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Fall Village Market returns Oct. 5-6

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Nearly 100 vendor booths will line South Second Street and fill part of the Duluth Trading Co. parking lot. Set up for the event will begin on Friday, October 4. Front Street, between Second Street and Third Street, will be closed starting at 5pm. South Second Street, between Main Street and Lincoln Street, will be closed starting at 7 p.m. The streets will reopen on Sunday, October 6, at 5 p.m.

POWER

ATC/ITC power line energized

After years of legal wrangling, public declarations by politicians, and opposition yard signs that ranged in size from modest to gargantuan, a 102-mile power transmission line has been fully energized.

"Culminating more than a decade of planning and construction, co-owners ITC Midwest, ATC and Dairyland Power Cooperative have completed the western half of the Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project, allowing the entire 102-mile line to be placed in service on Sept. 26, 2024," said a joint statement issued by the line's backers. "The new 345,000-volt (345-kV) Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line is now providing a vital pathway to help ensure the lower-cost, renewable energy that consumers are seeking is available

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Art comes alive

Creators gather to offer unique takes on democracy



Above, Sophia Chen performs during "A Breath of Fresh Art," a special event hosted by dancer Katherine Kramer at Primrose Retreat on Saturday, Sept. 21. The showcase brought together poets, dancers, authors, painters and more for a one-of-a kind experience that melded personal artistic viewpoints on democracy into a collaborative day that served to both underscore and elevate everyone's shared humanity. © Photo by Baran Ataei/ Baranataei.com. See more on page 10.

DANE COUNTY 2024 YOUTH SURVEY CAPTURES SHIFTING TRENDS AMONG ADOLESCENTS FOLLOWING PANDEMIC

Dane County Youth Commission last week released the results from the 2024 Dane County Youth Assessment (DCYA). Every three years, Dane County youth in grades 7 through 12 complete a survey that captures their opinions, concerns, behaviors, attitudes, and experiences on a range of topics. DCYA captured shifting trends among adolescents following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Indicators of anxiety, depression, and suicide ideation have been on a steady rise since 2009. In 2024, each of these mental health indicators declined to at or near 2015 levels, with fewer students expressing symptoms of anxiety or depression, and fewer students reporting suicide ideation. Desirable changes over time include increases in receiving mental health services and decreases in binge drinking and missing meals due to family income. Undesirable changes over time include increases in struggles with homework due to feeling tired and decreases in eating breakfast, involvement in the arts, and safe sex practices.

In 2024, 24,471 students across 17 area school districts completed the survey. The DCYA provides educators, policy-makers, and funding bodies data to inform grant writing, program development, and public policy. The survey has been administered since

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Celebrate Fall Market this weekend

The Fall Village Market, organized by the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce, will take place on October 5 and 6. The event will once again take place just off of Main Street. Nearly 100 vendor booths will line South Second Street and fill part of the Duluth Trading Co. parking lot on Front Street. Set up for the event will begin on Friday, October 4. Front Street, between Second Street and Third Street, will be closed starting at 5pm. South Second Street, between Main Street and Lincoln Street, will be closed starting at 7 p.m. The streets will reopen on Sunday, October 6, at 5 p.m.

Vendors will offer handmade, vintage, upcycled, and curated goods as well as seasonal décor. From mobile boutiques, home décor, and personal accessories, to soaps and candles, the Fall Village Market has something for everyone. On Saturday, attendees can enjoy music from Greg and a Gal from 11am-1pm and Phillip Smithburg from 2 p.m. to 4 p .m., and on Sunday, Down from the Hills will take the stage from 10am-2pm, and Corey Mathew Hart will wrap up the event from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The food court will once again be located in the Bike Depot parking lot, and there will be a few food vendors in the Duluth Trading Co. parking lot, as well. Attendees can enjoy tasty fare from Blue Gnome Treats, Halo Halo, Kernel Shack, Kia's Kitchen, Kona Ice, Lemonade Lab, Lucky Sweets, Pancho's Tacos, Rosemik Mini Donuts, Sabor Queretano, Sara's Street Food, the Mount Horeb Boy Scouts Troop 62, and The Sassy Scoop. Food trucks provide a great addition to our event, but don't forget to stop in at our local restaurants and food businesses along Main Street! Our local businesses provide unique offerings and a great atmosphere and are not to be missed!

Every year, vendors generously donate items to an Online Silent Auction. The Auction is live now and you can bid at 32auctions.com/fallvillagemarket24. All bidding will take place online, but attendees will once again have the opportunity to take a look at the items on display at the Info Hub (Driftless Historium).

In addition to selling their wares, some vendors will also be offering make-and-take workshops. "We want Fall Village Market to be an immersive experience," explains Jessie Bedward, events manager at the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce. "One where shoppers can listen to music, look at beautiful items, smell delicious food, and taste yummy beverages. We strive to create an environment where attendees can enjoy the festival and also enjoy our local shops and restaurants."

Once again this year, attendees will have the opportunity to sip a seasonal adult beverage from a downtown restaurant or bar while they shop. Event organizers worked closely with village officials to ensure as many downtown businesses could participate as possible. Please exercise caution while enjoying these beverages while on Main Street. Use crosswalks and be sure to follow traffic signals. Signage will remind you to empty any alcoholic drinks before leaving the event perimeter. Must be 21-plus with a valid ID to partake.



For more information on the Fall Village Market, visit trollway.com/fall-village-market. There you will find a map of the event and a downloadable program, as well as a full event schedule and more. File photo by Matt Geiger.

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GLEANINGS

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Oct. 2, 1884

Henry Eggers, after a long and severe illness, is again able to resume work in his shop and keep the youngsters a bay.

As we are not running a wagon we can afford to pay you enough more for produce to make it pay you for bringing it to town. Respectfully, Cowie Brothers.

The opposition party will allowed a chance to answer the letter which appears this week and then this fracas, so far as the News is concerned, must drop. We cannot afford to mar our columns with personal malice or lengthy communications that interest but few.

Rev. A. Brederson, of Stoughton, delivered a thrilling lecture on intemperance last Monday evening, to a well-filled house at this place. The young reverend seems to have no very great clemency for what he properly terms the Devil's synagogues and fore yards of hell.

120 Years Ago- Sept. 29, 1904

John O'Connell will be remembered here, as at times he came out to help as compositor at the newspaper office. Mr. O'Connell was of late years Poor Commissioner and was a very efficient officer until his mind became deranged and he was taken to the northern hospital at Oshkosh where he died recently.

Mrs. Kari Syverson of Stoughton has been visiting relatives at this place and vicinity. Mrs. Syverson's maiden name was Gronske and she grew to womanhood in this neighborhood.

Lars Jevne holds now the championship of producer of the largest apples sending one of fine variety weighing 17 oz. and measuring 14 inches in circumference.

Miss Mollie Oberg left Monday to join the one that has won her heart and hand, Mr. John Johnson of Harmony, Minn., they will be joined in matrimony at Chicago, after which they will make a trip to the world's fair and then go to housekeeping at the groom's residence, where we wish them a long and prosperous united life.

110 Years Ago- Oct 1, 1914

The many new car owners seem really to be at home at the wheel.

The basement for the extension to the Mt. Horeb Hardware Company's store building is completed, and is a fine piece of work.

The line gang of the Bell Company are overhauling their line through here and we have been informed that they intend to string another pair of wires from the capital city to this place, which is greatly needed.

Carloads of gravel are being hauled to Sand Rock Valley roadwork as part of the road across the valley will be concrete.

Doesn't this seem funny? A woman with six or eight pounds of stored hair on her dome is supposed to keep her hat on in church, but a man without a speck of hair on his noodle must remove his hat the instant he entersg the church door.

I.B. Lund and auto party reached their destination the afternoon of the third day out. They were delayed some at Prairie du Chien waiting for the ferry to set them across the "Father of Waters" and made but 120 miles the first day. The second day they reeled off 175 miles and the third day reached Dawson after a 200-mile spin over the finest dirt road on earth. They had but one puncture the entire distance.

100 Years Ago- Oct. 7, 1924

D. A. Stoner is remodeling his building just south of the Mount Horeb Auto Co. garage and when it is completed he will have a room large enough to house a big general store stock of goods.

Beware of thieves! Lock that spare tire to your car and if you have anything else that can be stolen easily, place bin under lock and key, because Mt. Horeb is being visited by a thief who is making a specialty of spare tires, motor meter, etc. Whoever the mistreat is he evidently knows the habits of the night watchman as the latest theft was the spare tire from Adry Brattrud's Ford coupe which was parked by the filling station for the night.

The new Parkway Theatre is now running along smoothly and enjoying a liberal patronage. The new screen gave off an unpleasant odor for the first few days and gave some people the impression that the building was poorly ventilated, but now that entirely avoidable odor has entirely disappeared. The projecting machines are of the very latest type and operator Lewis, sure know how to run them.

On Sept. 27 and 28, the Primrose Lutheran Church held two festivities: the 50th anniversary of the present building: and its annual mission festival.

90 Years Ago- Oct. 4, 1934

Dr. R. A. Ogilvie, Mount Horeb, has been appointed Federal Veterinarian to conduct the Bangs disease blood test in Western Dane county. The work started Oct.1.

C. H. Messerschmidt finished his work Wednesday repairing silos this season.

Station Agent Fred Wagner reports the sale of 44 tickets to persons taking the excursion to Chicago last Sunday. This was the largest number sold along the line. It takes Wagner to put a thing across.

Mr. and Mrs. Thor Anderson announce the birth of a son on Sept. 27.

Village President Frank Heuser was in Madison, Monday conferring with the Wisconsin Employment Bureau in regard to employment of men on Highway 18.

80 Years Ago- Oct. 5, 1944

Mrs. Adolph Thronson returned home Thursday from Madison General Hospital where she underwent a goiter operation two weeks ago.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Randall Sale at the Wisconsin General Hospital, Madison, Friday, Sept. 29.

Fredric Thompson, son of Mrs. and A.S. Thompson and the late Dr. Thompson received his degree in Doctor of Medicine at Marquette University, Milwaukee. He will intern this year at Columbia Hospital, Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hugo and family, formerly of Madison, have moved into the Flint estate residence, which they have purchased.

60 Years Ago- Oct. 1, 1964

Today's issue of the Mount Horeb Mail marks an end and a beginning…an end to the countless weeks of preparation and a beginning of a new and exciting concept in newspaper printing. In today's issue Mount Horeb businessmen and Mount Horeb Mail readers are seeing the most drastic transformation undertaken yet by the paper's co-publishers, Robert L. Krohn and Gary D. Greve. They are seeing another column, bringing the total to eight; they are seeing a total of 28" added to each page, at 224" overall in an eight-page newspaper; they are seeing more photographs, and more versatility in advertising layout.

