

It was after nearly two decades raising grass-fed beef in Texas that Faivre decided to return to her Midwestern

roots. She purchased 177 acres just outside Blanchardville and began trying to “save the human race” one meal at a time.

Faivre’s official bio accurately points out that she’s a former animal science professor, ag biotech founder and investor and executive coach. But she’s myriad other things, too: part Unitarian, part Buddhist, part dreamer, part realist. In her youth she suspected she might be a “flibbertigibbet” because she so often jumped between interests, but over time she has discovered that all those seemingly disparate things – science, animals, dirt, grass, business and more – are actually interconnected.

Faivre teamed up with co-founder Brian Dougherty for the Wild Type venture. A former Iowa dairy farmer turned regenerative agriculture consultant, Dougherty believes farms can work with nature rather than against it. A self-described “soil nerd,” he is also a partner at Understanding Ag, a company that helps farmers across the country “rebuild soil health, reduce inputs, and produce food that nourishes the body and heals the soil.” Wild Type Ranch is where those principles come home.

Also on the team is Justin Backstrom, farmer and co-founder at Wild Type. Backstrom has applied permaculture principles from an urban Chicago farm to a rural Texas ranch. Today he’s moving fences and

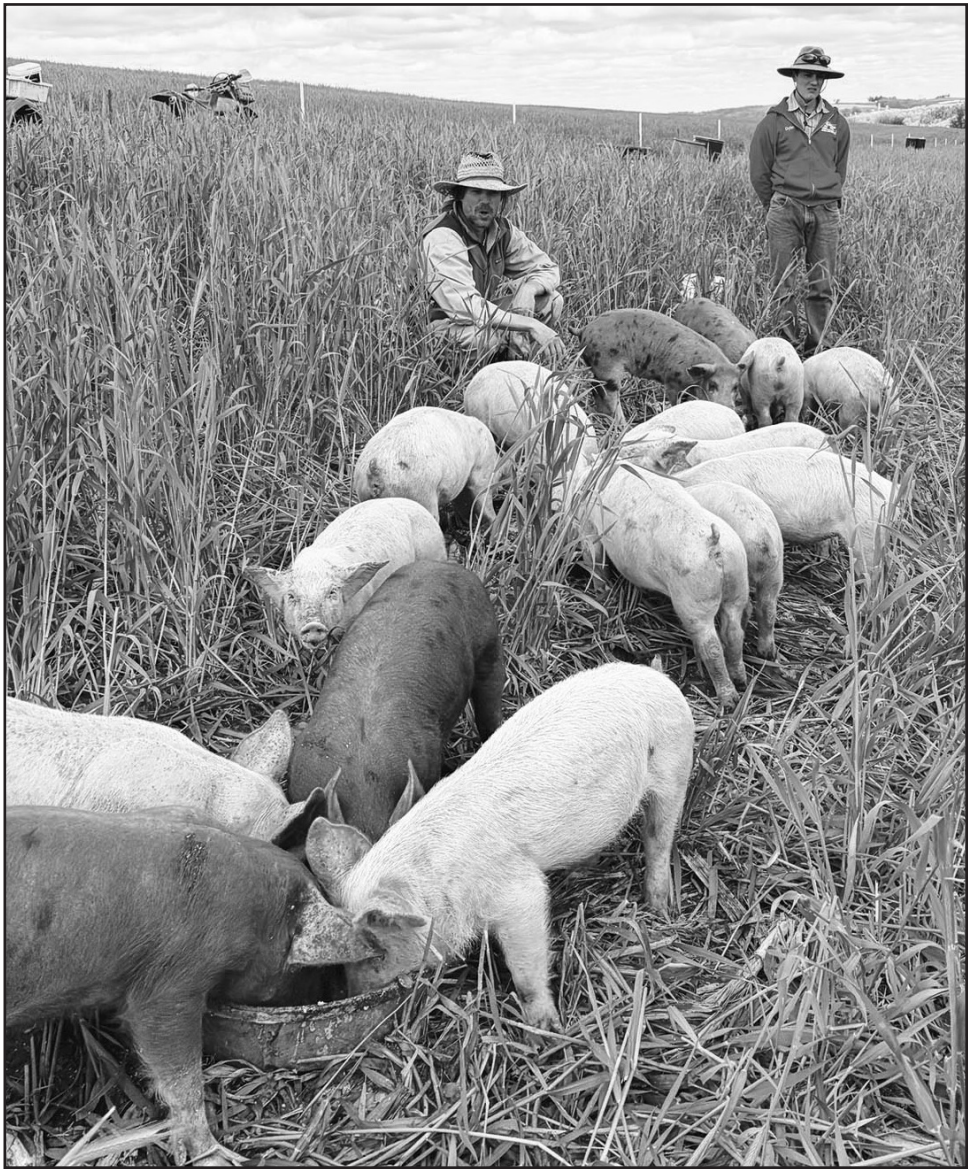


feeding livestock as Wild Type enters its second summer.

