

Village approves updated emergency operations document; Trustees prepare for fire budget negotiations

By CATHY SCOTT

Mount Horeb Mail

Trustee Nate Gauger chaired the August 5 Village board meeting due to President Ryan Czyzewski's absence. All other board members were present as well as Gabe Altenbernd, Village Administrator.

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Utility heads give updates to commission

By ERIN HERNDON

Mount Horeb Mail

Mount Horeb Utilities department heads reported to the Utility Commission on their June activities. The Commission met July 14 for its monthly meeting, where it approved June's meeting minutes, reviewed its finances and received updates from the Electric Department, Water Department and Wastewater Department.

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Golden Roost Breakfast & Bakery opened its doors at the start of August, with an eclectic array of offerings under one roof in the heart of downtown Mount Horeb. Photos by Matt Geiger.

A spot for everybody: Golden Roost is restaurant, bakery and much more

By MATT GEIGER

Mount Horeb Mail

"To be quite honest it will be like nothing you've seen in Wisconsin," says Elizabeth Nicole Swain, owner and operator at Golden Roost Breakfast & Bakery. "It will be rich and simple, wild and wacky, and full of life and community."

"It really," she adds as employees buzz around the new business at 213 and 215 East Main Street preparing to open, "is a spot for every-

body."

Swain's husband, Nathanael Michael Ignatius Lokai, is head chef and co-owner. As he worked to finalize the menu last week, he described a vast litany of locally-sourced foods: sage-sausage Scotch eggs, omelets starring local veggies, house-baked English muffins and more. Protein from the Meatsmith Cooperative, which is housed in the same building, will soon be available, too.

"[W]e'll be serving a variety of dishes that are some of my personal favorites, including shakshuka with poached eggs, whipped feta, and herbed flatbread; house-made sausage gravy and biscuits using an award-winning sausage from Wilson Family Farms in Cuba City that we've seasoned to our own recipe; Croque Madame served on slices of our house-made Pullman loaf; and a seasonal farmer's

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The Scotch egg is one of unique the stars of Golden Roost's menu.

Full election results delayed by 'server issue'

Results were not official at press time on Wednesday morning, but Jenna Jacobson appeared poised to be the winner of Tuesday's three-way Democratic Primary for Wisconsin's District 17 State Senate seat. If so, she will go on to face Republican incumbent Howard Marklein in the fall.

"The Wisconsin State Senate is the most flippable chamber in the country this year, and Jenna Jacobson will make an incredible Senator for the people of the 17th District," said Senate minority leader Dianne Hesselbein.

Jacobson, who was running against Lisa White and Corrine Hendrickson, earned nearly 66 percent of the vote in

Dane County but full tallies from the District were significantly delayed by a "server issue" in Green County, according to Green County Clerk Arianna Voegeli. According to Voegeli, election results were successfully transmitted from 16 municipalities to the Green County server. "However, Green County has been informed by its election equipment vendor, Liberty Vote, that the County's server and results reporting program are currently not communicating with one another. As a result, the transmitted results are currently contained in encrypted files that County staff are unable to access or open for reporting."



Local first responders host National Night Out -PAGE 4-



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Gleanings

By **Barb Johnson**
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Aug. 18, 1886

The weather at the present time is considerably like humanity--deceitful.

Cheap decorated screen doors at Lovejoy & Richards. Call and examine them, they are daisies.

The familiar sound of the thresher is audible and the average yield of wheat is reported at 20 bushels per acre.

A dance was held at Hoover Granum's last Saturday night. The fandango was closed Sunday morning with interesting ceremonies. Such is the report.

New postal cards are soon to be issued by the post office department. They are to be printed in black on white cards and will have the vignette of Thos. Jefferson on the stamp.

At this writing a large concourse of friends and relative are gathered at the home of Ole P. Moen to celebrate the marriage of his daughter Lena, to John Vilberg. Particulars later.

130 Years Ago- Aug. 20, 1896

The Silver Club meeting at Fosshage & Olson's hall last Monday evening did not come off, owing to the failure of the organizer to come.

Bicycles are a great moral agent, their purchase consumes the means too often spent on pianos that drive the neighboring to relief in profanity.

A hammock picnic was given in Boeck's grove last Sunday afternoon. This must be a new fad the young ladies are introducing to remind the young men that it still continues to be leap year.

The Rosebud bicycle has been launched upon the sea of its destiny, and the machine speaks for itself. The handsome shape, the perfect working of every part and

the elegant finish talks louder than words for a bright future for the Rosebud.

Fred Luhman and his best girl took in the Dodgeville Fair yesterday.

120 Years Ago- Aug. 16, 1906

Thomas Ayen purchased the Burchell property on Main Street and will begin at once to erect a solid brick cement block building.

Gilbert Kleven now sports a new auto, a 12-horse power Winton weighing 1500 pounds.

Henry L. Dahle has been seriously ill the past week with an attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. William Voss, 34, died Aug. 3.

John Mennes left last week for Dawson, Minn. Apparently there are some special attractions out there that have captured his affections.

P.E. Meal has struck something original and which may prove to be something valuable to manufacture. Monuments of cement is a new departure and may become of general use.

The Dahle sisters, Marie, Agnes and Thea, accompanied their cousin Walter Langeland to Milwaukee Sunday evening for a few weeks visit at the state metropolis and other points in the eastern part of the state.

Register of Deeds Stoner was found guilty last Tuesday in the municipal court at Madison for poisoning dogs in the city. His fine was \$75 and costs.

110 Years Ago- Aug. 18, 1916

John Thousand of the town of Brigham was a pleasant caller last Saturday and renewed his subscription for the coming year. John has charge of the old homestead and is interested in the work on the farm.

The sad news came from the hospital at Madison Tuesday af-

ternoon that Mrs. Thos. Ayen had passed away in death at the General Hospital following an operation for tumor in her head. The family was at her bedside when she breathed her last.

The busting of a water main Tuesday lowered the water supply somewhat and has kept Mr. Zimmerman busy to catch up, there is considerable water used in the village at this time and the board is contemplating putting in a large pump at the station.

There are a lot of weeds growing on the railroad grounds and on vacant lots that should be harvested before all the seed goes to waste.

New Glarus Auto dealers sold about 25,000 gal. of standard gasoline during July month.

John Hersig is back to his post at the Merchandise Co's store and is feeling fine after his operation.

The Eight-week club will hold a homemade candy and bakery sale on Saturday, August 19, in the Piano store, beginning at 3 p.m. {proceeds of sale will go towards the purchase of waste cans which are to be placed in the business section, for waste paper etc.

The Leukhman Bros. are operating their large new threshing outfit in this vicinity.

The Village Librarian Miss Anna Helland has prepared the following report for the year ending June 30, 1916. Library hours, 3 to 5:30 every week day and three evenings a week except during summer, when it is open two afternoons and evenings. Number of active borrowers 576. Number of volumes in Library 916. Number of books loaned the past year. 5,175.

Phil Harrington was seriously injured in a runaway near Barneveld last Friday. A board upon which he was sitting broke and threw him under the wheels frightening the horses. The load of stone passed over his face and neck injuring him very severely. Dr. Hamilton was called and the injured man was immediately brought to the

St. Joseph hospital Dodgeville and for several days it was doubtful if he would live. Mr. Harrington reported as improving.

100 Years Ago- Aug. 13, 1926

William Stubley, Black Earth, brother of Mrs. Al Goebel, Mount Horeb died at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison, Tuesday from injuries sustained by being attacked by a bull Friday of last week.

Joe Buechner has the job of laying brick for the new building being erected by the Mount Horeb Hardware Co.

C.M. Grimstad was taken to Madison General Hospital, Sunday, by Dr. Sporlelder, and will undergo surgery there the latter part of the week.

Irvin Hoff has sold his interest in the Ridgeway Meat Market to H. Dagenhart of Barneveld.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Komlin on Saturday, Aug. 7.

90 Years Ago- Aug. 13, 1936

Nels Hustad has contracted to paint all the buildings on his seven farms, which will make a good improvement, and help the unemployed get work.

Henry Ottum, 67, passed away at this home in Mount Horeb Monday, Aug. 10.

Mrs. Annie Gulson, who suffered a light stroke, was taken to a Madison hospital, Tuesday.

Mrs. Betsy Halverson, Mount Horeb, announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Florence, to Arthur G. Dybdahl, Black Earth. The wedding will take place Saturday, Aug. 15, in the Vermont Lutheran church with the Rev. I.A. Lavik officiating.

50 Years Ago- Aug. 18, 1966

Mrs. Stu Henningsen received her Bachelors of Science degree in

elementary education at Edgewood College, Madison, Friday evening.

Otto Richard Brager, 70, Madison, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 9, at a Madison hospital following a heart attack.

Howard I. Zweifel, CMA-3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zweifel, Verona has been promoted to 3rd Class Petty Officer in the Navy. He reported for duty in Viet Nam, July 16.

40 Years Ago- Aug. 14, 1986

Hoff's Store officially became the Hoff Mall Thursday with the signing of the papers at the M&I Bank of Hilldale. It was purchased by Joe Gallina from Lyle Johnson.

A son, Bruce Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lauber, rural Mount Horeb, on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Methodist Hospital in Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rickey, Barneveld, will observe their 40th wedding anniversary with an open house on Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Barneveld Legion Hall.

20 Years Ago- Aug. 17, 2006

Brian Moschkau, a junior at Mount Horeb High School, along with his father, Joe, completed the Multiple Sclerosis 150 Bike Tour Aug. 5 and Aug. 6 on a tandem bike, raising \$1100.

William L. Goodwin, Sr., age 63, of Pine Bluff, passed away on August 9, 2006 at the Tomah, VA Medical Center.

On July 9, Major George A Mohr returned to Mount Horeb from active duty status with the Army National Guard after being deployed to Afghanistan for the last year. He was awarded the Bronze Star for exceptional meritorious service while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Board of Education

By **Erin Herndon**
Mount Horeb Mail

Renovations are progressing at Mount Horeb Elementary School. The Board of Education met for its biweekly regular meeting July 20, where it received updates on the ongoing construction at the elementary school formerly known as the Mount Horeb Primary Center, instituted

several policy changes and approved the Education for Employment Plan referred by the Education Committee at its July 6 committee meeting. The Board also approved minutes for its June 15 and July 6 board meetings, personnel transactions and consent agenda as well as both its normal and annual meeting agendas.