Larry Gullick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Gullick, Mount Horeb, and a 1964 graduate of Mount Horeb High School repeated as junior and senior champion at the Mount Horeb Golf Bowl on Monday of last week when he posted a 147 on 71-76 rounds in the 36-hole tournament. This is the second consecutive year Gullick has won both titles at the Mount Horeb Golf Bowl.

Bill Olson, Mount Horeb florist, attended a Christmas Design School at the O'Hare Inn, at Chicago, Sunday.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church was the scene of the wedding of Miss Lois Mazelle Lindroth and Alfred Jarvis Martin, on Sept. 26, 1964.

The Dane County Historical Society has set Sunday, Oct. 11, as the unveiling and dedication ceremony day for the Historical Marker that has been placed at the 1852 Hauge log church.

50 Years Ago- Oct. 3, 1974

Rev. Bill Redman was installed as pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Horeb. He and his family are now residing at the church parsonage at 115 Grove Street.

Rueben Valstad's retirement from employment with the village of Mount Horeb became official on Tuesday, Oct. 1. He had been employed by the village since 1951.

Final plans are being made for the third annual Mount Vernon October Fest in the village. The community is raising funds to light the ballpark.

Barneveld Lutheran Church will dedicate its new sanctuary on Sunday, Oct. 9. The church site on the east side of Barneveld covers about five acres and was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thoni. The new sanctuary has seating capacity of 258 people. Cost of the 3200 square foot building is about $110,000.

All members and friends of the Dane County Historical Society are invited to attend an old-fashioned country picnic at the Donald Farm south of Mount Horeb Sunday at 1 p.m. The old homestead appears today much as it did in 1855 when Mrs. Woodburn's great-grandfather constructed it.

30 Years Ago- Oct. 6, 1994

On Saturday the Mount Horeb Public Library joined the computer age in a big way. It, along with 26 other major libraries in a four-county area, linked together in the LINKcat (Library Interchange Network) computer system.

A daycare center with capacity to care for up to 75 babies and children up to age six was approved by the village board Monday, opening the door for Maureen Marrinan's Hearts and Hands center at 125-127 Brookwood Drive.

Minnie Nesheim, age 90, died on Friday, Sept. 30, 1994 in a Verona nursing home.

20 Years Ago- Sept. 30, 2004

Area resident Ellie Larson and her daughter Victoria Richardson have written a book called Elegant Table Toppings. There will be a book signing at the Prairie Bookshop Saturday, Oct. 2.

King Jason Kingslien and Queen Kat McCarthy reigned over the Mount Horeb High School Homecoming.

Daniel and Sharon Hart of Mount Horeb proudly announce the birth of their son, Korey Daniel, on Friday, Sept. 24, 2004 at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison.

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Mount Horeb's Brad Murphy earns Rotary of Madison's Senior Service Award

Mount Horeb resident Brad Murphy is the recipient of the Rotary Club of Madison's Senior Service Award that recognizes people who add significant value to our local community through their extraordinary volunteer service.

Brad and his wife, Roseann, moved to the Madison area 50 years ago from their home state of Kansas. They fell in love with the rolling hills of Wisconsin and Brad also fell in love with the many service and leadership opportunities offered by our community organizations. During his long career in the financial services industry, Brad has been a leader and volunteer in several of those organizations.

Starting with the American Red Cross, he has donated over 300 units of blood, plasma and platelets over the last 50 years. He has served on the boards of the local Red Cross Chapter and the Blood Services Division. Currently he serves as a Community Volunteer Leader, working closely with the Regional Executive Director. He also serves as a Transportation Specialist delivering blood and supplies three days each week between donations centers and local hospitals.

Access Community Health Centers (ACHC) is another nonprofit benefiting from Brad Murphy's volunteerism. Starting in 1998, Brad was elected to their board, where he served for many years, including three years as its Chair. Murphy helped ACHC raise money during those meager years, including chairing the "Expand the Care" campaign to make it possible to open the Evjue Clinic on East Washington Avenue. He also served on the Dane County Health Council during that time.



From left to right: United Way of Dane County CEO Renee Moe, Access Community Health Centers CEO Dr. Ken Loving, Brad Murphy, Award Presenter Steve Goldberg and Joan Collins who nominated Brad Murphy for the award.

Murphy's board activity included serving on our Rotary Club of Madison board and chairing the Fund and Finance Committees. He served as treasurer on the Meriter Hospital Foundation Board. He helped start the Mount Horeb Economic Development Corporation where he acted as its Executive Director and served on their board.

He served in numerous key volunteer roles with the United Way of Dane County, and as mentor to several of its top executives.

"We also congratulate Brad on volunteering at Ingleside Communities Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility in Mt. Horeb," said Rotary. "He interviews the 'Resident of the Month' for their newsletter and writes their life stories for their friends and families. Brad finds it rewarding to capture and preserve essential elements of their lives which otherwise may have never been recorded. He has written 45 life stories to date."

LINE

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and affordable by increasing capacity and reducing congestion on the transmission grid. In addition, the new line is improving the reliability and flexibility of the region's transmission system, and providing other economic and public policy benefits."

The line has been at the center of a lengthy and heated debate, with opponents trying to prevent the line from being built near houses and businesses for fear it will depress property values, and others fighting to prevent the line from being built in wilderness areas where they say it mars the Driftless region's picturesque landscape. Many local individuals and boards went on the record opposing the line, but in truth, those same bodies' commitment to land development and population growth made this line, and others, nearly inevitable as the deep-pocketed groups charged with moving power pursue new infrastructure to serve more homes and businesses.

The Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project was initially approved in 2011 as part of a set of Multi-Value Projects (MVPs) by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), the independent, not-for-profit regional transmission grid planning agency and transmission system operator that oversees the regional electric transmission grid in portions of the Upper Midwest. Supporters said the project was "designed to improve transmission system reliability and provide a wide range of benefits, including relieving congestion on the transmission system to reduce energy costs and providing greater access to lower-cost renewable generation sources."

The project was approved by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in September 2019, and by the Iowa Utilities Commission in May 2020. The decision was challenged in state and federal courts, and the battle continued for years, even as work on the line continued. It has been up in Mount Horeb for two years now.

The Village of Mount Horeb was given a $47,882 one-time payment and $5,746 annual payments for the line's local placement. The Town of Blue Mounds received a $423,075 one-time payment and $50,769 annually. The Town of Springdale received a $271,129 one-time payment and a $32,535 annual payment.

Supporters of the line have long touted its ability to bring renewable wind energy to local homes and businesses. They say that as of June of this year, there were 160 renewable generation projects in Wisconsin, Iowa and other Upper Midwestern states "representing more than 24.5 gigawatts dependent upon completion of the Cardinal-Hickory Creek line – enough to power millions of homes and businesses with lower cost, clean energy."

The western segment of the line, built and operated by ITC Midwest, runs from ITC Midwest's Hickory Creek Substation near New Vienna, Iowa, to ATC's new Hill Valley Substation near Montfort, Wisconsin. The eastern segment, which cuts through the Mount Horeb area, was built and operated by ATC and connects the Hill Valley Substation to the Cardinal Substation near Middleton, Wisconsin, and became operational in December 2023.

"Following years of work, including numerous opportunities for public input, extensive regulatory and environmental review, and construction, the entire Cardinal-Hickory Creek line has been placed in service. This allows the project to begin providing numerous economic benefits for electric consumers and environmental benefits for the entire region," said ITC Midwest President Dusky Terry. "We are especially grateful to the landowners, federal agency officials, and local leaders who worked diligently with us to make this project possible. We offer particular thanks to our construction crews for building the line safely and in full compliance with comprehensive environmental standards."

"We are pleased that the Cardinal-Hickory Creek line has been placed into service and electric consumers can now receive the full benefits of this significant project," said ATC Senior Vice President of Construction and Maintenance Jared Winters. "The Cardinal-Hickory Creek line will provide access to lower-cost energy, improved reliability, and support for the interconnection of renewable generation resources across the Upper Midwest."

"The safe completion of Cardinal-Hickory Creek is a victory for energy consumers and the environment," said Dairyland Power Cooperative President & CEO Brent Ridge. "As a backbone interconnection, the line will finally serve as the vital link to a long waiting list of regional renewable energy projects. While supporting carbon reduction goals, Cardinal-Hickory Creek also strengthens grid reliability and resilience at a time of great change in the energy industry."

"The Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project is the essential bridge that enables renewable energy to be brought to market, resulting in a significant reduction in carbon emissions. Governments, corporations, other organizations pursuing sustainability goals and electric consumers are fueling the demand for clean, renewable energy," said the joint statement. "The federal government and states including Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota have all adopted policies to promote the development of renewable energy resources. These goals can only be accomplished by building the necessary electric transmission infrastructure to connect renewable energy production with consumers, notably the Cardinal-Hickory Creek project."

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Springdale town planning commission backs pair of proposals

By Steve Matyas
Mount Horeb Mail

At a meeting held on September 23rd, the Town of Springdale Plan Commission discussed and recommended for approval two proposals.

The first proposal called for the addition of a 10'x20' accessory building to a lot located at 9091 Ridgeview Rd. Property owner Jeff Barker informed the commission that the building, obtained from his late father-in-law's estate is on skids and would be towed onto the lot. It would not be configured for electrical or water consumption.

In response to a question form Town Board member Wayne Hefty, commission chair Amy Jester pointed out that as long as square footage of buildings on a lot do not exceed 30 percent of the lot's available coverage, no issues with this proposal were presented. Town Board Chair John Rosenbaum added that exceptions applying to the addition of existing buildings further enhanced the chances of approval.

The second issue concerned the withdrawal of a precious request for lot line adjustment, re-zoning, and surveying of property at 8177 County Highway G. Commission member Adam Carrico, owner of the property, asked that a concept plan change he had previously submitted be stricken and the original plan, approved in February 2021 and consistent with the town use plan in place at that time, be reverted to. Both proposals were approved by the Town Board, with Cahir Rosenbaum emphasizing the need for the Barker building to comply with the prohibition of commercial activity in the new building.

SURVEY

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1980 and includes topics related to health and nutrition, alcohol and other drug use, emotional and mental health, sexual activity and knowledge, bullying experience, out-of-school time activities, employment, and many other risk and positive behaviors engaged in by youth in the Dane County community.

"The Dane County Youth Assessment is a community asset that provides important insights into our youth's attitudes and experiences," said Dane County Department of Human Services Interim Director Astra Iheukumere. "While some behaviors returned to pre-pandemic levels, we are encouraged to see mental health indicators like anxiety, depression, and suicide ideation in decline. Dane County has and will continue to prioritize improving access to mental health services in our community so all feel welcome and able to connect to these beneficial resources."