She learned a lot in Texas, but Faivre, who grew up on a farm in Illinois, felt the siren call of the Midwest in recent years. Here, she and the rest of the team are grappling with all the things that make farming an ancient and modern puzzle, from the space age technology they use to refine genetics and keep their animals safely contained, to the day-to-day, boots in the muck realities of working the land.

“My dad always told me ‘be not the last to leave behind the old nor the first to grasp the new,’” Faivre says.

For her, it’s not just about bacon or lamb chops; it’s about saving the world in a very sincere manner. Whether or not the “mainstream” embraces regenera-



tive agriculture could very well determine the fate of the human race, she believes. That’s why her goal is to show that farming this way can be truly sustainable and profitable, to encourage more people to use the land in a similar manner.

She says she hopes to live to see the day when most food is produced through regenerative means, although she points out she may have to live well into her 100s to achieve her goal.

When Wild Type bought the land a year-and-a-half ago, they immediately began replacing row crops with annual pasture and perennial grazing. If it works, others could follow suit.

“This is the single most effective thing you can do to ensure the human race survives as a species,” she says, gesturing to the pas-

tures around her.

In the barnyard, against the backdrop of old red barns and the distant lowing of cows, a single acorn curiously made its way onto a patch of grass. There, it took root and sprouted. The seed is now a tiny sapling, a fragile and barely visible emergence of life and hope reaching out of the soil. Faivre installed a tiny fence around it, and she hopes that it will survive, and thrive, for the hundreds of years that are the lifespan of mighty burr oaks. These trees, their roots buried deep in the earth, can live 400 years, withstanding fire, snow, ice, and the perpetual coming of new animals and new people with strange ideas, some bad, some good, some devastating and some divine.

In the barnyard, Faivre

kneels down again, just as she did with the lamb, and admires the small sapling so full of potential. She hopes she will get to see it grow tall and strong, and that even after that, it will stand testament for centuries to the land’s ability to heal itself and those who depend on it, for countless generations to come.

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Clockwise from top left: Friends enjoying the roller coaster at the carnival; Teams competed in the co-ed volleyball tournament all day Saturday; Sharona from Charm School Rejects energized the crowd late Saturday afternoon; Fireworks lit the sky over Mount Horeb to bring Saturday to a close; Fun in the bingo tent; The Tilt-a-Whirl was a fan favorite. Photos by Casey McCoy.





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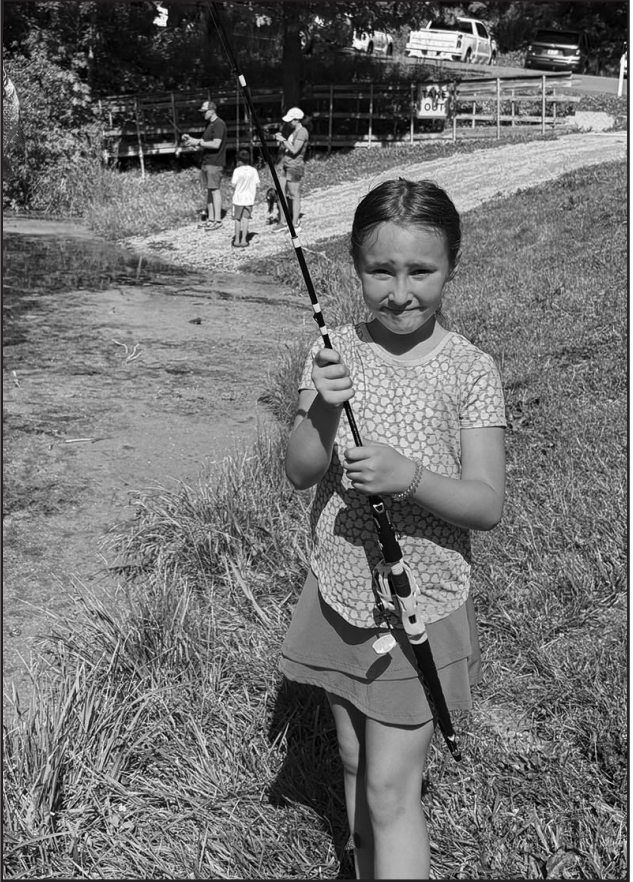
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Rec Dept, Optimists and PD team up for Cops and Bobbers



Cops and Bobbers on Saturday, June 6 was a terrific success, with beautiful weather to help boost attendance. This is an annual event held at Stewart Park coordinated and sponsored by the Mount Horeb Optimist Club, the Mount Horeb Recreation Department as well as the Mount Horeb Police Department. It's a great opportunity for kids to learn how to fish and to mingle with law enforcement officers in a family-friendly environment. "While many fish were caught throughout the day, the greatest catch was the smiles shared and memories made by participants of all ages!" said Grace Larson, Village of Mount Horeb Recreation Program Coordinator.