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necessary utility work.

"Folks are all over the place at the different sites, but project teams are working together to resolve any conflicts that come up, and everything's going smoothly," Nemcek said. "A big item that's happened in the last couple of weeks was tearing off the existing portion of the building where we'll be tying in the new building. Another exciting milestone was getting masons on site."

According to Superintendent Steve Salerno in his meeting recap, with the fall semester approaching, visitors can also expect to see a new bus loop on the building's north side. He said the district is creating a video to showcase the new school

year's drop-off/pick-up area. Additionally, Salerno shared that a new playground was ordered and is scheduled to be installed before the end of September.

"I think it's important for us just to note that the playground may not quite be ready when the children arrive in August," Salerno said. "Rachael Johnson, the principal and I have been working to identify other ways in which we can get kids some RNR, and we'll have a solution shortly."

Also at the meeting, two policies were presented for a second reading: Board Policy #652 "Revenues from Investments" and #683 "Inventories." Following the approval of these policies, the board brought

forth two revisions for their first readings. These policies included updating Board Policy #185.1 from "Community and Legislative Engagement Committee" to "Community and Legislative Engagement" and revisions to Board Policy #515 "Staff/Volunteer-Student Communications and Boundaries." Following the readings, the board concluded its regular meeting with a closed session to discuss an administrative vacancy and the elementary school property line.

The Board of Education holds its next regular meeting Aug. 03 at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An important message about Academy Street

This is to notify Mount Horeb residents of an upcoming temporary traffic pattern change on Academy Street. This change is necessary to ensure children’s safety during an upcoming school construction period. This decision was made based on traffic counts, traffic flow, and future construction projects. While we understand this may cause a temporary inconvenience, we greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our schools and community. Please see the map on page two for a visual reference.

The following changes will take effect on **Monday, July 6th, 2026**, and will continue through **Friday, May 21st, 2027**:

One-Way Traffic: Academy Street will transition to one-way traffic, east-bound, from Second Street to Fourth Street.

Lane Usage: The right lane (south) will be strictly reserved for school drop-offs, while the left lane (north) will be used for through traffic.

Street Parking: No parking will be permitted on either side of Academy Street. Additionally, during construction, no parking will be allowed on the east side of 4th Street to ensure a smooth flow for school bus traffic.

Garbage Collection: Trash collection days will remain the same. However, please note that sanitation trucks will travel westbound (against the new one-way traffic pattern) at approximately 6:00 AM to complete their routes.

This is a temporary, one-year project, and the roadway will return to normal traffic patterns once the school year concludes. Thank you again for your understanding and partnership in keeping our neighborhood safe.

Stargazing event at Donald Park

Join the Friends of Donald Park and Madison Astronomical Society at Donald County Park Saturday, August 15th at 8:00 p.m. We will gather at Pop’s Knoll picnic area for a close-up look at the fabulous night sky. Bring your family and friends and learn about the wonders of the planets and stars. Telescopes, and an evening fire will be provided. Bring your own telescope (if you have one) or binoculars, chair or blanket, insect repellent, flashlight, and marshmallows for roasting. Volunteers from the Madison Astronomical Society will be giving a brief presentation before the event begins.

In the event of rain or overcast skies we will announce the cancellation on our websites by 4:00 p.m. For an update, visit our websites at Friends of Donald Park www.donaldpark.org, Madison Astronomical Society www.madisonastro.org. If you have any questions, please email contact@donaldpark.org. Donald County Park is located at 1945 Hwy 92 between Mt. Horeb and Mt. Vernon.

Local woolen mill begins new chapter

Southern Wisconsin’s 38-year tradition of textile craftsmanship nestled in the driftless hills just outside Mount Horeb continues as a group of local supporters proudly announce the purchase of one of the region’s most cherished woolen mills. The new co-owners of Blackberry Ridge Woolen Mill, Sarah Best and Leslie Schroeder, bring a deep respect for the mill’s history and a shared commitment to maintaining quality and fostering connection between the shepherds who raise the sheep and the people who

make wonderful things with the yarn.

Best has built her career in sweater design, collaborating with mills around the world to develop custom yarns for the brands she’s worked with. She has championed wool and other natural fibers in her designs, which often reflect heritage techniques and patterns. She currently teaches both sewing and knitting at all levels in the Madison area.

Schroeder is the founder of Midwest Linen Revival, promoting locally grown and processed flax for fiber, and co-curator of Field to Frock a multi day festival celebrating and educating around flax and linen. She is an avid sewer, knitter, and weaver, dedicated to culture change through relationship with our clothes.

They said the transition is made possible thanks to the dedication and vision of Anne Bosch, “whose stewardship of the mill has kept the art of wool processing alive for years.”

The new owners express their profound gratitude for her guidance, wisdom, and care in a joint statement: “Anne remains a true torchbearer in the Wisconsin textile community, and the incoming operators emphasize their intention to learn all they can from her example as they step into this responsibility. Anne feels certain that their past experiences with fibers and their organizational skills will make for a successful transition.”

“We are honored to carry forward the work Anne has nurtured,” the new owner-operators shared. “Her passion for wool, her commitment to quality, and her devotion to the community have shaped this mill into something truly special. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue the legacy of Blackberry Ridge.”

The group’s goal is to ensure that the mill remains a vibrant part of the region’s textile ecosystem, producing exceptional woolen yarn while serving as a hub

of connection for farmers, makers, and fiber enthusiasts. By championing rural manufacturing, the new team aims to support local agriculture, expand educational opportunities, and protect an invaluable piece of Wisconsin’s heritage.

Chance to be a sickle cell fighter

About 100,000 people in the U.S., most of whom are of African descent, are living with sickle cell disease – the most common inherited blood disorder in the country.

Sickle cell disease causes red blood cells to be sticky, hard and crescent-shaped instead of soft and round. This makes it difficult for blood to flow smoothly and carry oxygen to the rest of the body, which may lead to severe pain, tissue and organ damage, acute anemia and even strokes.

Blood transfusion helps patients with sickle cell disease by increasing the number of normal red blood cells in the body, helping to deliver oxygen and unblock blood vessels. Red blood cells carry markers on their surface called antigens that determine blood type. Some are unique to specific racial and ethnic groups, and because of this, those with sickle cell disease are more likely to find a compatible blood match from a blood donor who is Black.

Donors are encouraged to donate blood to the American Red Cross on Friday, August 28 from 12:30 to 5:30 pm at Evangelical Lutheran Church, 315 E Main St, Mount Horeb to help save lives. Whether blood is needed for a chronic condition, such as sickle cell disease, a surgical procedure or a large-scale emergency, it’s the blood already on the shelves that helps save lives, and a diverse blood supply is needed to help the diverse patients who depend on it.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download

the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Completion of a RapidPass® online health history questionnaire is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Workshop on difficult conversations

Do you wish you could navigate hard conversations in a more productive way? Gain the skills you need Monday, August 17 at 6:30pm at the Mount Horeb Public Library with Amber Wichowsky, Associate Professor at UW-Madison. This free program focuses on facilitating difficult discussions. Wychowsky makes the case for why pluralism matters for individual and community thriving, then guides participants through strategies for engaging disagreement productively, finding common ground, and surfacing new ways of thinking about old problems. This program is part of the Library’s Disagree Better: Building Connection Across Difference initiative, which is designed to support constructive engagement, foster understanding, and build trust across diverse viewpoints. For more information about this program, series and the library, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Old time fiddle band and BBQ

A concert featuring “Moldy Jam” will take place Sunday, August 16, 3-5 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Forest of Fame park, 1689 Washington St. Verona. Family friendly, free community jam session hosted by *Moldy Jam*, the longest running jam of old time music in the Madison area! Bring your instruments and voice to join in the fun. Sloppy joes, homemade treats and drinks will be for sale at the event. All are welcome.

Blue Mounds resident hurt in fatal crash

July 25, 2026

Accident-Personal Injury: At 6:54 p.m., Deputies along with Sugar River EMS, Monticello First Response, Green County EMS, and New Glarus Police Department, responded to the W4700 block of Exeter Crossing Road, Town of Exeter, for a single-vehicle ATV crash with injuries. Investigation determined that the driver, Logan R. Rickard, 28, Monticello, lost control of his UTV while negotiating a curve traveling eastbound. Logan Rickard and two passengers, Lexy R. Rickard, 18, and Lainey R. Rickard, 21, both of Blue Mounds, sustained non-life-threatening injuries and were transported by EMS to a local hospital. The UTV sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

Wisconsin NewsMedia Association

After 173 years of serving Wisconsin’s newspaper industry, the Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) last week announced it will adopt a new name: the Wisconsin NewsMedia Association (WNA).

Recreation Notes

The Village of Mount Horeb is sponsoring the Kingdom of Wonders circus Saturday and Sunday, August 15-16. Free shows will take place each day at 3 and 6 p.m. at Grundahl Park.

Our Fall Activity Guide is now available and registration is open!

The guide and the link to our CivicPlus registration site can be found on our website: mounthorebwi.info/193/Recreation-Department.

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

Fun and public safety mix at National Night Out



On August 5 the Mount Horeb Police Department hosted its annual National Night Out event at Grundahl Park. It was an opportunity for members of the community to meet with various public safety resources within the Dane county area. Clockwise from top left: a K9 from Verona, balloon animals, trying on tactical gear, veterans serve up free hot dogs, and chatting with local police officers. “The 2026 National Night out was a success,” said Sgt. Cory Rehfeldt “Mount Horeb Police department officers enjoyed the opportunity to meet with community members on a beautiful Wednesday night in Grundahl Park. We look forward to seeing everyone again at next year’s event.” Photos by Matt Geiger.

UW-MADISON ANNOUNCES SPRING 2026 DEAN’S LIST

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean’s List for the spring semester of the 2025-2026 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean of their school or college at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

From Blue Mounds: Levi Hellenbrand, College of Letters and Science,

Dean’s List
Lena Komar, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List
Anthony Lange, School of Pharmacy, High Honor Roll
Andie Moore, School of Nursing, Dean’s Honor List
Hayley Smith, School of Pharmacy, High Honor Roll.