Takeaways from the DCYA include, but are not limited to, the following:

Family & Home

9.7 percent of all 9th-12th graders report skipping meals or eating less at least once in the past 30 days because their family did not have enough money for food. Youth reported 8.4 percent in 2021, 12.0 percent in 2018 and 12.1 percent in 2015.

5.8 percent of 9th-12th graders said they or a family member were recent immigrants to the U.S. Another 3.5 percent said they weren't sure. In 2021, 3.5 percent said they were recent immigrants and 3.2 percent weren't sure.

Physical Health

94.6 percent of high school students report being physically active for 60 minutes at least one or more days per week, slightly higher than 2021 at 88.2 percent and 2018 at 91.2 percent. However, 25.9 percent of high school youth are active 1-2 times per week or less.

Students that report staying up late or sleeping less than nine hours per night four or more school nights are far more likely to say they struggle with homework: 62.5 percent struggle with homework compared to 42.3 percent of all other high school youth.

Mental & Emotional Health

43.8 percent of high school females and 21.3 percent of high school males report having these feelings of anxiety often or always. Anxiety among females is down from 2021 (53.8 percent), after of 15 years of increases. Anxiety among males in nearly the same as 2021 (23.4 percent).

For gender expansive students, anxiety levels remain very high but slightly lower for 2024 (70.5 percent) compared to 2021 (75.9 percent).

High school youth whose families are struggling financially are more anxious (69.4 percent) than students who say money is not a problem for their family right now (27.1 percent).

Levels of depression are lower for White students (23.0 percent) compared to other racial groups: African American at 34.2 percent; Hispanic at 33.2 percent; and Multi-racial at 32.6 percent.

13.6 percent of all 7th-12th grade youth report having suicidal thoughts (ideation) during the past 12 months. This is lower than previous years: 2021 was 20.2 percent; 2018 was 20.7 percent; and 2015 was 18.7 percent. 2012 was even lower than 2024 at 12.3 percent.

61.8 percent of high school students who are at high risk of depressive disorder (based on the PHQ-2 scale mentioned in the DCYA) are not receiving mental health services.

Problematic Internet Use

An incredible 89.7 percent of the loneliest youth (often/very often feel lonely) say they lose motivation due to the internet.

Optimism About Themselves

Youth most likely to feel optimism were males (52.3 percent) compared to female (45.6 percent) and compared to gender expansive youth (39.9 percent).

School Experience

Struggles with homework vary by race. 49.4 percent of White, 62.0 percent of Black/African American, 66.5 percent of Latinx, and 51.6 percent of Asian high school youth "Agree" that they struggle getting homework done.

34.1 percent of high school youth reported they had skipped or missed scheduled class at least once in the past 30 days. This is slightly higher than 33.6 percent during COVID-19 in 2021 and much higher than 2018 at 20.9 percent.

Out-of-School Time

High school youth looking for work but unable to find employment had been declining since 2009 but increased to 21.4 percent in 2021 and has stayed higher in 2024 (20.4 percent).

33.0 percent of high school youth were involved in music, art or drama, down from 40.5 percent in 2021.

How much youth talk about racial inequality varies depending on the rural or urban location of the school. 9.0 percent of students in rural schools said they talked about racial inequality a lot and 21.7 percent of urban students said they talked about it a lot.

Bullying

48 percent of 7th-8th grade students and 28.9 percent of high school students reported being the target of some face-to-face bullying in 2024. These numbers are similar to the pre-COVID-19 2018 percentages of 48.9 percent for middle school and 35.7 percent for high school. Reports of face-to-face bullying decreased precipitously in 2021, largely because students weren't face-to-face with each other nearly as often as usual in 2021, the height of the COVID pandemic.

High school students reported lower levels of electronic bullying and harassment in 2024 (17.3 percent) after nearly identical percentages in 2018 (20.2) and 2021 (20.8).

Experiences of Violence

47.4 percent of physically abused high school youth have had some suicidal ideation compared to 13.9 percent suicidal ideation reported by all high school youth.

59.1 percent of high school youth say they have dated or "gone out" with someone in the last 12 months, significantly higher than 2021 (44.5 percent). 8.2 percent of high school youth who are dating report that their partner put them down, calling them names, telling them no one wanted them, or they were ugly. 63.1 percent of these students are female.

6.9 percent of all 9th-12th grade youth report they have been forced, either verbally or physically, to take part in a sexual activity at least once in their lifetime. It rises to 9.4 percent for all high school females and rises sharply to 23.0 percent for youth who identify as gender expansive.

Tobacco, Alcohol, & Drug Use

25.7 percent of 9th-12th graders report there is a "Slight to no risk" to e-cigarette use daily compared to 55.4 percent in 2018.

25.6 percent of high school youth report drinking alcohol in the past 12 months compared to 22.9 percent in 2021 (during COVID-19), 30.9 percent in 2018, 34.8 percent in 2015 and 43.1 percent in 2012.

69.2 percent of high school youth with prescription drugs in their home say they can access them easily like in a bathroom cabinet or kitchen counter. This is much higher than 2021 at 56.5 percent and somewhat higher than 2018 at 60.3 percent.

Sexual Behaviors

27.1 percent of 9th graders who have had intercourse report they "Never" use birth control compared to 5.5 percent of 12th graders.

68.0 percent of all 9th-12th grade youth report having "had a good talk with their parents" about healthy dating relationships, 54.3 percent report having had a conversation about having sex, and 44.8 percent about preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.

The DCYA is a "collaborative effort led by the Dane County Youth Commission in partnership with the United Way of Dane County, Public Health Madison & Dane County, the City of Madison, and county schools."



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

Mt. Horeb High School Homecoming! Parade at 2:45pm; football game at 7:00pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER. 5

Sons of Norway, Vennelag Lodge, host fall breakfast at Community Center, 107 N. Grove Street, 7:30-11:00am.

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

NOTE: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, nutritious lunches are offered at the Mt. Horeb Senior Center at 11:15am. Call 608-437-6902 to reserve or cancel a meal two days in advance. Suggested donation is $4.50/meal for those 60+.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Mt. Horeb Area School District referendum presentation at Town of Vermont meeting, 7:00pm

Mt. Horeb Area School District referendum presentation at Town of Primrose meeting, 7:30pm

TUESDAY, OCTOER 8

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

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

Mt. Horeb Area School District referendum presentation at Town of Blue Mounds, 7:00pm

Mt. Horeb Area School District referendum presentation at Town of Perry meeting 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Blood Pressure Check, 10:00-11:00am, Senior Center

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

Mt. Horeb Area School District referendum presentation at Village of Blue Mounds meeting 6:30pm

Fink's Cafe, serving senior meals, 11:00am-1:00pm. Reservations not needed

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

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

Methodist church hosts annual Pasty Day event

Advance orders are now being accepted for delicious Cornish pasties, which can be picked up at the Mount Horeb United Methodist Church Annual Pasty Day Sale Saturday, October 19.

A Cornish pasty is a baked pastry filled with meat and vegetables whose origins are associated with Cornwall, England. A pasty is made by placing filling on rolled-out pastry dough, folding the pastry to wrap the filling, crimping the edge to form a seal, and baking. Pasties originally served as a working lunch for miners to take underground. They make for an easy, quick and fulfilling meal that can be frozen until needed.

Pasties may be ordered and paid for online through Wednesday, October 16, by visiting the church website at www.umcmh.org, emailing the church office at office@umcmh.org, or by calling 608.845.5148. Purchasers should provide their name, phone number and quantity of each variety they are ordering.

Pasties are baked that day and should be picked up and paid for anytime between 3-6 p.m., Saturday, October 19, at the church, located at 9542 County Highway S. Use the north entrance in back and enter fellowship hall to the right.

Mount Horeb United Methodist Church has been holding its annual Pasty Day fundraiser for more than 35 years.

Located at the corner of highways S and 78, Mount Horeb United Methodist Church has been serving Mount Horeb and the surrounding community for 170 years. As a Reconciling Congregation, MHUMC celebrates the inclusive love of Christ and embraces the image of God in all humanity regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, race, sex, ability, ethnicity, education, faith tradition, family structure, political affiliation, social class, physical or mental health. All are welcome to attend worship in person or online Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Go to http://www.umcmh.org for more information.

Knights of Columbus will honor Clerkins

Charter Knights of Columbus member Leo Clerkin and his wife, Norene, will be honored Oct. 6 at the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast fundraiser sponsored by the Ridgeway/Barneveld Knights of Columbus. The breakfast will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon and will help raise money to support diocesan seminarians as well as St. Bernadette Parish and community projects. For more information, contact Jim Massey at 608-574-8011.

Evers announces HOMES program

Tony Evers has joined U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Jennifer Granholm and Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) Chairperson Summer Strand in Milwaukee to announce the launch of the Home Efficiency Rebate (HOMES) Program. Wisconsin is the first state in the nation to launch the HOMES Program to deliver rebates to households undertaking whole-home, energy-saving improvements under the new program. Gov. Evers also announced Wisconsin received federal approval of its Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate (HEAR) Program application, meaning Wisconsin residents will soon be able to access "instant discounts on purchases of efficient electric home appliances and equipment."

SUGAR RIVER EUCHRE

Sugar River Euchre League's 93rd Season to Begin October 2nd

By Stan Hook
Sugar River Euchre

It's finally here, another season of euchre. This., the 93rd season of the Sugar River Euchre League will see 10 teams battle it out once again for bragging rights, and the right to have their team's name engraved on the traveling trophy.

To start the season off, a captains' meeting was held on September 19th at the Kurniki's Bar in Pine Bluff to elect officers and to finalize this year's schedule. Jerome Krantz was re-elected as league president, Tom Magnuson as treasurer and Stan Hook as secretary. Team captains, Opie Taylor, Don Field, Jerome Krantz, Tom Magnuson, Chris Hook, Ernie Sarbacker, Jerry Judd, Kendal Wenger, Kurt Wedig and Stan Hook have their teams fired up and are ready to euchre their opponents.

Good luck everyone and may the best team win.

October 2 Schedule
Uff-Da @ Trolls (7:00)
Hay Shakers @ Shufflers (7:00)
Pranksters @ Pipe Benders (7:30)
Express @ Cowboys (7:00)
River Rats @ Cheese Eaters (7:00)

RECREATION NOTES

Are you looking for some spooky fun? We are seeking volunteers for our annual Creepy Crawl on October 24th. Interested individuals should contact Megan at 437-3400 or mhrec@mounthorebwi.info for more details.Nothing for your child to do on the next early release day? Look no further! Our painting class, for ages 5-13, is just the thing to keep your youngest artist engaged in a fun atmosphere. and Participants will create a painting of a spooky Halloween scene using acrylic paint on a 16 x 20 canvas. The instructor will walk children through the painting step by step, but each child will put their own personal touch on their project. The date for this class is Monday, October 14th (Mount Horeb Schools early release day) from 1:00-3:00 PM. Resident fee is $50, and non-resident fee $60. Registration deadline is October 9th.