Pack 62 enjoys camping trip at Ed Bryant Scout Reservation



Cub Scout Pack 62 went on a one-night camping trip to the Ed Bryant Scout Reservation near Mauston, WI during the weekend of May 30. The weather was perfect for hiking and exploring the reservation. Scouts practiced reading maps, camp cooking skills, flag etiquette, BB gun safety and marksmanship (earning their adventure badge), and performed skits with another nearby Cub Scout Pack/Troops from Belleville during a camp fire get together. Active recruitment for new cub scouts begins in August.

Mount Horeb Court Report

March 5, 2026
Brewer, Henry D, 41, Dubuque, IA, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (30-34 MPH) \$218.5
Cameron, Levi M, 24, Verona, WI, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (16-19 MPH) \$124
Estrada Nava, Luis A, 32, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATING AFTER REVOCATION (2ND) \$187
Fish, Elizabeth A, 33, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATE W/O CARRYING LICENSE \$73.6
Morales Mecatl, Jose D, 50, Madison, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE B/C EXPIRATION \$86.2
Rios Arredondo, Gerardo Y, 21, Madison, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE \$124

March 19, 2026
Bonner, Christopher P, 32, Verona, WI, OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION \$124
Bonner, Christopher P, 32, Verona, WI, SPEEDING ON CITY HIGHWAY (1-10 MPH) \$98.8

Esteban Jimenez, Esmeralda , 28, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE \$124
Garity, Gretchen A, 47, Mount Horeb, WI, FAIL/PROPERLY MAINTAIN TAIL LAMPS \$98.8
Garity, Gretchen A, 47, Mount Horeb, WI, FAIL/NOTIFY ADDRESS CHANGE \$86.2
Garity, Gretchen A, 47, Mount Horeb, WI, NON-REGISTRATION OF AUTO, ETC \$98.8
Groehler, Dustin J, 42, Sun Prairie, WI, SPEEDING ON EXPRESSWAY (1-10 MPH) \$124
Kaul, Lee J, 47, Dodgeville, WI, OPERATE AFTER REV/SUSP OF REGISTRATION \$98.8
Oconnell, Nicholas J, 26, Mount Horeb, WI, FAIL/STOP AT STOP SIGN \$86.2
Orton, Riley M, 17, Madison, WI, SPEEDING ON EXPRESSWAY (25-29 MPH) \$224.8
Tondreault, Patricia A, 66, Mount Horeb, WI, INATTENTIVE DRIVING \$111.4
Tyler, Heather I, 41, Oregon, WI, Fail/

yield right/way from stop sign \$98.8
April 2, 2026
Camara, Khadijatou , 51, Oregon, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE \$124
Melchor - Gomez, Erika , 21, Linden, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE B/C EXPIRATION \$86.2
Ruegsegger, Travis J, 51, Brooklyn, WI, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (20-24 MPH) \$149.2

April 23, 2026
Batten, Adam W, 44, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATING WHILE REVOKED (1ST FORFEITURE) \$124
Gibson, Patricia J, 73, Mount Horeb, WI, BICYCLIST FYR/PEDESTRIAN/ UNCONT.INTERSEC \$260
Hashani, Arton , 18, Mount Horeb, WI, SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONES (1-10 MPH) \$111.4
Hiles, Christine P, 50, Stanley, WI, OPERATOR FAIL/HAVE PASSENGER/ SEATBELTED \$10
Mcperson, Keith R, 35, Mount Horeb,

WI, NON-REGISTRATION OF AUTO, ETC \$38
Mortvedt, Riley A, 22, Barneveld, WI, DRIVING AGAINST TRAFFIC (ONE WAY STREET) \$98.8
Mulcahy, Robin G, 62, Madison, WI, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (16-19 MPH) \$134
Ramos, John R, 40, Verona, WI, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (11-15 MPH) \$98.8
Rodriguez, Brittany A, 35, Blue Mounds, WI, SPEEDING ON EXPRESSWAY (11-15 MPH) \$124
Wohlers, Susan M, 62, Blue Mounds, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE \$124
Wrice, Kameron Z, 28, Des Moines, IA, SPEEDING ON EXPRESSWAY (20-24 MPH) \$199.6

April Pretrial
Hendrickson, Joshua L, 42, Mount Horeb, WI, FAIL/STOP AT STOP SIGN \$98.8



Left, S. K. Kruse reads during a recent open mic at Primrose Retreat. Right, organizer Sara Joy Márquez reads some of her work. Photos contributed.