From Mount Horeb: Camryn Anderson, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List
Lukas Bennin, School of Education, Dean’s List
Paige Bilse, College of Engineering, Dean’s Honor List
Gretta Birkeland, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List

Acadia Bradley, School of Education, Dean’s List
Kiersten Cassidy, School of Nursing, Dean’s Honor List
Carter Coon, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List
Saige Covert, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Dean’s List
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Genevieve Helin, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Dean’s List
Lizzy Helin, School of Education, Dean’s List
Laurel Helland, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List
Eileen Herrera Carballo, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List
Lalaina Hesseling, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List
Len Johnson, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Dean’s List
Erin Kelley, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List
Mateja Lesar, School of Education, Dean’s List
Garrison Lindley, School of Education, Dean’s List
Katie Manchester, School of Education, Dean’s List

Perri McMahan, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List
Douglas Melendez, School of Human Ecology, Dean’s Honor List
Gwenna Mlsna, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List
Colin Montanye, School of Business, Dean’s List
Gwen Motl, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Dean’s List
Ava Murphy, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List
Alexa Ouradnik, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Dean’s List
Athena Ouradnik, College of Letters and Science, Dean’s List

Anja Rathje, School of Education, Dean’s List
Owen Rathje, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Dean’s List
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Obituary

JoAnn Frances Carden

March 18, 1942 -
August 7, 2026



BARNEVELD - JoAnn Frances Carden, age 84, of Barneveld, passed away on Friday, August 7, 2026, in Sauk City. She was born on March 28, 1942, in Madison, the daughter of Glenn and Agnes Erbe.

JoAnn graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1960. She was united in marriage to William Carden on May 26, 1962, in Mount Horeb. JoAnn worked for the State of Wisconsin, Department of Revenue until her retirement.

JoAnn was an EMT with the Barneveld Rescue Squad and was an active member of Barneveld Lutheran Church. She sang in the church choir for many years and enjoyed making quilts and preparing lefse with her church friends for the annual lutefisk supper.

Over the years, JoAnn and Bill enjoyed camping and visiting state and national parks. She loved being outdoors and took great pride in caring for her yard, especially her many varieties of hostas and beautiful flower gardens. JoAnn also enjoyed watching birds, particularly sandhill cranes, cardinals, and tundra swans.

Above all, JoAnn cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren and the many special memories they made together.

JoAnn is survived by her husband, William; sons, Brian, Brad (Kari) and Jason (Kelly); grandchildren, Dylan, Ashland and Billy; and in-laws, Bob and Cindy Schaller and Joann Carden. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Fred and James Erbe; and in-laws, Dennis Carden, Marcia Carden, Carol and Jack Bowman, Nola Erbe and Donna Erbe.

A funeral service will be held at BARNEVELD LUTHERAN CHURCH, 505 Swiss Lane, Barneveld, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2026, with Pastor Rhia Strohm presiding. Visitation will be held at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to Agrace HospiceCare. A special thank you to the wonderful staff at Maplewood Village of Sauk Prairie for their compassionate care. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Joint letter highlights mail delays in the spring election that caused hundreds to have their votes not counted and USPS’s illegal effort to choke off access to mail-in voting

Gov. Tony Evers and U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin) recently called on the USPS to immediately address severe delays that caused hundreds of Wisconsin’s ballots to arrive after Election Day in April. The pair also urged USPS to immediately reverse course on implementing President Donald Trump’s unconstitutional order to severely restrict vote-by-mail.

“Hundreds of absentee ballots received by the Postal Service before Wisconsin’s Spring Election were delivered after Election Day, preventing them from being counted,” wrote Gov. Evers and Sen. Baldwin in a letter to Postmaster General David Steiner and members of the USPS Board of Governors. “Now, USPS is rushing to implement President Trump’s unconstitutional executive order that would, at best, significantly delay Wisconsin’s mailed ballots from reaching election officials and, at worst, allow the USPS to prevent a Wisconsin voter’s fully legal, timely ballot from being counted at all. We call on the Postal Service to immediately resolve the issues that delayed ballots during Wisconsin’s Spring Election, withdraw the rule that will add significant additional

delays in ballot delivery, and ensure preparations for Wisconsin’s fall elections prioritizes timely delivery of election mail.”

Gov. Evers and Sen. Baldwin’s letter to Postmaster General David Steiner states:

Dear Postmaster General Steiner, Chairwoman McReynolds, Vice Chairman Kan, Governor Stroman, and Governor Tangherlini:

We write to you about the United States Postal Service’s (USPS) role in ensuring that Wisconsin’s elections are fair and reliable and to express our serious concerns that USPS is threatening Wisconsin’s ability to exercise their right to vote. Hundreds of absentee ballots received by the Postal Service before Wisconsin’s Spring Election were delivered after Election Day, preventing them from being counted. Now, USPS is rushing to implement President Trump’s

unconstitutional executive order that would, at best, significantly delay Wisconsin’s mailed ballots from reaching election officials and, at worst, allow the USPS to prevent a Wisconsin voter’s fully legal, timely ballot from being counted at all. We call on the Postal

Service to immediately resolve the issues that delayed ballots during Wisconsin’s Spring Election, withdraw the rule that will add significant additional delays in ballot delivery, and ensure preparations for Wisconsin’s fall elections prioritizes timely delivery of election mail.

In May, the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) sent a letter to the Postmaster General expressing grave concerns about the performance of election mail for Wisconsin’s Spring Election. The Commission is a bipartisan body that administers elections across the State of Wis-

consin and assists election clerks in all 72 counties. WEC conducted a survey of Wisconsin’s local election officials and found that two-thirds reported problems with the mail, and more than half reported receiving voter complaints and concerns about the Postal Service. One out of every four clerks reported receiving more late ballots than is typical for an election—with some reporting election mail taking 7 to 10 days or more to reach polling locations. Clerks also reported that some of the ballots they received after the election were not postmarked. This is unacceptable.

We appreciate the work of the men and women who deliver mail for the United States Postal Service every day, including during our elections. Our concern lies with the decisions and actions by USPS that are

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Hook, Line and Leadership: Mt. Horeb FFA’s 57th Canada Fishing Trip

By Pam Allen
FFA Advisor

My teaching partner, Makayla Bretsch and I are often asked by other Wisconsin FFA advisors what it’s like to take our students to the middle of nowhere - questions prompted by the fact our annual state professional conference begins the day after we return from Canada and our sunburns prompt curiosity. I guess we’re the only teachers, probably in the nation, that include “outdoor outfitter” to our list of FFA advisor duties. And there is no way we can adequately explain to them how rewarding and fun it is to be with students at Jutten Lake. The students and chaperones work hard to coordinate this trip, creating a powerful leadership-building experience that allows our students to take ownership and responsibility in an incredible outdoor adventure.

On behalf of our students, Makayla and I would like to thank our chaperones who generously gave us a week of their time; shared valuable outdoor experience; and allowed our group to abuse their trucks and equipment by bouncing all of it fourteen miles into the bush enroute to the lake. It takes quite a crew to pull this trip together and we appreciate all they do. They helped make this trip an enjoyable experience for our students they will never forget! Here are excerpts from the trip journal (Sunday, June 21 to Sunday, June 28):

Sunday Morning: Packing up last night went quick and smooth. We always worry about getting the sleeping bags under a roof to keep them safe from rain. Jesse secured a giant, sort of ugly, high topper for his truck that was perfect! Problem solved.

We stopped by George Johnson, just outside of town, and received his good luck handshake. Mr. Johnson cooked up this trip fifty-seven years ago and we can’t thank him enough. I’m not sure what made him think such a trip was even possible, but we’re glad he did.

Monday Morning: We stayed at Sandbar Provincial Park last night. Chaperones slept in the trucks and students set up our fleet of little blue pup tents. I thought I had my new, clever sleeping arrangement



Front Row (L to R kneeling) Mitch Sutter, Layla Havens, Clifton Syvrud, Bob James; Second Row (L to R) Evie Wurdeman, Jeremy Krantz, Cameron Sevilla, Nora Helgesen, Lucy Rosemeyer, Aviana Rosemeyer, Brock Havens, Dylan Copus, Mason Schauf, Easton Jenson, Levi Kolb; Back Row (L to R) Nolan Schauf, Steve Rosemeyer, Otto Kerl, Micah Jenson, Jamie Baumeister, Boston Zimmerman, Tim Killinger, McCager Gee, Jack Davis, Jesse Schauf, Matt Sutter.

all figured out this year...I bought a bug net that sets up like a tent. I put a foam pad, sleeping bag, and pillow inside and set up in the picnic shelter so my gear would stay dew free. It was chilly (about 45 degrees) but I was nice and snug - plus caught a glimpse of sun glimmering over the lake about 11 pm. So comfortable... but then I heard the wolves howl just yards from our camp. All I could wonder was whether some little kid, picnicking with the family the day before, had dropped part of a hot dog or other smelly food item, around the shelter that would draw the wolves in... but I finally fell asleep and woke up the next morning and am writing this so I guess not!

Monday Night: Camp went together smoothly although it’s never an easy chore. Equipment Committee members Easton and Dylan donned waders and wrangled boats off trailers at the landing. Other committee members Cameron, Nora, and Boston helped direct camp set up on the island. Tent Captain Jack had good notes on what tents needed to go where and we were finished and fed by mid-afternoon. Most of the group went fishing after we settled in. Mitch and I headed to a favorite spot for a short while and caught 10 walleye - the biggest measuring 23 inches. Back at camp, it was reported that Micah landed a dandy 24



Boston Zimmerman landed a northern pike just under 40 inches.

inch walleye. McCager unpacked his fancy camera and is taking lots of pictures for the group.

Tuesday Afternoon: Beautiful weather today - sunshine and calm water. I didn’t catch much this morning, but others did just fine, especially at Phil’s Lake. We had the fish we selected for supper by 10 am. The students grabbed the chance for swimming at “Moon Bay”.