Are you looking for a fun, recreational basketball league for your 3rd-6th grader? Then sign up today through the Mount Horeb Recreation Department. Our 3rd grade teams will be joining the Dairyland Basketball League and our 4th-6th grade teams will join the Big Ten Basketball League. There will be one weekday practice and one to two weekend games. Practices for the Dairyland League will begin in November and Big Ten practices will begin in December. Resident fee for 3rd grade is $60 and $70 for non-resident (this league is approximately 10 weeks). Registration fee for 4th-6th grades is $70 for residents and $80 for non-residents (this league is approximately 12 weeks). Registration deadlines: 3rd grade=October 4th , 4th-6th grade=November 21st.

HOW TO REGISTER: There are multiple ways to register for programs and activities.
Online (go to https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/mhrd)
In-person at 105 N. Grove Street
Place completed form and payment in 24-hour drop box
Email completed form and payment to mhrec@mounthorebwi.info

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES
Bricktopia Tall Towers {YEL!} (10/3)
Painting Class (10/9)
Junior Basketball Camp – 2nd/3rd graders {YEL!} (10/8)
Indoor Pickleball (10/27)
Martial Arts Session 3 (10/28)
Taekwondo – Little Lions (10/31)

OBITUARIES

Joyce Louise Burt Lyle



September 24, 2024- MOUNT HOREB- Joyce Louise Burt Lyle, age 76, has passed out of this world and transitioned into the next life. Joyce passed away in Verona, Wis., on Sept. 24, 2024, due to complications from cerebrovascular dementia. She was born in Austin, Texas, to Leonard Lilburn Burt and Mildred Pauline Burt (Banks). The oldest of three children, Joyce reinvented herself throughout her life, awakening new talents and abilities along the way.

Joyce attended Austin High School but graduated from the newly opened Reagan High School in 1966. She then turned her natural ability to care for and comfort others into a career by graduating from Brackenridge School of Nursing and becoming a Registered Nurse (RN). One week later, Joyce married the love of her life, Jack Witherspoon Lyle, in Austin, Texas, on Aug. 9, 1969. They were married for over 55 years.

Joyce first worked in the pediatric ICU at Brackenridge Hospital where she saw up close how fragile life truly was. She then stepped away from nursing for a time when she and Jack welcomed a daughter, Amy Dyane, in 1971 and a son, Brian Christopher, two years later. Joyce was a devoted mother who understood that unconditional love, time for play, and reading to your children from infancy were of the utmost importance.

Joyce made sure that Amy and Brian were able to pursue their interests by driving them to and from hundreds of piano and ballet lessons, volleyball, soccer, baseball, and football practices and games.

Joyce was a second mother to many of Amy and Brian's friends. She also provided unconditional care and support to anyone who crossed her path throughout her life.

During her nursing career, Joyce worked in pediatric and adult primary care clinics, at a treatment home for children who had experienced trauma, and eventually became a certified massage therapist, starting her own business. She later trained in Kundalini yoga and meditation, becoming a certified instructor in both, teaching classes for children and adults. Towards the end of her career, Joyce worked as a hospice nurse in Austin and the surrounding Hill Country, finally retiring from Agrace HospiceCare in Wisconsin, where she and Jack had moved to be closer to family.

Joyce loved nature and the natural world, especially water. Joyce was a lifelong learner of spiritual practices and an artist, like her mother. She enjoyed reading and writing poetry, singing, watercolors, and making quilts with friends. She never stopped learning.

Joyce will be loved and missed forever by so many who were touched by her gentle spirit and loving presence.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and their spouses, Leonard and Mary Burt and Mildred and Donald Banks; and her sister, Linda Burt.

Joyce is survived by the rock of the family, her husband, Jack Lyle of Mount Horeb, Wis.; daughter, Amy Lyle (Ashley Green) of Mount Horeb, Wis.; son, Brian Lyle (Colleen Walsh Lyle) of Katonah, N.Y.; brother, David Burt (Rebecca Burt) of Kempner, Texas; her beloved grandchildren, Madelyn, Brendan, Ayden, and Kait; brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and many loving and dear friends, as near as Mount Horeb, and as far away as Texas and Maine.

The family would like to thank Dr. Peggy Simpson - SSM Health, Lisa Aders, Jim Raab, and all of the wonderful staff at Four Winds in Verona, as well as Brittany Hudziak and the staff of Agrace HospiceCare for their compassion and care for Joyce and her family.

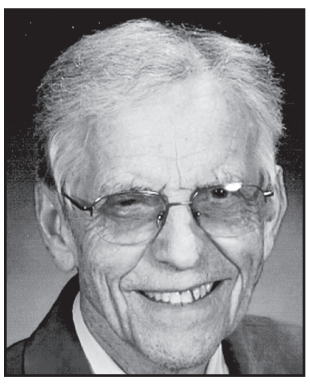
A celebration of Joyce's life is planned for Spring 2025.

Libraries were a safe haven for Joyce throughout her life, and she instilled a love for reading and libraries in her children from a very young age. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joyce's memory may be made by check to the Mount Horeb Public Library, 105 Perimeter Road, Mount Horeb, WI 53572.

Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Dr. Maxwell Judah Rosenbaum





Feb. 12, 1925-
Sept. 18, 2024

Dr. Maxwell Judah Rosenbaum, 99, of Madison, passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at his home. He was born February 12, 1925 to Louis and Clara Rosenbaum in Brooklyn, NY. They later moving to Fitchburg, MA where Max graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1943, and was drafted in the U.S. Army in September of that year.

Max served for the 106th Cavalry Group, 121st Squadron, Troop A as a radio operator and assistant driver of an armored reconnaissance vehicle in General Patton's Third Army and was seriously wounded fighting in France. After convalescing, Max enrolled at UW Madison in the Fall of 1945. Graduating in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ag-Bacteriology, Max went on to earn a Masters of Science degree in Public Health and Microbiology at the UMass - Amherst and a PhD in Microbiology from the University of Illinois-Chicago. Max completed his Post Doctoral work at Yale.

One of the first people Max met in Madison was Betty Underwood, who worked in the VA office on campus. They were married in Dec 26, 1951 in Madison and later remarried in the traditional Hebrew tradition in Fitchburg, MA. They moved to Waukegan, IL for Max's job as an Assistant Immunologist and later Virology Chief with Naval Medical Research at Great Lakes Naval Station, and in the 1970s moved to Vermont Township in western Dane County when Max took a job as the Biological Safety Officer for UW-Madison. They lived in their beloved country home until 2007, when they decided they wanted to be closer to Madison. In 2021, they celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary.

Max was a very learned man, but also had a childlike wonder at the world and a twinkle in his eye. He and Betty didn't have children, so they adopted all of the nieces and nephews as their own, and he was a beloved uncle to all of us. He and Betty loved animals and had many dogs and cats, and they spoiled everyone. They were both vibrant and active well into their 90s.

Max was a member and cantor at Beth Israel in Madison, and his faith was very important to him. He was also a proud member of VFW and American Legion of Mt Horeb. He was able to go on a 2014 Badger Honor Flight, which was a great joy for him.

Max is preceded in death by his parents, wife, Betty, his brother, Morris, his sister Renee (Harry) Berry, in-laws Sarah Rosenbaum, Lyle (Dorothy Mae) Underwood, LeRoy (Lou) Underwood, Don (June) Underwood, Chet (Lee) Underwood, George (Belle) Underwood, Ruth (Fitch) Taylor and nieces Miriam Benard and Sarah Hirsch. He is survived by a brother Marvin, brother-in-law, Paul (Sara) Underwood, and a large family of nieces and nephews and their families.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all of the caregivers who helped Max and Betty live dignified lives on their own terms, especially Betty, Natalie, Cindy, Kristen, Anya and Danny.

A memorial service was held at 10:00 am on October 1, 2024 at Cress Funeral Home, 3610 Speedway Road Madison, WI 53705. Visitation was held from 9:00 am until the time of service.

We welcome you to share your thoughts and memories on Maxwell's Tribute Wall at: www.CressFuneralService.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Democracy has been revitalized by new maps, but process is still 'mired in partisanship'

Dear editor,

Gerrymandering has been addressed, with current district maps offering a more competitive landscape for Wisconsin elections. The new maps were adopted because of a new balance of judicial power on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. This was precipitated by the election of Janet Protasiewicz, who was elected in 2012.

The maps have served to breathe new life into Wisconsin's election cycle. Previously there were many legislative races which were unopposed due to the highly partisan maps created in 2010 when Republicans controlled the legislature, the executive branch and a had a sympathetic conservative Supreme Court.

In 2022, ninety seats were unopposed. The dynamics of noncompetitive districts was curtailment of political dialog, and a legislative make up which was frozen in time. Now, in 2024, eighty two out of ninety-nine assembly races have competitive elections. Compare that with 2016 when only 50 seats had competitive elections.

In 2024, a newly revitalized democracy has been realized in Wisconsin. However, the process for creating maps is still mired in partisanship.

On Sunday, October 6, at 2PM, there will be a free forum at the Mount Horeb Community/Senior Center at 2PM. (The Community is located at 107 N Grove Street, in downtown Mount Horeb). The forum will provide insight on how Wisconsin can codify the process of non-partisan districting. The speaker for the forum is Nick Ramos, Executive Director of Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, (WDC). This free forum is sponsored by the local Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives. Ramos will also discuss the dangers of a diminished democracy posed by the November Wisconsin Constitutional Referendum.

Sincerely,
Tim White
Mount Horeb

CHURCH NOTES

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Rev. Robert Butz- Parish Administrator
St. Ignatius Catholic Church
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608-437-5348
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Tuesday thru Friday - 8:00 am
Sat. 5:00 pm
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
10070 Spring Valley Dr., Mount Horeb
Mass: Sunday 8:00 am

Vermont Lutheran Church-ELCA
9886 Vermont Church Road
Black Earth, WI 53515
www.vermontlutheran.org
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church
2962 Church St.,Blue Mounds
608-437-3493
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Worship: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, 10:00 am

Countryside News

By Jerry Davis
Countryside News

When fully grown, a tomato (or tobacco) hookworm is 3-4 inches long, light green, and has a spine on the posterior end and a feeding mouth on the anterior end. The spots on the sides are fake eyes, but look real to mimic a snake apparently to protect the larva from being attacked by birds.

This larva becomes a moth, which lays eggs on plants in the nightshade family, including potatoes, tomatoes, peppers and weeds in this group. Usually one or several may be found in a garden and can be destroyed by simply snipping them in half if they can be found among the green leaves. They eat fruits of tomatoes and peppers, too.