READINGS

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encountered a rapt audience that is there to share in the stories that define a species. Márquez says the first two events, held in April and May, inspired her, calling them “powerful and empowering.”

“It just totally fills me up to be around,” Márquez said. “It is such a gift as a writer to be in a room where people are really listening,” she said. “Listening to you and listening to each other.”

“I feel so excited for how this is going to go and I don’t ever want it to stop,” she added.

Márquez and Kramer dreamed up the open mic readings, which they call “RE-MEANDER,” while the former was “very pregnant” with her second child.

“It can be an isolating time in a mother’s life and as a writer,” Márquez recalled. “And I just think writers need other writers. I really struggle when I’m totally siloed.”

Initially Márquez connected with a multi-generational group of female artists, including Kramer, who quickly encouraged her

to forge whatever connections she felt were missing in her creative life.

“Katherine has been such a friend, such a mentor to me,” Márquez said. “She was like, ‘Do it. Just be who you are.’”

Kramer’s career has taken her from New York City to Alaska and from Montana to Miami. She even won a Fulbright Award to study dance in Prague. In 2018, she won the top honor in her field, The Hoofer Award, which was also won by dance legend Gregory Hines. She travels the country putting on workshops focusing on dance and community building, but people who live in southern Wisconsin don’t have to travel very far to experience what she has to offer. Primrose Retreat is a hub for singers, dancers, poets, filmmakers and storytellers.

Kramer said she suspects RE-MEANDER’s popularity has to do with the fact that reading and writing are such accessible forms of art.

“So far the surprise has been how many people there are out there who are drawn to writing,” Kramer said. “I really think part of it is that this is a form of creative

expression that is perhaps more accessible. Words are something we listen to and articulate with all the time; they are something we find meaning with.”

Crediting Márquez with “cooking up” the concept, Kramer said it was “heartening” to see creativity being expressed and connections being made at Primrose Retreat, uniting people with one another and also the surrounding Driftless landscape.

“It’s a space that encourages one to connect, to come and to connect with nature,” she said. “To connect to a deeper spirit and to other people.”

“It’s encouraging people to talk to one another,” Kramer said.

The name of these events comes from the practice of “re-wiggling” rivers and

streams, the practice of adding healthy bends back to bodies of water that were artificially straightened.

“I don’t know about you, but when I feel helpless, lost, even impotent in the face of what are the real and seemingly insurmountable challenges we face as global community members today, the fear sometimes clouds my vision,” Márquez wrote in her invitation to the first RE-MEANDER. “And then, a note from a friend, a stanza in a poem, a hug, and I remember: these are times to seek out the wise ones, those long gone and the many walking among us. These are the times to put our faces to the sun and, cheeks warmed, embrace one another.”

The inaugural event was so well attended that it exceeded Márquez’s hopes.

“I had no idea there were so many writers here!” she said.

Márquez’s journey has taken her from Wisconsin to New York City and beyond, and now back to the Midwest. But whether it was journaling in her bedroom at seven years old, or writing perched in her little top-story apartment in New York, as the city’s insomniac light streamed in through the window and illuminated her work, she has always felt that reading and writing are a vital element of a good, examined life.

“It’s kind of a way of gathering the world and distilling it,” Márquez explained.

“There is a quality of being in the world as a writer and as an artist,” she added.

Márquez has often inhabited multiple worlds, from her Puerto Rican heritage to her Midwestern roots, from her study of poetry at Columbia to her life as a

mother in agrarian Wisconsin. But wherever she goes, stories have always served as a beacon beckoning her to meaningful shores.

“I always felt like reading was my place of total acceptance,” she said.

She hopes even more people will attend an upcoming RE-MEANDER event, where they can find meaning and acceptance, too.

“I don’t think we’re very well-versed in listening or being listened to in the world today,” she said. “But I want this to really be a sacred place. It might be a small town but to me it feels really big.”

The next open mic will take place Saturday, June 20, from 4-7 p.m. at Primrose Retreat, 1261 County Hwy U, Verona. Primrose Retreat is located at 1261 County Rd. U, Verona. For more information contact Márquez at: sarajoymarquez@gmail.com.

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Officials hone Hazmat reponse

On June 4, representatives from a wide array of agencies came together at the Mount Horeb Police Department to conduct a training on Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) response within the village. The attendees included (but not limited to): State Patrol, Wisconsin DNR, local Hospital administration from the Madison VA and Unity Point Health-Meriter, the Red Cross, Dane County Emergency Management, Verona Police Department, Madison Fire Department- Hazmat response, Dane County Highways, Mount Horeb Public works, Waters, Electric and Waste Water, Mount Horeb School District Staff, Elected Village Officials, Premier Cooperative staff and Mount Horeb Fire/EMS and Police.