Tuesday Night: Clifton and I fished with Micah

during the afternoon and evening and had great luck in our favorite haunts. We didn’t have to travel far. Clifton caught a hefty northern about 30”. Between late afternoon and evening we caught and released 50 walleye in all - from tiny to 22-inch and 23-inch. It was like that for everybody and it seems fish are really biting this year. Our newest chaperone, Steve, is obviously a seasoned outdoorsperson - and with daughters Aviana and Lucy, has quickly found the best spots and water depths for

this year’s fishing. Before leaving on our trip, Steve researched and found a rare topographic map of our lake. It has great detail. I had no idea one existed and have added it to our collection of information.

Wednesday: That feisty 39 inch northern, tormenting our group by making appearances chasing walleyes being reeled in to boats out by Jeremy’s buoy - finally met his match with Dylan and Easton in Bob’s boat. Dylan had a walleye hooked with the northern

in tow and then Easton handily netted it. The story would be hard to believe - but there were witnesses in nearby boats. What a catch! I went fishing with Boston, Levi, and Matt in the evening and they are quite the fun crew. Levi has a collection of the strangest lures you can imagine, all gained through his affiliation with “Mystery Tackle Box” purchases. Honestly, he catches fish on lures meant to be used on other planets and I’m not sure

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Village Vignettes

On Dolomite

As you age, I reflect more on my life which has had many memorable events. In retrospect, some seemed almost predestined, some coincidental, and most downright confounding. One such event happened to me last week as I was driving east on Springdale Street, around the many safely engineered roundabouts (thank you village planners), and across the bridge over Highway 18, on my journey to new eye glasses. As I turned left on the ramp, I was startled by a rockfall to my right. Nothing large or dangerous, but impressive nevertheless. As Mark Twain reminded us, there is a vast difference between a flash from a lightning bug and lightning. As I drove east on the silky-smooth highway (thank you DOT), I realized I had just experienced a lightning flash. The top, sides, and bottom of this dolomite had not seen sun light in 450 million years!

Oddly, I knew quite a lot about this rock. As a student of the famous Dr. Louden, of the UW-Madison geology department, I was aware of Paleozoic sedimentary rock,



Photo by the author.

in this case a shaley Decorah formation of the Ordovician age. It is known to sit above Platteville limestone and below Galena “beds,” a common pattern throughout southwestern Wisconsin. Dolomite, Dr Louden taught us, was limestone with some of its calcium swiped out for nitrogen making it more durable.

After graduating, I received a master’s degree from Illinois that, carte

blanche, allowed me (with the greatly expanding state university system and shortage of faculty) to be hired to teach earth science at UW-La Crosse. My specialty was cartography and remote sensing but, to borrow a baseball metaphor, I was also a “utility player,” and assigned to teach the freshmen class “rocks and minerals,” along with their concordant labs. A few years later, following a trip to

southern Colombia, I would have a career epiphany and switch gears towards anthropology and international public health, but for now I threw myself into the role. While just a few years older than my students, I had the ego and showmanship (and, as many of my friends might tell you, an ironic sense of humor) necessary for teaching, probably gleaned from several years as a guide at Cave of the Mounds (my introduction to dolomite!). Apparently, I was quite earnest in my endeavor as I learned, later, that some students in the major called me Rockman.

I offered the requisite “field trips,” where I would provide students with key fossil charts and dates. On bus trips to valleys around La Crosse, I’d have them identify the difference between the above-mentioned Platteville, Decorah and Galena formations, something fairly easy to do. My teaching strategy was to offer a challenge them let them loose, knowing students would gobble up all kinds of knowledge along the way, without being aware of “learning” – think fossils, or age dating technology.

I would also do “shock” teaching: in this case by tell-

ing them that the dolomite they were walking on (like the rockfall near Springdale Street) was once small marine algae living in a very warm Ordovician Sea (115 degrees F), located on a tectonic plate in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of what is now Peru. Over the course of millions of years, that plate edged its way east towards current day Brazil, turned north towards the equator and shifted northwest to our current location, a 3000-mile journey. Quite a ride for this dolomite. (For geology lovers, the Baraboo Range also came along on the same plate)

Back to our dolomite, yes, I was aware of all of that history, but the question remains why did the rockfall happen just as I was driving by? My scientific background reminded me, as I was sailing east on Highway 18, that everything has a cause and effect. And yes, I know that this particular slab of dolomite has been eroding around the edges for eons, every frost heave lessening its bond with the slab next to it. Even the vibration of thousands of heavy trucks passing by might have played a role, and, if I knew enough of the dislodging predisposed

forces, like gravity, I could have predicted, maybe even to the year, when this chunk of stone would fall away. Scientific musings gradually gave way to the old phrase “everything happens for a reason.” Why did this happen when it did?

Oh Boy. Just then, interrupting my reverie, a neighboring car honks sharpening my focus. I realize I’d better pay attention to the task at hand, or I’ll never make it to my new glasses. Interesting that my reflection on the geologic history of this dolomite stimulated a reflection of my own life history! A falling stone seized my thoughts, retrieved forgotten memories from my high school days at the “Cave,” UW classes, teaching, and so on. Coincidence?

Laurence Kruckman, a retired anthropologist who did research on birth and the postpartum in South America and the Pacific, returned to his roots in Mount Horeb to live in the house his father built in the early 1950s. Upon arriving back, he reconnected to many old friends, and recalled others long gone - the ink started flowing.



Evie Wurdeman displays her nearly 25 inch walleye before release.

FISHING

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how.

Tim, just for fun, is meticulously tallying our catches after every outing. We’ve never done that before and it’s an astounding number and if I revealed it here you wouldn’t believe me anyway so I’ll just say it’s a lot. It’s also interesting to see trends - like how boats Jamie is fishing in have giant totals. She is really skilled at hooking them. It will be fun to see how the totals add up at the end of the week.

Thursday: So I thought

it would be fun to fish with Jamie and the data didn’t exaggerate. Jamie, Bob, and I (mostly Jamie) caught and released 40 walleye! It was fun!

Micah was last to leave this morning to make sure all the students had a boat to fish in and actually they were all gone and he didn’t know it - so he had a solo trip. Micah caught the fish of a lifetime this morning - just shy of forty inches and really heavy - with nobody to snap a picture! What a memory though and to hook and net a monster like that on your own is a special feat!

It’s hotter today and the

students are swimming. It would be a good time for a hike too. Students wanted to see the waterfall by Lake Savant, but Otto scouted the shore app roach for us. Otto reported the lake is too low and there’s not a way to land boats. It would require wading and that’s not safe. Hopefully, we can make the trek next year.

Friday Noon: Oh that pesky little red squirrel! McCager, Brock, and I have our individual tents on the point and there is a squirrel that scuffles around arranging his pine cones a bit earlier each morning - today at 3:50 am to be

exact. There is also a duck that is quite fond of Brock’s tent site farther out - I’m not sure if he’s getting much rest out there.

Fishing was, yet again, fantastic today. Bob caught a 23 inch plus walleye and so did Mitch. The biggest northern pike of the week was landed today by Boston measuring in at 39.75 inches in Matt’s boat. Quite honestly, I’ve lost track of who caught big fish when - Evie caught the biggest walleye of the week at 24.5 inches with boat captain Mason and Nolan at the net. Mason landed a 39 inch northern to add to the “big fish” count early in the

week fishing with his dad, Jesse, and brother, Nolan. Layla caught a 24 inch walleye in Brock’s boat too. The fishery is very healthy with fish observed in every year class. We’re careful not to use treble hooks and handle the fish very minimally to catch and release them safely, keeping only a few for our evening meal.

Saturday Night: I’ve never seen bugs like the ones today at the landing. Makayla cleared the island of tents and gear with part of the group and Tim directed boat unloading at the landing. I stayed up top by the trucks to pack and it

was miserable. I walked up the road to the trucks and I’m not kidding when I write I ate or inhaled at least a dozen mosquitos before I had my head net dug out of my backpack. We were glad to get out of the bush and onto the road. We purchased fuel in Silver Dollar and did have a trailer episode on the way home that was handled great by our group.

Early Sunday Morning: We’re home! We’re tired, but oh what a good time! We can’t wait until next year at Jutten Lake!



Boats are ready to go at Jutten Lake. Comfortable weather and calm water made fishing easy on the 57th Mt. Horeb FFA Canada Fishing Trip.



Ready for football season!

Callahan Thompson, son of Seth Thompson who is the offensive freshman coordinator, at practice in Mount Horeb last week. Callahan is 14 months old. Mary Langenfeld Photo.

VOTING

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inconsistent with normal operations and threaten the ability of Wisconsin-ites to exercise their right to vote. We ask that you resolve any outstanding issues that caused delays in the delivery of Spring Election ballots before Wisconsin's upcoming elections this fall—the primary election on August 11, 2026 and the general election on November 3, 2026. We also echo the request from the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission to enact extraordinary measures for these elections to help ensure that every ballot reaches its destination as quickly as possible.

To add to these concerns, USPS has proposed a rule to implement President Trump's unconstitutional executive order that directs the Postal Service to create a federal mail-in voting list using absentee voter information collected from the states. Not only will this rule restrict vote by mail, but if this rule is put in place for the upcoming elections, it will create significant timing and logistical hurdles for Wisconsin voters. It will add days or longer to the process of mailing a ballot. Wisconsin's Spring Election demonstrated that the Postal Service is already struggling to deliver ballots on time. Adding days or more to the travel time of a ballot will most certainly lead to USPS preventing more eligible voters from having their ballots counted in future elections through no fault of their own. We ask that you abandon this proposed rule immediately.

These changes in USPS service are poised to disproportionately impact Wisconsin's rural residents. Roughly one in three Wisconsinites live in rural areas with reduced access to polling locations and drop boxes and often rely on voting by mail. These Wisconsinites will be subject to these unnecessary delays and more likely to have their ballots not make it to their clerk on time to be counted.

The implications of these delays cannot be overstated. In 2024, 500,000 Wisconsinites used mail-in ballots, nearly 15% of all Wisconsin voters. Also in 2024, both the Presidential and U.S. Senate elections were decided by less than 30,000 votes. Given the history of extremely close elections in Wisconsin, the President's unconstitutional executive order and the Postal Service's misguided rule could very well tip the scales of the election and deprive Wisconsinites from having their voices heard accurately.