Tomato hooksworms eat leaves, stems and fruits of nightshade family plants, including hot peppers.



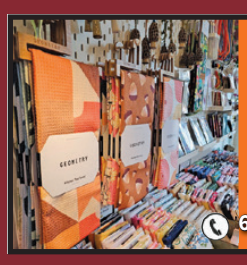
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MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health and Wellness Fall Festival took place on Saturday, September 21st at Tyrol Basin with activities, exhibitors and presentations



Colleen Condon explored ancient embodiment practices, with deep ancestral lineages, designed to "uplift the mind, open the heart and create access to inner joy." Ecstatic Dance (free-form movement to music) is found in cultures throughout the world, throughout time. It can also be found in the present moment when we allow our body to move (or not move) organically to a rhythm, sound, vibration, feeling, or experience.



Yoga was taught by Sarah Goldsmith.



Rachel Aquino enjoyed a horseback ride.



Laura Mengar MSW, LCSW, CSAC, from Healing in Rhythm, explored some of the differences between approaches to horses and equine therapies, including "ethical and safety considerations." She demonstrated a few ways of being with horses that "can offer support, insight, healing, and growth to participants." Photos by Ron Lutz II.

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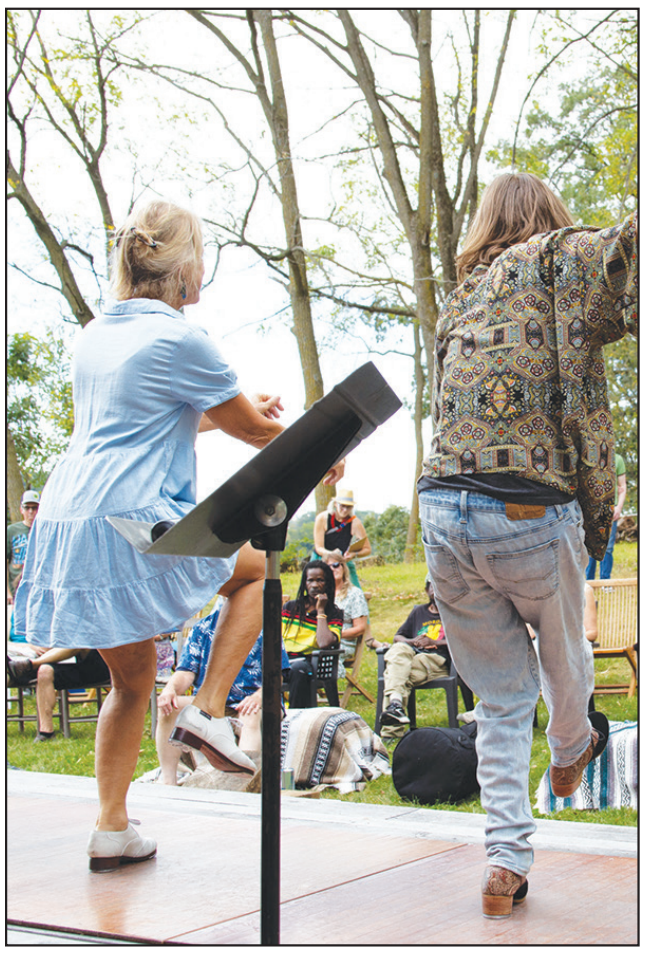
'A Breath of Fresh Art: Democracy in Life and Art' took place September 21 at Primrose Retreat



TNW Ensemble Theater's Danielle Dresden and Donna Peckett.



Glenn Reynolds and Art Shegonee. © All photos by Baran Ataei/ Baranataei.com.



Host Katherine Kramer (left) dances for the crowd.



Tani Diakite and the Afrofunkstars.



The Stop and Listen.



Poet James Botsford.



A painting by Lael Sheber.

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No shame in second

Mount Horeb golfers have another terrific year in the Badger Small

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

There's no shame in second.

That's how Mount Horeb's girls golf team felt after another terrific season inside the Badger Small Conference.

The Vikings finished second behind Madison Edgewood at the conference meet held Sept. 24 at Christmas Mountain Village Golf Course in Wisconsin Dells. The Crusaders won the event with a 372, while the Vikings shot a 390.

Mount Horeb was also second behind Edgewood during the dual meet season, meaning when the two events were added together, the Vikings finished second in the league's overall standings.

"We have nothing to be disappointed about finishing second in conference as it was another very successful season for us one year after

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Mount Horeb's girls golf team of (from left) Alexa Vesely, Emma Olsen, Delaina Nicewander, Ella Baber, Lainy Hesseling and Coach Nolan Krentz finished second in the Badger Small Conference. Photo submitted

MOUNT HOREB/BARNEVELD 30, SAUK PRAIRIE 7

Defense powers MH-B past Sauk

Vikings have won 22 straight in Badger Small

by DAN LARSON
Sports Reporter

PRAIRIE du SAC — Big plays on offense are the calling card for Mount Horeb/Barneveld's football team, and the Vikings got a few of those Friday night against Sauk Prairie.

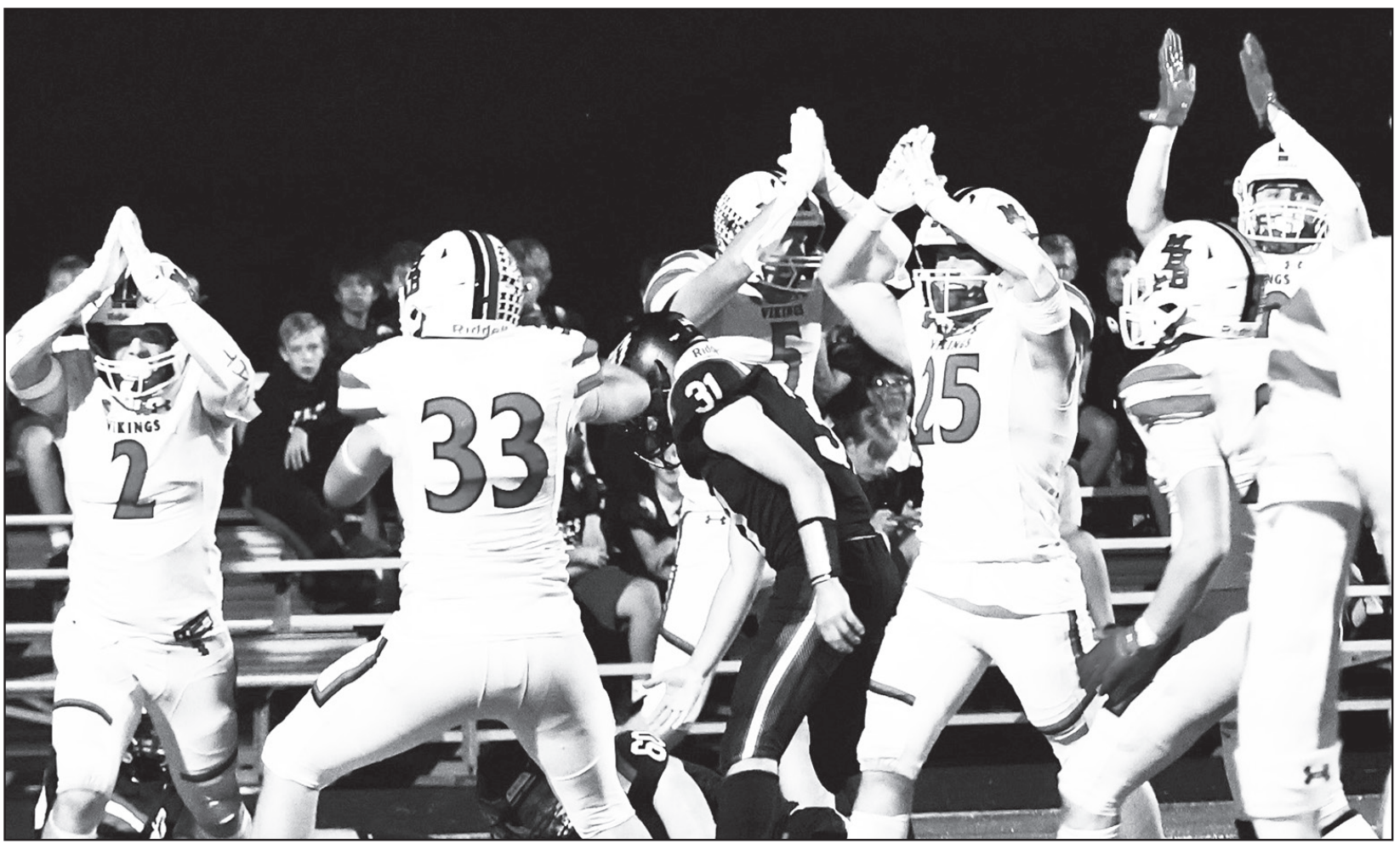
Defense is also a big part of their identity, though, and ultimately it was the defense that fueled a convincing 30-7 win over the host Eagles.

MH-B's defense allowed just one touchdown and picked up the slack when the offense sputtered in the second half.

The Vikings improved to 6-0 overall, stayed atop the Badger Small Conference at 4-0 and won their 22nd straight league game.

Sauk Prairie's (3-3, 2-2) lone score in the contest was a 2-yard plunge by Lawson Maier with 2:17 gone by in the second quarter after the Eagles took over at MHB's 5-yard-line following an interception.

"They've played phenomenal all year," MH-B quarterback Brooks Hendrickson said of his team's defense pitching what was in effect a shutout. "We said at the end of the game, if the offense didn't play it's a 2-0 game. It's on me, that pick."



Safety dance!

The Mount Horeb/Barneveld football team celebrates after notching a safety against Sauk Prairie last Friday. Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

The offense did, of course, play. And despite a lackluster final 24 minutes, it did more than enough to win by a comfortable margin.

But it was the defense that made sure things never got too close for comfort in the second half.

"It seemed like our defense was on the field a lot, but our defense rose to the occasion," MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld said. "Sometimes the defense has to bail you out, and there's going to be times where the offense has to bail you out. That's just the way it is."

The Vikings, ranked No. 3 in the WisSports.net Division 3 coaches poll, took a 14-0 lead thanks to a pair of first-quarter touchdown runs by lightning-fast senior Owen Preimesberger.

But Hendrickson's interception, returned 30 yards by Eagles' senior defensive back Trent Backeberg, let

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Vikings' spikers second at Edgewood

Mount Horeb shines at star-studded invitational

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor



Silver sluggers

Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team finished in second place at the Madison Edgewood Invitational last Saturday. Photo submitted

The Edgewood Invitational Saturday featured six of the top-66 teams in the state, according to MaxPreps.