This exercise put a real-world scenario related to the release of hazardous materials into the local community to talk through the roles and responsibilities of each agency including initial our local first response and evacuation, mutual aid roles such as emergency shelters and hospital care, and all the way up to the eventual clean-up and hazard mitigation moving forward.

According to Lieutenant Joshua Jarvis, being prepared ahead of time is paramount to the success of a community in a large-scale incident such as this. “This type of collaboration allows entities to sit together at the same table to learn from each other and have discussions prior to an event happening,” he said. “The skills, knowledge and relationships gained in a training environment like this, are applicable across a wide array of emergencies and disasters.”

Dane County Emergency Management was able to facilitate this training through grant funding.

Ridglan Farms announces plans for remaining dogs

Ridglan Farms recently reached an agreement to sell 325 additional dogs to Big Dog Ranch, the company announced on Monday of this week.

“Those animals will be transferred this week. Additionally, Ridglan Farms agreed to donate all the remaining dogs it owns to Big Dog Ranch before the end of August,” said a company press release. “These are all happy, healthy animals as demonstrated by extensive USDA inspection documentation and also the most recent DATCP inspection which occurred just a few weeks ago. DATCP officials identified no animal care issues whatsoever during their May 11th visit. We hope these dogs will continue to flourish in their new homes.”

“Now that transfer plans have been finalized for the rest of Ridglan Farms’ dogs, we ask that the years-long harassment campaign targeting the research facility’s owners, staff and neighbors comes to an end. We also hope Wisconsin’s legal system will hold accountable the individuals who organized and carried out the repeated violent assaults and thefts that have recently taken place at our facility,” the statement concluded.

County urges hospitals to offer gender affirming care

On Thursday, June 4, 2026, the Dane County Board of Supervisors approved Sub 1 to 2026 RES-026, calling on UW Health and Children’s Wisconsin “to resume providing gender-affirming health care to transgender and gender diverse youth.”

The resolution responds to UW Health’s January 14, 2026, decision to pause the prescription of puberty blockers and hormone therapy for patients under 18, a decision that cited a federal directive and the potential for enforcement actions affecting Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement.

The resolution says that subsequent federal litigation has since changed the legal landscape, including a court order vacating prior federal statements used to justify restrictions on this care.

“The board affirms that health care decisions, particularly those affecting vulnerable populations, should be guided by medical evidence, established standards of care, and the clinical judgment of qualified providers. Major medical associations have established standards of care supporting access to puberty blockers and hormone therapy for transgender and gender diverse adolescents when clinically appropriate and delivered under qualified medical supervision,” said a statement released by the county board.

Wisconsin Policy Forum

Fiscal Facts: K-12 Referenda Add to Revenue Gaps

Voters across Wisconsin approved 46 of 75 school district referenda this spring, a 61.3% approval rate that aligns with a recent downward trend.

A recent Wisconsin Policy Forum analysis also found the state’s overall system for financing K-12 schools, along with recent increases in the number of referenda, has contributed to a widening gap between school districts receiving the most and least funding under state revenue limits. This raises questions about the system’s fairness and equitability.

Across 75 ballot questions from the spring general elections, unofficial election results show that Wisconsin voters approved 46 school district referenda. These ballot initiatives ask voters to raise their own property taxes to pay for day-to-day school district operations – on either a temporary or permanent basis – or to issue debt used to finance building and renovation projects.

This 61.3% approval rate is not a final figure for 2026,

since fall elections have yet to take place. If the rate were to hold through the fall elections, it would be a substantial decrease from the 70.1% approval rate in 2024. It would also be the lowest approval rate of any even-numbered year since 2010. Among spring elections only, it is the second-lowest approval rate in an even-numbered year since 2010’s 55.0%, coming in a tick above 2024’s 60.2%. Approval rates tend to be higher in even-numbered years, when midterm and presidential elections are on the ballot.

In this brief, we find a K-12 funding system in Wisconsin that may no longer be fulfilling some policy goals, as frequent use of referenda contribute to growing disparities in district funding. These referenda take place against a backdrop of gradually increasing disparities in the amount of funding that school districts are allowed to raise per child from their two largest revenue sources: local property taxes and

state general school aid.

State caps on the combined amount of property taxes and state school aids, known as revenue limits, were originally set in 1993 and based on each district’s spending level at the time. In each state budget, lawmakers and the governor determine by how much the revenue limit will change, on a per pupil basis, for all districts. In 2009, lawmakers and Gov. Jim Doyle decoupled per pupil revenue limits from inflation, and since that time, they have not kept pace with inflation.