The Postal Service has a critical responsibility to ensure that election mail is handled with the urgency and reliability that voters, election officials, and the public rightly expect. To meet this responsibility, USPS must address delays we saw in Wisconsin's Spring Election and not move forward with the rule restricting vote by mail. Ensuring the timely delivery of election mail is essential to protecting every eligible Wisconsinite's right to vote and maintaining public confidence in our elections. When ballots fail to arrive in time to be counted, voters are denied the opportunity to participate in our democracy through no fault of their own. These failures not only disenfranchise individual voters, but also erode trust in the reliability and fairness of our elections.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this important matter:

Sincerely,
Tammy Baldwin
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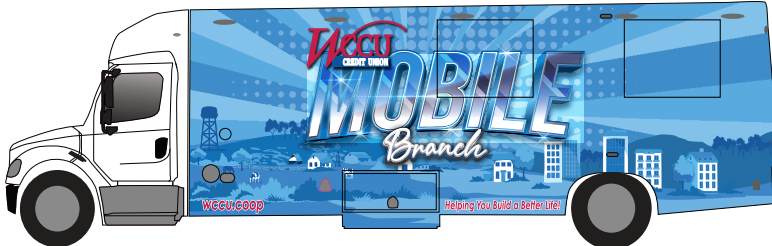
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ROOST

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omelet featuring whatever is coming out of the ground at the moment,” he said. “Tomorrow it’ll be a local mushroom and Swiss chard omelet using produce from Squashington Farm, but that’ll change based on what we can source from them, as well as Terra Growers and Kingfisher.”

The Roost will feature chalkboard specials based on what the Meatsmith Co-operative has available once they’re fully operational, including beef, lamb, pork and poultry. And they will have a Farm Stop, a bodega of sorts where people can buy veggies and more from local farms. (Think of it as a way to access the items sold at the Mount Horeb Farmers Market, which is held Thursdays at the nearby ELC church, all week long.)

As for coffee – “I could go off about coffee; I’m super passionate about coffee,” exclaims Swain with a level of energy apt for the topic – they are serving Mounds View Roasters.

“It felt important to support a local roaster while also serving a truly exceptional cup of coffee,” said Lokai.

Lokai added that he has several additional “real showstopper dishes” he plans to unveil when the time is right, too.

In addition to a breakfast restaurant featuring seasonal menu items and baked goods, the Roost, taking advantage of the fact that they actually have multiple doors and multiple unique spaces all under one roof in the heart of downtown Mount Horeb, will also feature a cake shop.

They already have 12 em-



ployees and embarked on a soft opening a week ago, following weeks of work to transform the space.

Swain, who grew up in Arizona and has extensive experience opening and running restaurants, said the idea is to give Mount Horeb something the community wants and needs; a vibrant hub where people can connect with each other and with local food.

“Our whole place is kind of farm-to-table,” she said. “That’s been our passion, both separately and together, since we were teenagers.”

While Swain has plenty of restaurant experience, it’s only part of an eclectic life and career thus far. She’s worked in hospice care, serving as a death doula, – “It’s a part of life,” she says – and she has farmed the land and lived off the grid.

In some ways, her newest venture is a culmination of all that and more. For the people behind the Golden Roost Breakfast & Bakery, the business isn’t just about ledgers and receipts. It’s an extension of their own lives, their own food ethics, and their own personal philosophies. Having moved to Mount Horeb from Madison six years ago, they found a fascinating mix of people and ideas; a place not yet fully paved, where unique local businesses hold out against cookie cutter chains, where the community still

has its own flavor, where local farmers and other food producers still offer a palpable link to the rhythms of the local earth.

“Farming has always been super close to me,” she said. “The physical part of living. These days it seems like there is so much façade, and I think people are yearning for something real.”



Golden Roost features a restaurant and bakery, and also local produce, flowers and more. Photos by Matt Geiger.

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village administrator.

Electrical Department Report

Electric Superintendent Jordan Schmitz began the June utility updates portion of the meeting. In June 2026, the electrical department finished multiple projects, including its Sensus metering communication upgrade and the Town Hall Road overhead-to-underground project. The department also completed two new underground services and responded to three outages, with one animal-caused outage, one of unknown origin and a third resulting from recent inclement weather. Superintendent Schmitz said the OMS (Outage Management System) is live and improved the crew’s response time as they assessed storm damage.

“Half the battle is finding where the issue is, and the

system worked amazing for the storm,” Superintendent Schmitz said. “Once we knew what was out, we got a plan with who was going where. With 1,400 people out, we were down to 38. It took another seven hours to get those 38 people back on, but I think our customers know that’s part of living out in the country.”

Following the storm, Schmitz said the department continued debris removal through June. He said they have also continued to remove old wire throughout the Village and plan to work with utility contractor J&R Underground LLC to replace any damaged sections.

“We’ve got money budgeted for it. J&R is available, and they’re willing to do it,” Schmitz said. “We’re not getting the wire in right away, but we’re going to get the pipe in the ground. When we get time in the fall or spring, we’ll get the wire in.”

Water Department Report

In his overview of the Water Department’s June activities, Water Superintendent Brian Schult said the department completed sampling of synthetic organic compounds (SOCs) from Well #6, in addition to its regular nine bacteriological (Bac-T) and one fluoride split sample. In his report, Schult wrote that a new pipe casing for Well #5 was delivered, and the department now waits for CTW Corporation to bring the well back online. Additionally, he shared that an L&R Meter Service representative spent four days testing Village meters and RPZs (reduced pressure zone valves).

“We had Chris meter out for approximately four days. We had 16 larger meters tested and then 16 of our RPCs,” Superintendent Schult said. “That was through the police department, fire department,

water department and sewer department; he does all of them for those guys.”

According to Schult’s monthly report, the department also repaired a broken water main on West Garfield Street, sent homeowners an annual notice of unknown service line material and collected 20 lead and copper samples from Village sites approved by the DNR (Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources).

“We coordinate with the DNR and have 20 approved sites that we take samples from every three years,” Schult said. “They’re first draw samples, and we coordinate with the homeowner to try to do all 20 in one shot. We got our samples back, and everything looked good.”

Wastewater Department Report

Wastewater Superintendent Mike Brace said the wastewater treatment facil-

ity ran well and operated below all permitted levels during June 2026. According to his June report, the department rehabilitated eight manholes and inspected two others. It also completed its semi-annual cleaning of lift station wet wells, cleaned 2,100 feet of sanitary mains and televised another 1,100 feet. They also received two call-outs during the month, both related to equipment issues at the treatment facility that have since been remedied. While the plant was said to be running well, Brace noted that the summer heat has impacted the department’s treatment process.

“We are seeing some increased temperatures, which have always affected the facility; not just ours but any facility in this area that’s designed like ours,” Superintendent Brace said. “We’ve been able to maintain our treatment without using chemicals so far, so knock

on wood that we can continue to do so.”

According to Brace’s report, the department also upgraded its after-hours alarm system and received its purchased 2026 Ford F-150 work truck as well as its new fall protection system.

“I mentioned in a previous meeting how we had purchased a new fall protection system that was going to facilitate a little bit safer entries for a lot of our guys,” Brace said. “The manufacturer sent a representative to train our staff on how to use, maintain and set up the system. Guys from other departments attended that training as well, and I think everybody feels pretty comfortable with this new system now.”

The Utility Commission next meets Aug. 11 at 5:30 p.m.

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Four residents spoke on non-agenda items, including Tony Bunkleman and Heather Wilcox, both of which expressed support for the Mount Horeb Rec Complex (MHRC) planned at the Lukken farm. Each spoke on the importance of having sufficient sport fields for children.

Aaron Thomas expressed his concern and shock that the July Parks and Rec Committee allocated no money in the 2027 budget discussion for the MHRC. Thomas said he attended the community meetings on the potential park and reminded the board members they voted unanimously to move forward with the development. He opined if the park is not going to be built, why was the land purchased.

Sarah Miller, a board member of the MH Public Library, thanked the Village for its support of the library. Miller said, “libraries offer everyone a place to work, think, and navigate life moments.” Continuing, “they support literacy as well as people”

Emergency Operations Plan

Police Chief Doug Vierck explained the importance of the updated Emergency Operations Plan, explaining the last Plan was revised in 2000. Vierck is the appointed Emergency Management Director and chief staff aid to the Village President. With many changes in technological/industrial hazards as well as civil/political hazards in the last two decades it is important to provide the revised plan to the Police Department and Fire District personnel, the Village President, Vil-

lage Board, Village Administrator and all Department heads. With no discussion or questions, the Village board unanimously approved the Emergency Operations Plan.

Hidden Ridge Subdivision

Consideration and ultimate approval by all board members was given to the new subdivision Zoning Map, changing the land from Agriculture, A-1, to Single Family Residential, SF-2. Also approved was the Preliminary Plat, noting the ownership and maintenance of the out lot for stormwater retention basin will be the Village and will be included in the Final Plat.

Disagree Better, November 9

As a continuation of the Mount Horeb Library Disagree Better series, the Village will be co-hosting with the library the next session on Monday, November 9th. The purpose of the year-long program is to encourage respectful dialogue, foster understanding between individuals with differing viewpoints, and strengthen civic engagement by focusing on issues that matter to our community. Alterbernd presented four potential themes that align with the program purpose as well as relevant to the Village issues. After discussion by the board, it was decided each of the four proposed topics included worthiness, so Altenbernd and staff are tasked to streamline the four into one main topic. The four selected in order of the board preferences are: Growth vs Small-Town Character, Parks, Recreation and Community Priorities, What Makes a Strong Community, and Community Expectations, both from the viewpoint of what do resi-

dents owe their community and what they should expect from their local government. The time and location of the November Disagree Better will be announced later so save the date.

Reports

President Czyzewski’s report is included in the agenda packet which is available on the Village website.

Altenbernd Report

In responding to public comments regarding the MHRC, Altenbernd said budget discussions were not included in any committee at this point as staff first needs to determine phasing of the planned park, such as utilities, fundraising, potential TIF, etc. as well as the priorities of the staff. He said he hopes to bring a plan for these items to the board at the September meeting and mentioned Rob Wright, Village engineer, also will attend the meeting to discuss utilities for both the residential and park development. There are many pieces which need to be tied together before budgeting is put on the table. Altenbernd said, “rather than just put-

ting random numbers on a document, I would rather do it right, even if takes a couple months as I personally am ok with that.”