There were stellar teams and star players in every corner of the gym.

So the fact Mount Horeb finished second left the Vikings extremely excited about where their season is headed.

Mount Horeb reached the championship match, but Edgewood prevailed and captured the title at its own tournament with a thrilling 29-27, 23-25, 15-9 win.

"The ladies played really well on Saturday and they are playing high level volleyball right now," Mount Horeb coach Josh Smelzer said. "I had referees and opposing team coaches and parents compliment me on how good our team is, which is really wonderful to hear."

The Vikings were the No. 2 seed in bracket play, and opened the day with a 25-17, 25-10 win over Madison West.

Mount Horeb then bested No. 1 seeded DeForest 25-17, 26-28, 15-11 to win their bracket and advance to the Gold bracket.

In the semifinals, the Vikings defeated Grafton — the No. 8 ranked team in Division 2 —

25-17, 25-20, 15-11 to move to the championship match.

The Vikings then drew Edgewood — a team they defeated just nine days ago in a five set match — in the championship.

"This was another really good match," Smelzer said.

Boy, was it ever.

Mount Horeb had a big lead in the first set, but Edgewood fought back and won 29-27. Edgewood jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the second set, but the Vikings rallied back and prevailed, 25-23.

In the third set, Mount Horeb had a 6-4 lead before Edgewood went on a run and eventually captured the set, 15-9.

Jayse Holman led the Vikings with 29 kills, and added nine blocks and eight aces. Ruby Dahlk had 28 kills, six assists and 27 digs, while Finley Moore had 25 kills and 12 blocks.

Laila Rasmussen had 94 assists and seven aces, while Kennedy Myers had had 37 digs and eight assists. Morgan Monroe pitched in with 26 digs, Lizzy Mesenberg had nine aces and Eliza Zweifel had seven blocks.

Mount Horeb also notched a thrilling 25-21, 25-23, 22-25, 25-22 win over Stoughton on Sept. 26. Mount Horeb improved to 15-5 overall and 5-0 in the Badger Small Conference.

Both teams entered the match undefeated in Badger Small Conference play and ranked in the top-20 in Division 2, according to MaxPreps.

In the first set, Mount Horeb built leads of 19-15 and 21-17, but Stoughton crept back within 23-21. Jayse Holman followed with a kill, though, and Kennedy Myers had an ace as Mount Horeb captured the first set.

The second set was knotted, 8-8, when Lizzy Mesenberg dug a Stoughton attack right to Laila Rasmussen who set up Ella Kahl for a kill. Mesenberg then followed with back to back aces, which forced Stoughton to take a timeout trailing, 11-8.

Stoughton had a run of its own and surged to a 16-15 lead, but Mount Horeb answered with a 6-2 burst to take a 21-18 lead.

With Stoughton serving and trailing, 24-23, Kennedy Myers passed a serve to Laila Rasmussen, who set up Eliza Zweifel for a kill to give Mount Horeb a 25-23 win in the second set.

Stoughton bounced back and captured the third set, 25-21.

In the fourth set, though, Mount Horeb used a late 8-2 run to turn a 17-16 deficit into a 24-19 lead.

Stoughton battled back within 24-22, but Finley Moore fed Laila Rasmussen, who set up Jayse Holman for a kill that gave Mount Horeb the match.

Dahlk led Mount Horeb with 14 kills, four blocks, 12 digs and three aces, while Holman had 12 kills and Ella Kahl added 11 kills.

Rasmussen had 42 assists and two blocks, while Myers had 18 digs and two aces. Moore had six blocks — the second highest total in a single match in school history — while Monroe had 14 digs and Mesenberg added three aces.



Courtney Monroe helped Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team finish second at the Madsion Edgewood Invitational. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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Vikings' girls shine at Midwest Invite

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Timing is everything, especially in cross country.

And Mount Horeb's girls cross country team picked the perfect time to put together its finest race of the year.

The Vikings traveled to the 46-team, star-studded Midwest Invite in Janesville last Saturday and finished 10th as a team. Neenah won the invite with just 70 points, while the Vikings finished with 324 points.

"Midwest went really well for us," Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said. "We had a heavier week of practice, so I was curious to see how they would perform. Janesville is a meet that we really gear up for. There were over 50 teams there this year and several that we've been wanting to run against.

"The girls' varsity group put together what I think was their best race of the season so far. As far as I know, it's the first time a Mount Horeb girls team has ever put three runners under 20 minutes."

"We finished with about 70 fewer points than our girls did at this meet last year, and were able to run ahead of some of our state-ranked rivals like Monroe and Dodge-Point."

Mount Horeb freshman Mia Caygill was 22nd overall, completing the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 8.40 seconds. Sophomore Willa Vigliotta was 29th (19:31.90), sophomore Julia Straka was 43rd (19:56.20), sophomore Maeve True was 91st (20:56.40) and freshman Emily Wittenwyler was 139th (21:45.90).

"Mia had a huge race with a big personal best time that gives her the third fastest girls 5k time in team history," Chancellor said. "Willa ran very well. She's been cross training for most of the last few weeks out of caution with a small injury we were worried about, so for her to run that fast on very little running-specific practice is impressive.

"Julia and Maeve both had what were likely the best races of their careers, breaking 20 minutes and 21 minutes for the first time. Emily Wittenwyler looked really strong as our fifth runner. She started out a little more conservatively than many of her teammates, but was able to move up really well in the second half of the race to get under 22 minutes for the first time."

Mount Horeb's boys were 43rd out of 52 teams.

Sophomore Samuel Wyse led the Vikings with a time of 18:19.90 and finished 210th overall. Senior James Zwettler was 221st (18:25.80), senior Jack Zwettler was 249th (18:49.20), senior Noah Gibbs was 259th (18:55.80) and sophomore Jaxon Hughes was 275th (19:07.60).

"Our boys team keeps improving and five of our varsity seven ran personal best times," Chancellor said. "Our top five — largely made up of the same group of boys — averaged 1:07 faster than they did at this meet in 2023. That's a big improvement and speaks to the work these guys are doing and the way they're racing.

"Sam Wyse and James Zwettler both had breakthrough races to lead us. I was expecting that Sam would run about what he did, but James' race came as a big surprise. Although he's been running well this season, he's been consistently behind Sam and Jack Zwettler in races even though the three practice together.

"Jack was right with Sam and James for most of this race, but redlined in the last half mile and fell off the pack. I think he was disappointed, but the race he ran would have been a PR only a month, which speaks to how far he's come this season.

"Noah Gibbs had a really important race for the team on Saturday and ran a career best in the process. He paced the effort really well and, with his time, got us four guys under 19 minutes for the first time in a couple of years. Noah was able to pull Jaxon Hughes along for most of the race. Although Jaxon fell off Noah in the last mile, he was able to run a nice career best-time too."



Mount Horeb freshman Mia Caygill was 22nd overall at the star-studded Midwest Invitational last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Soccer Vikings hope to get rolling

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

The postseason begins in less than three weeks.

And Mount Horeb's boys soccer team was hoping to have some momentum as the playoffs near.

That hasn't happened, though.

The Vikings dropped a pair of games last week, pushing their losing streak to four games overall. McFarland defeated Mount Horeb, 4-0, on Sept. 24 and Platteville/Lancaster edged the Vikings, 1-0, on Sept. 26.

Mount Horeb is now 4-6 on the season, and 3-1 in the Badger Small Conference.

"Overall, this was not how we hoped the week would go," Mount Horeb coach Richard Gage said. "We were certainly hoping to go at least 1-1, but that is not how it worked out.

"We had a string of tough games over the last two weeks and we have some more tough games coming up as well. Right now we are going to work on cleaning up some of the things we are doing on offense and defense and keep trying to get better every day.

"We are hopeful to have a healthy team within the next week or two so that should also help us out. While these were not the results we wanted, playing tough teams will only make us better as the season continues."

Here's a recap of the Vikings' week.

• **McFarland 4, Mount Horeb 0 —** The Spartans, currently ranked No. 6 in Division 3, scored three second half goals to pull away.

"I felt that we would be able to play with them, but I knew that it would be a big challenge given that we are still nursing some injuries and have some sick players," Mount Horeb coach Rick Gage said.

The Vikings felt all right at halftime, trailing by just one goal. But McFarland scored just two minutes into the second half to take control of the match.

"I thought we did some good things at times in the game, but we were just not able to score a goal to get back into the game," Gage said.

• **Platteville 1, Mount Horeb 0 —** The Hillmen scored off a free kick in the 15th minute and made that hold up.

"Platteville was a game where we knew it was going to be a close, competitive game," Gage said. "They had a good record coming in and have played some good teams and had good results.

"Their goal put us on our heels for a bit, but I felt that we slowly worked our way back into the game. We kept creating good chances through the remainder of the first half and the second half. As the half moved on we moved more players up into the attack, but were just not able to score a goal to tie the game back up."

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TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose will hold the 2024 Budget Workshop for the 2025 municipal budget on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 at 8468 County Road A, Verona, WI, beginning at 7:30pm. Should the budget not be finalized that evening, a continuation of the workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 9th beginning at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website. A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.

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NOTICE TO ALL MOUNT HOREB WATER UTILITY CUSTOMERS

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Sincerely,
Josh Hyndman
Water Superintendent

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EXHIBIT B
NOTICE OF ELECTION
MOUNT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Referendum Details

At an election in the Mount Horeb Area School District on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"Shall the Mount Horeb Area School District, Dane and Iowa Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $34,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of additions and renovations at the Primary Center, including for classrooms and academic space, a gymnasium, secure entrance and office, and to convert the existing gymnasium into a cafeteria/kitchen; site, playground, parking and traffic flow improvements at the Primary Center; demolition of the Early Learning Center and related site improvements; other capital and building infrastructure improvements at district facilities; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 1304 East Lincoln Street, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin.

Additional Information

Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dr. Steve Salerno, District Administrator.

Done in the Mount Horeb Area School District
on October 3, 2024
Leah M. Lipska, District Clerk

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Swimmers third at Jefferson Invite

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls swimming team has made tremendous strides since becoming an independent program in 2022.

And the Vikings had one of their finest moments yet at the Jefferson Invitational on Sept. 28, finishing third out of nine teams.

Lodi's co-op team won the meet with 490 points, while Elkhorn was second with 339. Mount Horeb was third with 300 points, while Jefferson/Cambridge (255) and Stoughton (254) rounded out the top five.

"The team did an amazing job," said Mount Horeb coach Jalen Butteris, who went on maternity leave this week. "Most of the team got a best time in at least one of their events. I am so proud of them and how much they've grown over the season."

There was a lot for the Vikings to be thrilled about.