The Forum measured the gap between the districts with the largest and smallest per pupil revenue limits, and we found the gap has grown over the last 20 years. In 2005, districts at the 90th percentile had a per pupil revenue limit that was 24.6% (\$1,932) higher than their counterparts at the 10th percentile. By 2025, however, that difference had increased to 37.6% (\$4,402).

Some amount of variation between districts’ revenue

limits is expected and appropriate. However, a brief examination suggests neither student need nor cost of living explain all of these differences.

For the 17th straight year, pending the results of the fall election, Wisconsin voters are on track to approve the majority of school

district referenda sought. However, the large share of operating referenda on ballots -- coupled with lower approval rates and a widening gap between school districts with higher and lower revenue limits -- suggest that the current system is not always meeting the needs of students, local taxpayers,

and school districts.

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Six Vikings named all-conference

Mount Horeb’s baseball players rewarded for their strong seasons

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s baseball team went 16-9 this spring. The Vikings finished in third place in the ultra-competitive Badger Small Conference. And several Vikings were justly rewarded when the all-conference team was recently voted on. Mount Horeb senior pitcher Hayden Anderson, senior center fielder Josh Kuntz and senior catcher Jackson Myers were each named first-team all-conference. Senior pitcher/outfielder Jaxen Finley was named second-team all-conference, and senior shortstop/pitcher Terek Isely and senior pitcher Brecken Dudley were both named honorable-mention all-conference. Anderson, a University of St. Thomas football recruit, had a terrific year at the plate and on the mound,

putting the wraps on a sensational Mount Horeb career. Anderson was the Vikings’ ace and posted a 1.84 ERA. He also batted .364 with a .973 OPS, which were both second on the team. “Hayden had a huge senior season for us at the plate and on the mound,” Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said. “His record didn’t reflect his pitching dominance as we let him down a bit defensively and didn’t score a ton of runs for him when he pitched. “A true three-sport star for Mount Horeb during his career, Hayden will be continuing his athletic career (at St. Thomas) playing football. But don’t be shocked if the baseball coaches get a hold of him while he’s there.” Kuntz wrapped up his stellar career being named all-conference for a fourth straight year. Kuntz was

named honorable mention all-conference as a freshmen, second team all-league as a junior, and first team his sophomore and senior seasons. This spring, Kuntz hit .326 with an OPS of .905 during conference games. Both marks ranked third on the team. Kuntz also led the Badger Small with 17 runs scored and had 14 hits in conference games. In addition, he was one of the best defensive center fielders the league has seen in years. Kuntz will play for UW-La Crosse next season. “Josh is a great leadoff hitter as he never strikes out, sees a lot of pitches and hits for a great batting average,” Ryan Finley said. “When he gets on, he’s a threat to steal second and third and really helps make our offense go. “Over the years I’ve had



Clockwise from top left, Mount Horeb’s Hayden Anderson, Jackson Myers and Josh Kuntz were all named first-team all-Badger Small Conference. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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BASEBALL
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a lot of great center fielders, but no one tracks a baseball down like Josh. He has the speed to go make the play like many of my former players, but no one reads the ball off the bat as well as Josh and then he knows how to go and get it.

“I know opposing coaches aren’t upset to see Josh go as they’ve been tired of seeing him make so many plays for us in the outfield for four years now.”

Myers led the conference with three home runs and tied for the league lead with 19 hits. Overall, Myers hit .396 with an OPS of 1.151 and had 13 RBI, all tops on the team.

Myers will continue his playing career at Wisconsin Lutheran College next season.

“Jackson’s off-season work translated to a special senior season,” Ryan Finley said. “Jackson was his stellar defensive self behind the plate for the Vikings, but really took his offensive game to the next level this spring.”

Jaxen Finley overcame a slow offensive start, batted .289 and was fourth on the team with a .785 OPS. He also finished fourth on the team with 13 hits and was second with nine runs scored.

On the mound, Finley went 3-0 with a 2.15 ERA. He pitched a complete game and smacked a two-run home run during a 4-1 win over Madison Edgewood on Strike Out Cancer night.

He’ll play at Edgewood College next season.