Altenbernd implemented a change to the frequency of department head meetings. He meets with them twice/month compared to every two months prior to him joining the Mount Horeb staff. He also has an agenda for the meetings and said the feedback he has received from the staff is positive about the changes. In addition, Altenbernd said, “I will have technical staff review Team meetings (on the first Thursday of the month) which will include the village planner, engineers, attorneys, utilities, public works, economic development, building inspector, and building staff to review any proposed developments or projects that may be coming so that they may get that first swing at it to determine if this requires a rezone, does it require utility access,... before they (developers) submit anything and waste their money”. Continuing, “it also goes through our development processes and

through that there was a miscommunication in that group (Team meeting) about our utility capacity.

Altenbernd said the MHASD has asked the Village to talk about school vouchers on the tax bill. Neither President Czyzewski nor Altenbernd was willing to do that. The School District also asked that the tax bill be amended, and the Dane County Treasurer said they would not amend the tax bill. They agreed that the District can have a one page insert in the tax bill like we (Village) do and they can include whatever information they want. They will reimburse the Village for the mailing cost.

Before going in to closed session to establish a negotiation position regarding the Mount Horeb Area Fire Department, Fire Protection, and Rescue Service Agreement, speaking as a resident of the village, Cathy Scott questioned why a closed session was needed since if any changes were to be made to the Agreement, all municipalities included in the Agreement would need to vote in favor of a change. Secondly, Scott opined that to her it was obvious why the other seven municipalities would want to negotiate since Mount Horeb pays 48 percent of the Fire District expenses yet have

the most calls so it makes sense they would want to negotiate to pay less. For this reason, Scott felt the board discussion did not need to be held in a closed session. Altenbernd said State Statute 19.85(1)(e) allows for closed sessions for the purpose of deliberating, negotiating, or bargaining and since Mount Horeb is bargaining against other municipalities, the board has the right to meet in closed session. He said staff need directions from the board on which way to go, do they want to negotiate, opt to do nothing, etc. and that this could be the first or last of discussions. Scott asked if Altenbernd expected a decision to be made during the closed session and he said no, he simply wanted direction from the board.

Trustee Ben Jones serves as a Director on the MHA FD, one of two representing Mount Horeb, and explained that should a Resolution/Amendment come forth from the Fire District, all eight municipalities must vote in favor of it to become effective. Jones said all those discussions will have a “public stage,” meaning open to the public.

The next Village Board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 2, at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

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MOUNT HOREB-BARNEVELD FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Fab five will lead MH-B's offense

**Vikings' O-line
could be among
best in state**

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb-Barneveld's last football game was more than nine months ago.

And despite going 9-3 overall, reaching Level 3 of the postseason and winning a share of the Badger Small Conference, there's still something that irks Vikings head coach Bret St. Arnauld.

"Last year I felt we were really soft, especially when we played against Grafton, Edgewood and (Catholic) Memorial," St. Arnauld said of the Vikings' three losses. "In those games, it reared its ugly head."

"We had a timidity to us and that's what came back and bit us in the (expletive) in those games. I don't think we're going to have that problem this year."

Perhaps the biggest reason why is an offensive line that could be the envy of almost everybody MH-B faces. And when the Vikings begin their season by hosting Grafton on Aug. 21, they'll lean heavily on a potentially dominant line.

MH-B brings back three starters up front and two all-Badger Small Conference selections in left guard Michael

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld senior Michael Powell (73) is a returning first-team all-conference selection. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Vikings' defense ready to reload

Maier, DeRosier will lead MH-B's 'D'

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Six players that earned all-conference honors are gone.

The defensive line will have three new starters. Both starting corners have graduated.

But linebacker Eli Maier — a wrecking ball in a Mount Horeb-Barneveld jersey — has a message for anyone that thinks the Vikings' defense will plummet in 2026.

"We reload. We don't rebuild," said Maier, whose

team hosts Grafton in its season opener on Aug. 21. "That's just kind of how we see it."

That's certainly been the case at MH-B the last two decades, as the Vikings have reached the postseason 17 of the last 19 years. Whenever there have been holes to fill, MH-B has had the next batch of standouts waiting to take advantage of their opportunity.

The Vikings believe that will be the case once again this fall. MH-B allowed a respectable 18.3 points per game and held seven of their

12 opponents to 19 points, or fewer.

The Vikings' defense never allowed more than 28 points, which was a big reason MH-B went 9-3 overall, won a share of the Badger Small Conference and reached Level 3 of the WIAA Division 3 playoffs.

Despite some heavy graduation losses, though, the Vikings believe this defense can be even better.

"I think we're taking a big jump," MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld said. "No one thinks we're going to and

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld football coach Bret St. Arnauld believes his defense will reload, not rebuild. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Trending upward?

Mount Horeb's girls golfers aim to continue recent rise

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

They've taken impressive strides in recent seasons.

They've moved up the conference ladder.

They've performed well in the postseason.

And last year, Mount Horeb girls golfer Delania Nicewander became the first Viking to reach the state tournament in 22 years and just the second player in school history to do so.

Now, the Vikings hope to build on that momentum when they begin their new season Thursday at the Reedsburg Invite.

"We have taken some nice steps in the program the past few years, both in terms of building numbers, as well as being more competitive in conference play, as well as our regional and sectional," Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. "Hopefully our returning players and newcomers are ready for the challenge of not only maintaining our level of play from previous years, but continuing to improve upon it."

That won't be easy as the Vikings graduated three of their top five players.

Nicewander, of course, was the headliner.

Nicewander was named first-team all-Badger Small Conference, tied for medalist

honors at the WIAA Division 1 Stoughton Regional, and joined Jan Wildman (2003) as the only golfers in school history to qualify for state.

In addition, Mount Horeb lost Sonja Schreiber and Carmen Oglesby to graduation.

"We will be a much younger group after losing three of our top five players," Krentz said. "It will be a challenge not only trying to replace that group ... but I feel we have a number of players capable of stepping up."

Leading the way will be junior Ella Baber, who had the Vikings' second-best nine-hole scoring average last season at 48.1. In conference play, Baber's average was 46.8 for nine holes highlighted by rounds of 43 and 44 at Yahara Hills, and a 44 at Coachman's Golf Resort.

Baber also qualified for sectionals as an individual as a freshman in 2024, and she's coming off a sensational softball season where she went 11-0 in the conference.

"She is still only scratching the surface of how good she can be as a player and we will be counting on a big year from her this season," Krentz said of Baber. "Ella and Jadyn are capable of being one of the best one-two tandems in the Badger Small this season and that is a great place to start."

Also returning are senior Jadyn Schellpfeffer and junior Harper Birkeland.

Schellpfeffer finished with a 50.8 nine-hole scoring average, improving that average to 49.3 in conference play. Birkeland had a 54.0 nine-hole scoring average last year.



"Like Ella (Baber), both Jadyn and Harper are capable of some big things for us this year as they continue to improve and gain more experience on the course," Krentz said.

Senior Mackenzie Meinholtz, junior Jenna Jones, and sophomore Maddie Mechler all played JV last season and appear ready for bigger things.

"All three showed flashes at times last year," Krentz said. "But we are hoping to see all of them make big jumps from playing JV to help keep us in the conference race as a team this season."

Seniors Giana Melka and Maddie Niemetscheck, and juniors Kamryn Ryan and Anneka Polman are newcomers to the program that Krentz believes could help.

"All four are very athletic, but do not have a lot of playing experience, both competitively and recreationally,"

Krentz said. "If one or two of them can pick things up in a hurry, we certainly can surprise some people this season."

Madison Edgewood, the three-time defending conference champion, is the odds-on favorite to win the league again

"But we hope to be in the mix once again for an upper-half conference finish," Krentz said.

Mount Horeb was moved to a postseason regional that includes perennial powerhouses DeForest, Middleton, Tomah and Waunakee.

"All four are likely to be ranked in the top-10 in Division 1 and are among the favorites to reach (state), which will make advancing as a team this postseason much more challenging, but something that is out of our control," Krentz said. "As is the case every year, we hope to get better each day on the course and be playing our best golf of the season when it matters the most come postseason time."



Mount Horeb's Ella Baber (top) and Jadyn Schellpfeffer are the Vikings' top returnees this season. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld left tackle Evan Leibfried (left) hopes to make life easier for quarterback Harvey Hellen (above). Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

OFFENSE

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Powell and left tackle Evan Leibfried. MH-B’s ‘Fab Five’ up front should lead to big things on the ground, while helping keep a clean pocket for junior quarterback Harvey Hellen.

“I think having great lines is the most important part of football,” said Leibfried, who committed to Northern Illinois in June. “And I think that will propel us to a lot of wins.”

The 2023 Vikings — who averaged 39.8 points and 423.0 yards per game — produced what St. Arnauld calls the best offensive line of his tenure. Now in Year 9, St. Arnauld believes this line could match the dominance of that 2023 group.

MH-B projected starting five averages 6-foot-3 and 254 pounds per man. For comparison’s sake, the Green Bay Packers’ offensive line in Super Bowl 1 — Bob Skoronski, Fuzzy Thurston, Bill Curry, Jerry Kramer and Forrest Gregg — averaged 6-foot-3 and 245 pounds.

“This is arguably going to be the best offensive line that I’ve had,” St. Arnauld said. “I really see us being able to run the football and controlling the game. I really think this line will grind people down.”

“In the regular season, I’m not sure we’ll face an offensive line better than ours. I’m not saying we won’t, but looking at our schedule, I don’t know if we’ll see one any better.”

Powell (6-0, 210) was a first-team all-conference center last year after playing left tackle as a sophomore. This year, Powell moves to left guard where St. Arnauld believes he’ll dominate.

In MH-B’s loss to Catholic Memorial in Level 3 of the playoffs last season, Powell drove Crusaders’ all-state defensive tackle Neeko Rodgers into the ground on multiple occasions.

“He just got underneath Neeko’s pads and buried

him,” St. Arnauld said of Powell. “He’s a farm boy and he’s a quiet kid, but he’s tough as nails.”