Caitlin Patrick-Stern, Siobhan Mertz, Madeline Evans and Ava Newman finished second in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The foursome of Newman, Evans, Mertz and Patrick-Stern were also third in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

And the quartet of CeCe Watson, Clem Christian, Sam Hanson and Nina Paterson were ninth in the 200-yard medley relay.

Newman won the 500-yard freestyle, while Patrick-Stern was third and Hanson was 10th. Newman was also second in the 200-yard freestyle, while Patrick-Stern was fourth and Evans was fifth.

Mertz was second in the 100-yard breaststroke and eighth in the 50-yard freestyle.

Paterson was sixth in the 100-yard freestyle, while Evans and Hanson were eighth and ninth, respectively, in the 100-yard butterfly. Watson added a 10th place finish in the 100-yard backstroke.

Mount Horeb also competed against McFarland and Madison Edgewood in a triple dual on Sept. 24.

There, Newman won the 500-yard freestyle and was second in the 200-yard freestyle. Patrick-Stern was also second in the 500-yard freestyle.

Mount Horeb's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Patrick-Stern, Mertz, Evans and Newman was third. And the Vikings 200-yard medley relay team of Newman, Mertz, Evans and Patrick-Stern was fourth.

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb's only meet this week came Tuesday whein traveled to Stoughton.



Madeline Evans and Mount Horeb's girls swimming team finished third at the Jefferson Invite last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose Board of Supervisors meeting for October will be held on Monday, October 7th, 2024, at 8468 County Road A, Verona, WI beginning at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website. A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
PUBLIC HEARING
October 23, 2024

The Plan Commission of the Village of Mount Horeb will hold a public hearing on the above date at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application from Brunsell Brothers LTD for a zoning change from I-2 General Industrial to PD-General Plan Development for a warehouse building located in Mount Horeb, WI at 1204 E Lincoln Street further described as parcel 0606-124-1010-1.

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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TOWN OF PERRY
TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Perry Town Hall, 10084 County Highway A
Teleconference - 425-585-6272 access - 394-722-206 #
7:30 PM

1. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Announcements.
3. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items.
4. Dane Co. Deputy Collins, Community Officer.
5. Mt. Horeb School District representatives – Capital referendum.
6. Land Use:
7. Roads, Equipment, Facilities – Town road certification – map and road list.
8. 2024-2025 Snowplowing contracts – Perry Lutheran and Holy Redeemer Church.
9. Recycling Center – Tire Collections dates and fees.
10. Town Hall Renovation report and recommendations – updates; community open house event plans.
11. Treasurer's Report.
12. Friends of the Parks of Perry report.
13. Parks and Open Space Committee – report and recommendations.
14. Dane Co. Towns Association and Wisconsin Towns Association discussions,
15. 2024 Budget – review preliminary budget, set hearing date.
16. Minutes of Previous Meetings – September 12, 2024 meetings.
17. Pay Bills due.
18. Closed Session. Dane Co. Circuit Court case 15CV0065 DSG; convene a closed session under WI § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy and WI §19.85(1)(b) and (c) personnel.
19. Adjournment.

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

Mary L. Price, Town Clerk
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NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

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To request an absentee ballot, please contact your municipal clerk, or go to myvote.wi.gov

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the General Election. You may also request an absentee ballot by letter, email, or fax. Your written request must list your voting (registered) address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, your name, and your signature (if by letter or fax). **YOU MUST ALSO PROVIDE YOUR PHOTO ID**. Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, overseas, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, please contact your municipal clerk.

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The deadline for making application to vote absentee by mail is 5:00 p.m., on the Thursday before the election - October 31, 2024. Dates and times for absentee voting in the clerk's office are determined by each municipality, but no earlier than Tuesday, October 22, 2024 and no later than Sunday, November 3, 2024. The times set by each municipality for the general election are listed below.

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Oct 26 10am-1pm, and
Oct 28-Nov 1 8am-3pm
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townofbluemounds@gmail.com
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Oct 28-Nov 1 10am-2pm, and
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Cross Plains, WI 53528
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Town of Vermont
Katie Zelle, Clerk
4017 County Road JJ
Black Earth, WI 53515
Absentee Voting by Appointment
Tel: 608-767-2457

Town of Primrose
Ruth Hansen, Clerk
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Verona, WI 53593
Absentee Voting by Appointment
Oct 22-Nov 2
Tel: 608-576-6821

Town of Springdale
Jackie Arthur, Clerk
2379 Town Hall Road
Cross Plains, WI 53528
Absentee Voting by appt on
Oct 22 and Oct 29 between 12pm and 4 pm
Tel: 608-437-6230 ext. 5

Town of Perry
Mary Price, Clerk
1004 State Hwy 78
Mount Horeb, WI 53572
Absentee Voting by appointment or
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mlprice@mhtc.net
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FOOTBALL

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Sauk Prairie back into the game.

The pass, intended for Chris Kiel, was a bit off the mark and was tipped in Backeberg's direction.

"I don't know if (Eagles' cornerback) Wyatt Gibbs tipped it or (Kiel) just missed the ball, but I saw it, grabbed it and then we had such good blocking," Backeberg said. "My linebackers, D-line, they all turned around and blocked for me. I saw holes open up."

It's a game of inches, as the saying goes.

What ended up as an interception could have just as easily been a three-touchdown lead for MHB.

"The pick that Brooks threw, that's a touchdown. If he puts it on Chris, Chris is gone," St. Arnauld said. "That's football. There's three phases of the game. Sometimes one phase is out of sync and the other phase steps up."

Instead of Kiel being off to the races, Sauk Prairie was given a golden opportunity to get on the scoreboard. And the Eagles took advantage on third-and-goal, with Lawson Maier taking a toss left, breaking a tackle at the 1-yard-line and plunging in.

"Our mentality all year has been one play at a time. Things are going to happen but we've got to step up," Sauk Prairie coach Randy Wallace said of responding to the early deficit with the big play on defense and subsequent score.

MH-B was able to wash away the sour taste in a hurry, though.

On the fourth play of the ensuing drive, Preimesberger — whose first two TDs of the night were from 5 and 13 yards — shot through the middle of the line and raced 79 yards to paydirt. The two-point conversion failed, but the Vikings were back in control, leading 20-7 with 7:56 to go in the half.

Preimesberger was coming off a breakout showing in a 54-0 Stoughton, when he ran for 171 yards and three TDs on 13 carries. He continued to shine against the Eagles.

"He gets space and he's gone. We're going to see a lot more of that this year," Hendrickson said of Preimesberger, a WIAA Division 1 state qualifier in the 100-meter dash last spring.

Preimesberger had 175 yards and another three-TD effort against Sauk Prairie, this time on 19 carries for an average of 9.2 yards per carry.

Sauk Prairie got a long return on the ensuing possession and then a couple big receptions — a 16-yarder by Maier on 4th-and-1 and a 24-yarder by Boden Frosch on a skinny post — and were suddenly back inside the 10-yard-line.

But a sack on 3rd-and-goal from the 4-yard-line pushed the Eagles back and they had to settle for a 32-yard field goal try by Nick Keyser, which was blocked.

Three plays later, Hendrickson lofted a perfect deep ball to tight end Owen Aeschlimann running free up the left hash marks. Aeschlimann made one defender miss inside the 20-yard line and scampered in for a 69-yard score that made it 26-7 before Hendrickson connected with Zach Maguire on the 2-point try to extend the lead.

"Coach signaled 'Verts,' " Aeschlimann said of the play call, meaning vertical. "We have the option to run an out route on that and I asked Brooks, 'Should I run the out?' He just said, 'No, beat him.'

"I just outran him and Brooks put it spot on. I saw that other guy coming so I just had to make a move, and I did and scored."

Hendrickson didn't see Aeschlimann's fancy footwork at the end of the play.

"Because I was too pumped up," he said. "I didn't hear about that until I got to the sideline."

That would be it for MH-B's dominance, though, at least on offense.

The second half, by and large, was a testament to Sauk Prairie's defense and the Eagles refusing to get blown out.

"That was what we expected our defense to do, what we did in the second half," Wallace said. "It just took us a half to get going."

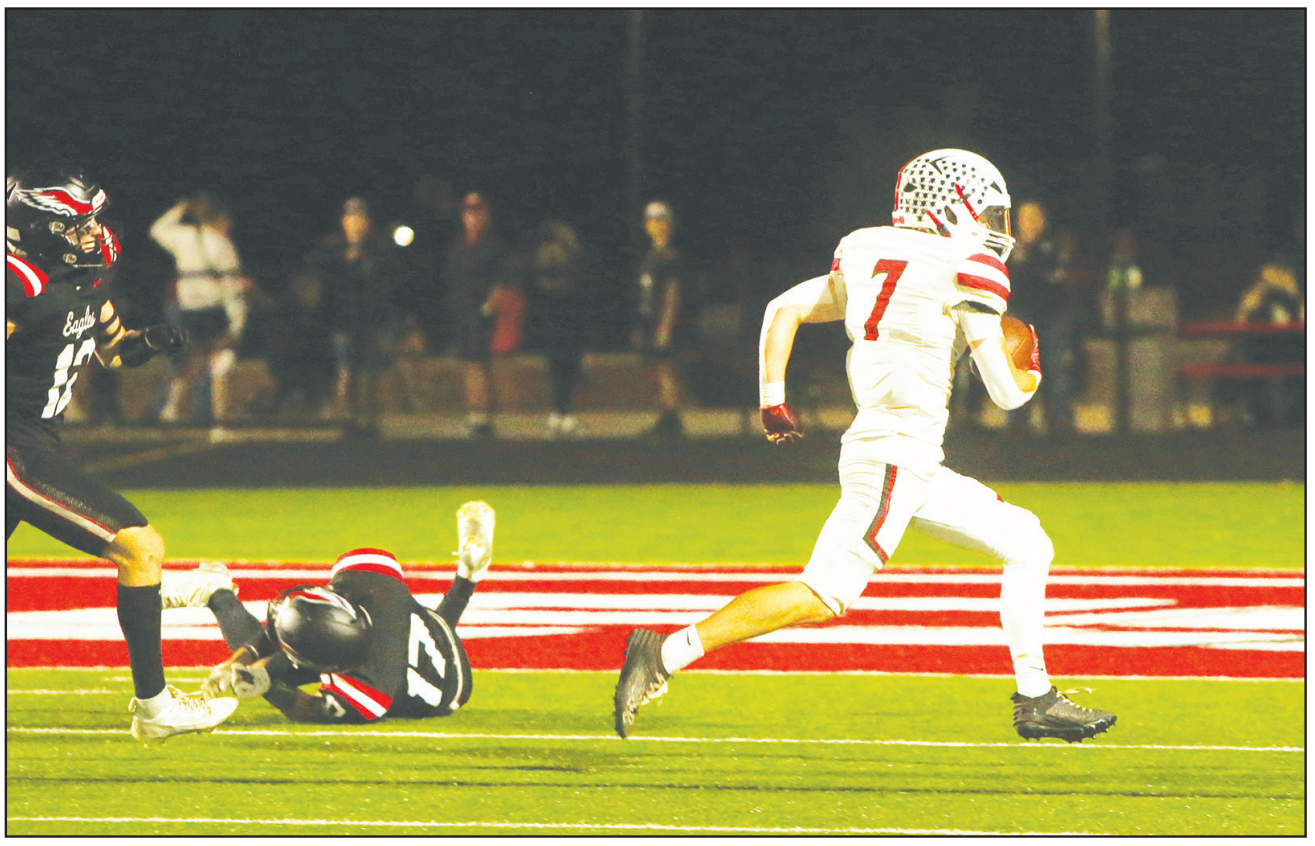
Wallace said one key were some personnel adjustments, shifting from a smaller, quicker front to a bigger front.