“Jaxen had another great season on the mound,” Ryan Finley said of Jaxen. “Jaxen’s defense in right field was also exceptional and he played mistake-free

All-Badger Small
Conference Baseball

First Team

Name	School	Year
Vasher Sampson	Fort Atkinson	11
Grayson Gauwitz	McFarland	11
Josh Kuntz	Mount Horeb	12
Jackson Myers	Mount Horeb	12
Hayden Anderson	Mount Horeb	12
Austin Fries	Portage	11
*Winston Alonso	Reedsburg	12
*Luke Verch	Reedsburg	12
Ian McClure	Reedsburg	10
*Marty Hanna	Sauk Prairie	12
Sam Patterson	Sauk Prairie	10
Parker Frosch	Sauk Prairie	11
* — Unanimous		

PITCHER OF THE YEAR: Marty Hanna, Sauk Prairie
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Winston Alonso, Reedsburg
MANAGER OF THE YEAR: Darin Pape, Sauk Prairie

Second Team

Name	School	Year
Kaleb Oeth	Edgewood	10
Brody Pempek	Fort Atkinson	11
Trevor Ray	McFarland	10
Jaxen Finley	Mount Horeb	12
Oskar Johnson	Portage	11
Gavin Budnik	Reedsburg	12
Kane Kennedy	Reedsburg	12
Bryan Breunig	Sauk Prairie	12
Levi Yngsdal-Chapi	Sauk Prairie	10
Jude Thompson	Sauk Prairie	10
Colyn Kotlowski	Stoughton	12
Givon Storkson	Stoughton	10

Honorable Mention

Edgewood: Jack Bishop, Liam Bishop
Fort Atkinson: Alexis Martinez, Kohen Brant
McFarland: JJ Blattner, Brandon Maly
Mount Horeb: Brecken Dudley, Terek Isely
Portage: Bode Schmidt, Matthew Simonson
Reedsburg: Avery Olson, Mason Molitor
Sauk Prairie: Boden Breunig, Chris Von Haden
Stoughton: Saxton Wiest, Jaxson Nielsen

in the outfield all season. It’s been one of God’s greatest gifts to me to be able to coach my son for four years in high school baseball.”

Isely, who will play next season at Benedictine University (Ill.), hit .304 in conference games with 14 hits and eight RBIs. He also played a terrific shortstop throughout the year.

“Terek has an outstanding senior season,” Ryan Finley said. “He (will) pitch in

college, but he was so great at shortstop for us that we didn’t get him on the mound as much as we would have liked. He’s a truly unselfish player that put the team ahead of himself this season and is a huge reason we were able to win 16 games.”

Dudley had a big year on the mound and at the plate.

He earned three wins and two saves on the mound, and hit .317 in conference play. He also added a home run and nine RBIs.

In addition, Dudley shut-out eventual conference champion Sauk Prairie at the start of the season. Later, he clubbed a home run against Portage.

“Brecken had the season we all knew he was capable of on the mound and at the plate,” Ryan Finley said.



Mount Horeb’s Jaxen Finley (top) was named second-team all-conference, while Brecken Dudley (middle) and Terek Isely (above) were named honorable-mention all-Badger Small Conference. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
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4	Groundwater	777	Active
5	Groundwater	1395	Active
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- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HA and HAL	HA: Health Advisory. An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information. HAL: Health Advisory Level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. Health Advisories are determined by US EPA.
HI	HI: Hazard Index: A Hazard Index is used to assess the potential health impacts associated with mixtures of contaminants. Hazard Index guidance for a class of contaminants or mixture of contaminants may be determined by the US EPA or Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If a Health Index is exceeded a system may be required to post a public notice.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
PHGS	PHGS: Public Health Groundwater Standards are found in NR 140 Groundwater Quality. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
RPHGS	RPHGS: Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standards: Groundwater standards proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	D2	60	60	0	0		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D2	80	0	4.7	4.7		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.029	0.005 - 0.029	8/16/2023	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	1.0	0.6 - 1.0	8/16/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)		10	10	3.93	0.00 - 3.93		No	Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	38.90	1.99 - 38.90	8/16/2023	No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	Percentile MCLG Found	Range	# of Results	Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant	
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.7260	0.0333 - 5.1400	1 of 20 results were above the action level.	9/6/2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	3.00	0.00 - 211.00	1 of 20 results were above the action level	9/6/2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

PFAS Contaminants with a Recommended Health Advisory Level

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950. The following table list PFAS contaminants which were detected in your water and that have a Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standard (RPHGS) or Health Advisory Level (HAL). There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed the RPHGS or HAL. The RPHGS are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk and are based on guidance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: The recommended health-based levels in the table below were in effect in 2024. These levels were revised by WDHS in 2025. They can be found here <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/water/gws.htm>.

Typical Source of Contaminant

Drinking water is one way that people can be exposed to PFAS. In Wisconsin, two-thirds of people use groundwater as their drinking water source. PFAS can get in groundwater from places that make or use PFAS and release from consumer products in landfills.