Senior running back/linebacker Eli Maier agreed. “Powell’s so aggressive, he just knocks over kids,” Maier said. “He’s a beast.”

The 6-foot-7, 270-pound Leibfried was a second-team all-conference selection at right tackle last year. Leibfried manned that spot so he could protect the blindside of left handed quarterback Brooks Hendrickson.

Hellen is a right handed quarterback, though, so Leibfried will move to left tackle this season. Leibfried, who’s also an impact basketball player, has terrific feet, outstanding athleticism and tremendous pedigree, as his brother Austin plays for defending national champion Indiana.

“Evan has taken monumental strides from his junior to senior year,” St. Arnauld said. “You can just see it with his body. He’s in great shape.

“He has great feet, he’s long. His arms are actually way longer than Austin’s, so he’ll be a legit tackle in college. He moves his feet so well. He’s athletic, and him being able to move athletically helps him so much. His first step is really good and he’s just so quick off the ball.”

Leibfried had nine Division 1 offers, but felt at home at Northern Illinois. Now, he hopes to close out his MH-B career in style.

“This is best I’ve ever felt,” Leibfried said. “And I think it’s going to be a great line.

“We should be able to give our quarterback a lot of time in the pocket. Hopefully it can take the pressure off him a little bit, give him some time to throw.”

Senior Kyle Kasubaski (6-2, 240) grew three inches since last season, put on good weight and will play center.

“He took a big jump physically,” St. Arnauld said of Kasubaski. “He just grew, got wider and shot up. So that’s good news for us. I’m

MH-B FOOTBALL SCHEDULE		
Aug. 21	vs. Grafton	7p.m.
Aug. 28	at Port Washington	7p.m.
Sept. 4	vs. Edgewood	7p.m.
Sept. 11	at Beaver Dam	7p.m.
Sept. 18	vs. Fort Atkinson	7p.m.
Sept. 25	vs. Sauk Prairie	7p.m.
Oct. 2	at Monroe	7p.m.
Oct. 9	at Stoughton	7p.m.
Oct. 16	vs. McFarland	7p.m.

very excited about him.”

Junior right guard Gavin Reynolds (6-2, 265) is a returning starter who benches 325 pounds, squats nearly 500 pounds and runs the 40-yard dash in 4.95 seconds.

“He’s so nasty,” St. Arnauld said of Reynolds. “He’s an old school, I’m going to rip your face off and wear it for Halloween kind of kid.”

And Wyatt Bush (6-5, 285) won the right tackle job during fall camp and seems poised for a big year.

“Shout out to our O-line,” Maier said. “You put anybody back there and you can get five yards a crack. It’s some good stuff. I’m just really excited.”

The Vikings are equally excited to have Maier become their bellcow.

Last season, Maier earned second-team all-league honors despite playing behind first-team all-conference running back Jack Wilson. Maier finished second on the Vikings with 658 rushing yards, averaged a whopping 6.9 yards per carry and led the team with 11 rushing touchdowns. Maier also had an eye-popping 22 two-point conversions and added three receptions for 45 yards.

Maier, who finished second at 175 pounds at the WIAA Division 2 state wrestling tournament in March, now weighs 191 and is in tremendous physical condition. He’ll need to be, too, considering he’s one of the top linebackers in the state and will rarely come off the field.

When Maier’s on offense,

though, St. Arnauld believes he will be special.

“Eli’s gotten faster,” St. Arnauld said. “He’s obviously strong as an ox. The balance he has because of being a wrestler is incredible. He has just incredible balance. People think that they’ve got him down, and there he is streaking down the sideline.”

While Maier will be the thunder in MH-B’s backfield, junior Haiden Jeglum (5-8, 160) figures to be the lightning. A year ago, Jeglum flashed potential in limited duty. This year, he’s 15 pounds heavier, still lightning quick and ready for bigger and better.

“Haiden can make guys miss in a phone booth,” St. Arnauld said. “The cuts he makes are so unbelievably, violent cuts, you should not get a good pop on him.”

MH-B’s biggest question is at quarterback, where Hendrickson — the conference’s Offensive Player of the Year and an all-Region selection — has graduated and is now playing at North Dakota.

The Vikings had a quarterback competition early in camp, one that junior Hellen appears to have won over sophomore Preston Myers.

Hellen is a dual threat quarterback, highly intelligent and should run the offense exactly the way St. Arnauld wants.

“Harvey is the guy that’s got the nod right now,” St. Arnauld said. “He’s not an absolute blazer or burner, but he does have a threat with his legs.

“He’s very consistent,

knows where he’s going with the ball and just very much a program guy. He knows the playbook, knows where to go and he attacks it. He’s just a really, really solid kid who’s done the work, and now it’s his time.”

At the same time, St. Arnauld is excited about what Myers might be able to give MH-B down the road.

“He’s probably the future,” St. Arnauld said of Myers.

Junior Django Christian leads a wide receiver room is faster and more athletic than a year ago.

As a sophomore last season, Christian became the Vikings’ No. 1 wideout, finishing with 32 receptions for 471 yards and seven touchdowns. Christian also had a team-high 12.5 yards per punt return.

“Django is drastically improved,” St. Arnauld said. “Speed wise, route running wise, he’s just better across the board.

“We did 7-on-7s this summer and when kids tried pressing him, they couldn’t get a hand on him. And just seeing that from sophomore to junior year it’s truly remarkable.”

St. Arnauld said senior Cullen Olson, who had five receptions for 37 yards last season, has also taken a monumental leap. Now, the Vikings’ head coach expects Olson to be one of the most improved players around.

“He’s made the biggest growth maybe on the whole team,” St. Arnauld said of Olson. “He’s unreal. I mean, he’s unreal. He’s so good. Like, he’s so, so good. He is just an absolute baller. He’s a stud.”

Junior Kelson Baumgart is a speed demon who can do damage in the slot, while both seniors Kaydn Schlimgen and Owen Schultz should factor in, as well.

“We actually have multiple weapons at wide receiver this year,” St. Arnauld said. “We have a lot of athletes at the receiver spot. All those guys are athletic and fast, which is what we didn’t have last year.”

MH-B has to replace all-region tight end Hayden Anderson, who had 51 receptions, 681 yards, 11 touchdowns and was named all-Region a year ago. But senior Henry DeRosier, who recently committed to Duluth, seems ready for a big season.

The 6-foot-3, 225-pound DeRosier runs the 40-yard dash in 4.7 seconds. He also had 20 receptions for 197 yards last year, and all four of his touchdowns came in the final four games.

“He closed with a bang,” St. Arnauld said of DeRosier. “I mean, I wouldn’t want to tackle him. It’s terrifying.”

Trying to slow down the Vikings could be a terrifying task.

The offensive line could be elite. Maier will lead a running back group that could be special. And there are plenty of weapons in the passing game.

St. Arnauld won’t ask Hellen to put up eye-popping numbers of past MH-B quarterbacks like Max Meylor, Luke Hagelin, Kasey Helgeson, Ethan Post and Hendrickson. Instead, he’ll ask Hellen to manage the game and let a dominant offensive line lead the way to potential riches.

“I’m not saying this to blow smoke, but I think we’re going to be a much-improved team,” St. Arnauld said. “If we can be good — just good — at the quarterback spot, we’re going to win a lot of football games.

“If you have Tom Brady as your quarterback, but you don’t have a line that can block for him, what good is it? And these guys can block and that’s where it all starts.

“Last year, we were out-physicaled too many times. I don’t think we rose to the occasion in that area. I think we were like, ‘These guys are hitting pretty hard.’ That’s how it seemed to me and I don’t see that out of this group this year. These guys are nasty and they’re going to get after it and it’s going to lead to a lot of great things.”



Mount Horeb-Barneveld senior Eli Maier was a first-team all-conference linebacker last season and a second-team all-league running back. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

DEFENSE

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that’s perfectly fine with me. But one-to-22 on this football team, we have dudes. We have a lot of dudes.”

The defensive headliners figure to be senior linebackers Eli Maier and Henry DeRosier.

Maier is coming off a brilliant junior season where he was named first-team all-conference and all-Region. Maier finished second on the Vikings with 103 tackles, was third in tackles for loss with 16 and fourth in sacks with 4.5.

“Eli brings speed, toughness, and relentless pursuit to our defense,” St. Arnauld said. “He’s the type of player who can make blockers miss, chase down runners from sideline to sideline, and still lay a punishing hit when it counts. His energy and versatility make him an impact player every snap. He’s a player who elevates everyone around him.”

DeRosier was third on the team last season with 84 tackles, second with 5.0 sacks, and fourth with 10 tackles for loss. The Maier-DeRosier duo should be one of the better linebacking tandems in the area.

“Henry got progressively better as last season went on,” St. Arnauld said. “By the time we got to Catholic Memorial (in Level 3 of the playoffs), he was clicking.

“He is big, strong, fast, athletic and has an 80s, 90s football player’s mindset.

He also just loves football, and actual ‘football players’ are a rare breed these days.

“He is a leader and the first one in the fire, but he isn’t afraid of the heat. He will be such a catalyst for us this year.”

DeRosier’s play isn’t just loud when the ball is snapped. He might be even noisier before and after the play.

“He does a lot of screaming,” Maier said of DeRosier. “He’s really vocal. He’s insane. It’s crazy. It’s awesome.”

Juniors Carter Preimesberger and Owen Kraemer and sophomore Barrett Slaney are competing for the third linebacker job. And no matter who wins it, St. Arnauld is excited about the group.

“I’m really excited about our linebackers,” St. Arnauld said. “They’re athletic, they’re fast, they’re strong.”

St. Arnauld feels the same way about his defensive line. Even though the Vikings lost second-team all-conference end Harrison Walker and honorable-mention all-conference selections Aden Knight and Parker Nihles, St. Arnauld believes the unit won’t miss a beat.

Senior Dilyn Randle, a starting offensive lineman last year, is switching sides of the ball and moving to nose tackle.

“He’s just a natural nose,” St. Arnauld said of Randle. “He’s naturally good at it.”

Junior Henry Loger takes

over at weakside defensive end, where St. Arnauld believes he’s poised for a big year.

“Henry reminds me a lot of Harrison Walker,” St. Arnauld said. “He’s fast, quick, strong, and very tough for a lineman to block.”