"We still gave up some yards in the second half, but the old bend but don't break adage held up for us because they didn't score," Wallace said. "We gave up some big plays, but they didn't score on us."

The Vikings got the ball to start the second half, but promptly turned it over near midfield, losing a fumble that was recovered by Riley Jadack, who had 11 tackles and a sack on the night.

Nothing came of that possession for the Eagles, however and MH-B got the ball back.

The Vikings moved the ball out to midfield before the drive stalled, resulting in a punt by Maguire.



Owen Aeschlimann had a 69-yard touchdown reception in Mount Horeb-Barneveld's 30-7 win over Sauk Prairie last Friday. Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

And what a punt it was, a 51-yarder that was downed at the 1-yard-line

St. Arnauld credited MH-B's rugby-style punt formation for the success because in that formation the punter holds the ball longer before punting as opposed to the traditional catch-and-punt style.

And the added time allows more time for the coverage team to get down field.

"In three years we've had a total of three times of people trying to return a punt. Usually we just down it," St. Arnauld said. "There's nobody trying to house a punt against us. They think they can try and block it (because of the pause before punting), but we always seal it off."

Two plays later, Eagles' quarterback Landon Schultz bobbled the shotgun snap in the end zone and the Vikings swarmed him for a safety, the only points of the second half.

Both team's almost scored touchdowns, though.

First, Eagles' quarterback Cayden Hermsdorf — in for Schultz because Schultz got hurt — scrambled for 14 yards to the goal line on 4th-and-10 only to fumble just before breaking the plane, resulting in a touchback.

Then on the ensuing drive, MH-B marched to the 1-yard-line before a bad snap on 1st-and-goal pushed the Vikings back 15 yards and they ultimately got turned away.

It was a lackluster second half on offense for a unit that came in averaging 42.8 points per game and three times scored 50 or more.

"When we get a big lead like that we've just got to keep going, we can't let up at all. That could have been way closer of a game," Aeschlimann said. "But a win's a win. That's how we're looking at it."

Indeed, sloppy as the Vikings got, they did still win by a comfortable margin.

"When you can overcome those things — the penalties, the turnovers and everything else — you walk away being like, 'OK, we got out of here with a win and that's what matters the most,' " St. Arnauld said. "A lot of stuff went wrong, but we still walked away with a 30-7 win."

St. Arnauld added that Sauk Prairie has traditionally been a difficult opponent for the Vikings throughout his tenure. Last season, MH-B's state quarterfinal team trailed the Eagles, 7-6, at halftime before rallying back for a 41-7 win.

And being ranked in the top-5 in the state means you'll always get everybody's best shot.

"When you're everybody's Super Bowl, that's what happens," St. Arnauld said. "Everybody's going to want a shot at you and give you everything they've got, because if they beat you that's going to be their biggest win of the season. So we just have to be ready for that.

"And we didn't respond well in the second half. It just seemed like we were missing a gear in the second half."

A lot of that had to do with how well the Eagles' defense played, though.

And keeping MH-B's high-powered offense off the scoreboard after halftime provided the Eagles' a measure of confidence moving forward.

"We know we're contenders. We know what we can do, we just have to do it," Backeberg said.

"It's a building block, especially with how good of a team they are and how good of a team they've been for the last half decade," Wallace said. "It's a good program to measure yourself up against — a good measuring stick moving forward."

MH-B 30, Sauk Prairie 7
MHB ..... 14 14 2 0 — 30
Sauk Prairie ..... 0 7 0 0 — 7

MHB -- Owen Preimesberger 5 run (run railed), 5:48, 1st

MHB -- Owen Preimesberger 13 run (Jack Wilson run), 1:21, 1st

SP -- Lawson Maier 2 run (Nick Keyser kick), 9:43, 2nd

MHB -- Owen Preimesberger 79 run (run failed), 7:56, 2nd

MHB -- Owen Aeschlimann 69 pass from Brooks Hendrickson (Zach Maguire pass from Hendrickson), 1:55, 2nd

MHB -- Safety, Landon Schultz sacked by Jack Wilson, 4:33, 3rd

TEAM STATS

First downs -- MHB 15, SP 10. Rushes-yards -- MHB 31-157, SP 25-47. Passing yards -- MHB 196, SP 155. Passing (comp-att-int) -- MHB 12-21-1, SP 15-30-0. Total yards -- MHB 353, SP 202. Penalties-yards -- MHB 10-86, SP 5-40. Fumbles-lost -- MHB 2-2, SP 2-1.

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing (comp-att-yards-td-int): MHB -- Brooks Hendrickson 11-20-178-1-1, Zach Maguire 1-1-18-0-0. SP -- Landon Schultz 11-19-84-0-0, Cayden Hermsdorf 4-11-71-0-0.

Rushing: MHB -- Owen Preimesberger 19-175, Jack Wilson 2-13, Chris Kiel 2-(-)10, Brooks Hendrickson 7-(-)19. SP -- Lawson Maier 15-26, Cayden Hermsdorf 5-15, Landon Schultz 5-6.

Receiving: MHB -- Owen Aeschlimiann 4-105, Max Grundahl 1-51, Tyrus Hastings 2-17, Zach Maguire 1-13, Chris Kiel 3-11, Hayden Anderson 1-(-)1. SP -- Boden Frosch 5-49, Kade Kinney 5-35, Lawson Maier 4-14, Blayze Caldwell 1-3.

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CHIP SEALING AND PAVING BIDS

The Town of Vermont is requesting bids for 5.72 miles of single chip sealing. Please contact the Town Patrolman at (608) 334-2740, for a listing of roads.

The Town reserves the right to award projects by individual roads to separate bidders, or to award all road projects to one bidder. The Town also reserves the right to refuse any or all bids or reject the low bid.

Send bids to the Vermont Town Hall, 4017 County Road JJ, Black Earth, WI 53515 by 7:00 pm on November 11. Bids will be opened at 7:00 pm on November 11 at the Town Hall and accepted bids will be awarded at the regular Board meeting on November 11, 2024.

Katie Zelle, Clerk

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LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(LRIP) PROJECT

Notice is hereby given by the Town of Vermont, Dane County, Wisconsin, that it will receive sealed bids for a LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LRIP) Project: Moe Road Cold Mix OVerlay and Chip Seal.

The Town of Vermont is soliciting bids for a Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP)for the inch and a half cold mix overlay and chip sealing the full 1.82 miles of Moe Road including intersections. The existing traveled paved roadway ranges from 18-20 feet in width.

For specific information on this request, please contact Town Patrolman Jack Schulenberg at (608)334-2740. Sealed bids are due no later than 7:00 pm Monday, Nov 11, 2024. At Vermont Town Hall, 4017 County Highway JJ, Black Earth Wisconsin. Bids will be opened at the town board meeting beginning at 7:00pm, November 11, 2024. The Town of Vermont reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids based on the best value to the Town, total price and other factors considered.

Katie Zelle-Clerk

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GOLF

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earning a share of the conference title," Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. "This was our second-best 18-hole as a team this season and arguably one of our best performances as it came on one of the more difficult courses we have played this season under the pressure of the conference tournament."

Heading into the day, the Vikings trailed Edgewood, 6-5, in the conference standings.

After nine holes, the Crusaders led with a team score of 184, while Mount Horeb was second with a 196 and Stoughton was third at 220.

"We had a solid first nine holes as a team," Krentz said. "Our goal was to be within 10 strokes of Edgewood heading into the back nine and we were close to doing just that. Anything can happen on the back nine of a conference tournament."

Mount Horeb improved to a 194 on its second nine and finished with a team score of 390. Edgewood shot a 188 on the back nine, though, and finished with a 372 to win the conference tournament and the overall title.

Stoughton was a distant third with a 438.

"We had a good second nine as a team," Krentz said. "We started the day on the easier Pines Course at Christmas Mountain and then turned to the more difficult front nine on the Oaks Course. While there certainly were a few shots or even a few holes we might have liked to have back, I thought overall, we did a pretty good job navigating the more challenging Oaks side."

Junior Delaina Nicewander led the Vikings with a 91, which was good for fourth place individually. Nicewander made three birdies — including two on the back nine — and three pars.

Senior Emma Olson shot a 92 — including a 44 on the back nine — and finished fifth individually. Olson had six pars in her round, including four on the back nine.

"Delaina and Emma both had great second nines and tied for the tournament's second-best score on our back nine," Krentz said. "Unfortunately, Edgewood proved to be just a bit better than us and was able to slowly extend their advantage over the course of the round."

Senior Lainy Hesseling shot a 100 and tied for 11th individually, while senior Alexa Vesely shot a 107, which was good for 13th.

Nicewander also earned first-team all-conference honors and was named the league's Player of the Year. Both Olsen and Hesseling also earned second-team all-conference honors.

"It was another remarkable achievement for our program to have three players earn all-conference honors this year, highlighted by Delaina being named Badger Small Player of the Year for her play in conference events throughout the season," Krentz said. "Having multiple players capable of shooting in the 40's made our team very formidable in conference play this year and make a run at Edgewood for the conference title. Hopefully, we can keep the momentum going as we began postseason play."

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb heads to the Fort Atkinson Regional at Koshkonong Mounds Country Club on Wednesday. If the Vikings are one of the first four teams at regionals, they'll advance to the Oregon Sectional on Oct. 8 at The Legend at Bergamont.

"Our regional will be extremely competitive again this year with the likes of Oregon, Verona, Monona Grove, and Fort Atkinson there, but we will have the opportunity to challenge for a spot in sectionals," Krentz said. "We have not had a meet yet this season where everyone was at their very best and if that happens next week, we will definitely be in the mix."



Mount Horeb golfers (from left) Emma Olsen, Delaina Nicewander and Lainy Hesseling received all-conference honors. Photo submitted

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