Contaminant (units)	Site	RPHGS or HAL (PPT)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)
PFBS (ppt)		450000	0.51	0.00 - 0.51	5/8/2023
PFHXS (ppt)		40	3.37	0.00 - 3.37	5/8/2023
PFOS (ppt)		20	0.52	0.00 - 0.52	5/8/2023
PFOA (ppt)		20	1.20	0.00 - 1.20	5/8/2023
PFHXA (ppt)		150000	2.82	0.00 - 2.82	5/8/2023
PFOA AND PFOS TOTAL (ppt)		20	1.72	0.00 - 1.72	5/8/2023

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY (pCi/l)		n/a	n/a	6.5	0.0 - 6.5	8/16/2023	No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. MCL units are in millirem/year. Calculation for compliance with MCL is not possible unless level found is greater than 50 pCi/l.
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)		15	0	5.7	5.0 - 5.7	8/16/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	3.4	0.7-3.4	8/16/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a)		n/a	n/a	5.7	5.0 - 5.7	8/16/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ATRIZINE (ppb)	3	3	0.022	0.017 - 0.022	5/8/2023	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops	

Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants re those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. EPA required us to participate in this monitoring.

Contaminant (units)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)
METHYL-TERT-BUTYL-ETHER (ppb)	0.88	0.77 - 0.88	

Additional Health Information

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Mazomanie Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by

Additional Information on Service Line Materials

We developed an inventory of service lines connected to our distribution system. You can access the inventory by following this link:

https://www.mounthorebutilities.com/sites/mounthorebutilities.com/files/MT-HOREB-WATERWORKS_11302478_ServiceLineMaterialsInventory_Updated_Nov2025-Revised4.pdf

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TOWN OF VERMONT PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., 4017 County Hwy JJ, Black Earth, WI 53517
See townofvermontwi.gov for meeting agenda.
Please note: You can sign up for emailed meeting agendas at www.townofvermontwi.gov
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TOWN OF PRIMROSE NOTICE

The Town of Primrose Planning Commission meeting for June 2026 will take place at 8468 County Road A, Verona WI, on Monday, June 22nd, 2026, beginning at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website. A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.
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VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUNDS LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the following application for Beer & Liquor License will be reviewed by the Village of Blue Mounds Board at 6:30 pm June 29th 2026, at the Village Board meeting Hall, 11011 Brigham Ave., Blue Mounds, Wisconsin.
Class "B" Beer and Liquor License
Lange-Susman, LLC, d/b/a/ Hooterville Inn, 10992 Division Street, Blue Mounds, WI 53517. Hooterville Inn, 10992 Division Street, Blue Mounds, WI 53517
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www.newhopeefc.org
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Pastor Jonathan Bauer
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Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
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608-437-4646
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~St. Ignatius Catholic Church
109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb
608-437-5348
Mass: Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday, 5:30 pm,
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~Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
10070 Spring Valley Dr., Mount Horeb
Mass: Sunday 8:00 am

Perry Lutheran Church ELCA
1057 Hwy 78 S, Mt. Horeb
608-437-5294
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www.perrylutheranchurchelca.org

Springdale Lutheran Church
2752 Town Hall Rd.
608-437-3493
Pastor Jim Ranney
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9 am Sunday Worship

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

West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church
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608-437-3493
Pastor Jim Ranney
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NOTICE INVITATION TO COMMENT ON A PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS TOWER FACILITY

This notice is to serve as an opportunity for members of the public or permitting agency to provide comments regarding potential effects to historic properties within one-half mile (0.5mi) of the location of a proposed 60-foot wooden pole telecommunications pole located in the right-of-way along Spring Valley Drive, northwest of the intersection with County Highway Jg in Mount Horeb (Town of Perry), Dane County, Wisconsin. Approximate coordinates for the subject pole: 42 - 54 – 50.4N, 89 - 43 – 50.8W. Comments or questions must concern potential impacts of the pole to historic properties and may be submitted to the following contact: Kaitlin Rinabarger, Edge Consulting Engineers, 624 Water Street, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578; Phone: 608.644.1449; Email: krinabarger@edgeconsult.com. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. Part 1, Appendices B and C. (#47303)

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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 MT. HOREB RESIDENTS NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Horeb, Dane County, Wisconsin adopted the following ordinance amendment at the Village Board meeting on June 3, 2026.

Ordinance 2026-06 “AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE SECTION 12.075 PUBLIC ART PERMITS”.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a copy of the ordinance is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk. It is also available on the village website at www.mounthorebwi.info.

Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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Newsies wows packed auditorium



Mount Horeb Middle School presented *Disney's Newsies Jr.*, the inspiring and high-energy musical based on the true story of the 1899 Newsboys' Strike in New York City, on Wednesday, June 10. Despite wild weather that day, audience members filled the Mount Horeb High School auditorium to enjoy a show filled with laughter, heart, and historical meaning. Photos contributed.



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