And junior Jackson Marthe steps into the strong-side defensive end position where he could have a breakout year.

“He’s a really strong kid,” St. Arnauld said of Marthe. “He’s tough, big hands. He’s going to be a load.”

The Vikings’ defensive line has had the unenviable task of facing MH-B’s standout offensive line every day in practice. And while the Vikings’ O-line has won the day more often than not, facing that level of competition figures to pay dividends.

“Iron sharpens iron and that’s only going to make them a lot better,” MH-B right tackle Evan Leibfried said. “If they’re going against one of the best O-lines in the state, they won’t have to do that every game. It’s only going to make them better.”

Maier felt the same. “Collectively, those are some of the strongest guys I’ve seen in my life,” Maier said of the Vikings’ defensive front. “Henry Loger is an absolute beast. He lifts a ton of weight in the weight room. I just love how aggressive they all are.”

Overall, St. Arnauld loves what he’s seen out of his en-

MH-B FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
1	Aiden Aeschlimann	12	6’ 0”	185
2	Barrett Slaney	10	5’ 11”	197
3	Connor McCue	12	5’ 11”	170
4	Django Christian	11	5’ 9”	165
5	Eli Maier	12	5’ 11”	190
6	Myles Thompson	11	5’ 10”	171
7	Cullen Olson	12	6’ 2”	165
8	Finn Herman	12	6’ 2”	205
9	Kaydn Schlimgen	12	6’ 0”	160
10	Nolan Beadle	12	6’ 3”	180
11	Kelson Baumgart	11	6’ 0”	175
12	Connor Casey	11	6’ 0”	170
13	Harvey Hellen	11	5’ 9”	172
14	Sam Grundahl	11	6’ 3”	175
15	Preston Myers	10	6’ 4”	168
16	William Pechan	11	5’ 10”	160
17	Hank Loger	11	6’ 0”	200
18	Jackson Marthe	11	6’ 2”	215
20	Dawson Kurth	11	5’ 11”	160
21	Haiden Jeglum	11	5’ 8”	160
22	Carter Preimesberger	11	5’ 11”	175
23	Zane Crowe	10	6’ 1”	168
24	Cole Preimesberger	11	5’ 9”	165
25	Owen Kraemer	11	5’ 11”	185
26	William Isaacson	10	5’ 9”	150
27	Olin Olson	10	5’ 8”	145
28	Braxton Shepherd	11	5’ 11”	148
29	Marcos Zapata	10	5’ 1”	159
31	Lucas High	10	5’ 8”	160
32	Noah Finkenbinder	10	5’ 11”	152
33	William Straka	10	5’ 10”	125
34	Henry DeRosier	12	6’ 2”	210
35	Chase Collins	11	5’ 10”	160
42	Quinn Frenz	11	6’ 1”	188
50	Kyle Kasubaski	12	6’ 2”	240
52	Landon Gundlach	10	6’ 3”	220
54	Alex Sroda	10	5’ 11”	150
63	Noah Sutter	10	5’ 8”	165
64	Wyatt Bush	11	6’ 5”	285
66	Jaxson Kirk	10	5’ 10”	208
70	Jack Koenig	11	6’ 1”	255
71	Ashton Etmanczyk	11	5’ 11”	246
73	Michael Powell	12	6’ 0”	210
75	Gavin Reynolds	11	6’ 2”	265
77	Evan Leibfried	12	6’ 7”	270
78	Youssou Ndiaye	11	6’ 0”	260
79	Jayden Urbinq	9	6’ 1”	255
80	Brady McCue	10	5’ 10”	155
81	Emett Zimmer	10	6’ 0”	160
84	Zayvier Miles-Lynch	10	5’ 9”	156
87	Aaden Bomkamp	10	5’ 10”	145
88	Fritz Leck	10	6’ 0”	140
96	Kevin Alfaro Hernandez	9	5’ 3”	261
99	Dilyn Randle	12	6’ 1”	238

Head coach: Bret St. Arnauld
Assistant coaches: Chris Balbach, Matt Goff, Gerry Rick, Eric Ellestad, John Wilson, Jeff Wright, Jacob Wright, Matt Aeschlimann, Colton Bluhm, Brian Nutter, Malik Winston, Seth Thompson, Kirk Kiry, Jackson Chryst.

tire defensive front.

“Our front six are miles ahead of where we were at this time last year,” St. Arnauld said. “And just going against that offensive line every day is really good for my D-line because they’re going to improve drastically. Overall, it’s been good for us to go against this offensive line.”

The Vikings have holes to fill in back, but again, St. Arnauld believes there’s a ton of upside.

Junior Django Christian and senior Nolan Beadle will man the cornerback positions. Senior Aiden Ae-

schlimann will play middle safety, junior Connor Casey will be the field safety and junior Will Pechan will man the boundary safety position.

“As a group, we’re fast and athletic,” St. Arnauld said of his secondary. “That group has a ton of potential.”

Overall, that’s how all the Vikings feel about this defense.

While MH-B appears to have been stung by graduation losses, the returnees and newcomers seemingly have enough firepower to keep things rolling.

“We’ve had some really good defenses here. I remember my sophomore year (2024), there were teams with negative yards rushing at halftime,” Maier said. “But where we’re at right now, we’re definitely ahead of where we were last year, because we’ve been doing stuff all summer. I’d say we’re already at like Week 3 from last year.

“There’s a lot of potential here and we’re definitely figuring it out and putting it together. I really think we have a chance to be one of the best Mount Horeb defenses ever.”

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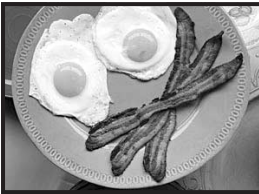
TOWN OF PRIMROSE NOTICE

The Town of Primrose
Planning Commission meet-
ing for August 2026 will take
place at 8468 County Road A,
Verona WI, on Monday,
August 17th, 2026, beginning
at 7:30pm. The agenda for
this meeting will be posted at
the Town Hall, Mount Vernon
Auto, Primrose Church, and
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By Zoom Teleconference Phone: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 846 4547 8737 Passcode: 281473

A Public Hearing has been scheduled regarding the 2027
Adams County Health & Human Services Department Budget.
TIME AND PLACE: August 31, 2027 at 4:00 P.M., Adams
County Courthouse, 401 Adams Street, Friendship, WI 53934
Documents relating to the item listed above will be available for
review at the Adams County Health & Human Services Department
at 108 E North Street, Friendship, Wisconsin 53934.
Written comments may be submitted to the Adams County
Health & Human Services Department at 108 E North Street,
Friendship, WI, and will be accepted for the record through
August 28, 2026.
For more information or to request copies of the Health &
Human Services Proposed 2027 Budget, please call Kelly
Oleson, Director (608-339-4505).

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TOWN OF PERRY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS DANE COUNTY, WI, TOWN OF PERRY DRIVEWAY PROJECT #07811001

General Notice
The Town of Perry will receive and accept bids ONLY through
QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (Quest vBid)
for the construction of Town of Perry Driveway until August 20,
2026, at 10:00 a.m. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read
aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will be held at the
day and time of the bid closing. All plan holders will receive infor-
mation via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid
opening.
The Project includes the following Work: 835 LF of base aggre-
gate Town driveway reconstruction and widening along with a
parking lot, removal of existing culverts, grading and excavation
for ditch construction, traffic control, 1 ¼ and 3 inch base aggre-
gate, concrete curb and gutter, expanded parking and turnaround
area, storm culvert installation, construction of two stormwater
biofiltration basins, riprap with fabric installation, salvaged topsoil
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sion control.

The anticipated substantial completion date is **10/09/2026** and
final completion date is **10/16/2026**.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB PUBLIC HEARING August 26, 2026

The Plan Commission of the Village of Mount Horeb will hold a
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the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI.
The purpose of the hearing is to consider the following requests:
Request for a zoning change from PR Parks and Recreation to
CON Conservancy for stormwater purposes further described as
parcel 0606-121-1208-8 Village-owned land ASSESSOR'S PLAT
PRT OUTLOT 118.
Request from Community Developers Inc, for the zoning change
from A-1 Agriculture to CON Conservancy described as outlot 1
on the preliminary plat for parcel 0606-121-3205-1.
The Village Board, by its Plan Commission will hear all persons
concerning all matters and/or objections written or oral at that
time.

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VILLAGE OF MT. HOREB BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the
Village of Mt. Horeb, Dane County, Wisconsin shall reconvene on
Thursday, August 27, 2026 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The meet-
ing will be in the 2nd Floor conference room of the Municipal
Building, 138 E Main Street, Mt. Horeb, WI.
Please be advised of the following requirements to appear
before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if
appearing before the Board:
After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the
Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear
before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information
to, a member of the Board about that person's objection, except
at a session of the Board.
No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the
Board by telephone, or contest the amount of the assessment
unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board or
at least 48 hours before the objection is heard, if the objection is
allowed because the person has been granted a waiver of the
48-hour notice of an intent to file a written objection by appearing
before the Board during the first two hours of the meeting and
showing good cause for failure to meet the 48-hour notice
requirement and files a written objection, that the person provides
to the clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the per-
son will ask for removal of any Board members and, if so, which
member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of
the length of time that the hearing will take.
When appearing before the Board of Review, the person shall
specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land
and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's
objection and specify the information that the person used to
arrive at that estimate.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the
Board by telephone or object to a valuation; if that valuation was
made by the Assessor or the Objector using the income method
of valuation; unless the person supplies the Assessor all the infor-
mation about income and expenses, as specified in the Assessor's
manual under Sec. 73.03 (2a) of Wis. Statutes, that the Assessor
requests. The Village of Mt. Horeb has an ordinance for the con-
fidentiality of information about income and expenses that is
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duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order
of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph,
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Statutes.

The Board shall hear upon oath all persons who appear before
it in relation to the assessment. Instead of appearing in person at
the hearing, the board may allow the property owner, or the prop-
erty owner's representative, at the request of either person, to
appear before the board, under oath, by telephone or to submit
written statements, under oath, to the board. The board shall
hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who
present to the board a letter from a physician, osteopath, physi-
cian assistant, or advanced practice nurse.

Additional information can be obtained from the Village Clerk at
437-9404.

Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk
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