



Lt. Gov. Rodriguez gets MoHo history lesson

Sara Rodriguez toured the Driftless Historium during her recent trip to the village

Sara Rodriguez, Wisconsin's 46th Lieutenant Governor, smiles as she learns about the region's first human residents at the Driftless Historium on Tuesday of last week. Her tour was led by Historium director Destinee Udelhoven (far left). See more images from Rodriguez's trip to Mount Horeb on page 12. Photo by Matt Geiger.

Know your neighbor: Cheryl Schloesser

By DANIEL LINS
Mount Horeb Mail

When you think of people who have made an impact on the community, Cheryl Schloesser may come to mind.

She has made an impact on the community through her help with the Sons of Norway, as well as teaching and helping senior citizens.

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Tales of a country vet

Jim Burns reflects on cows, dogs and life

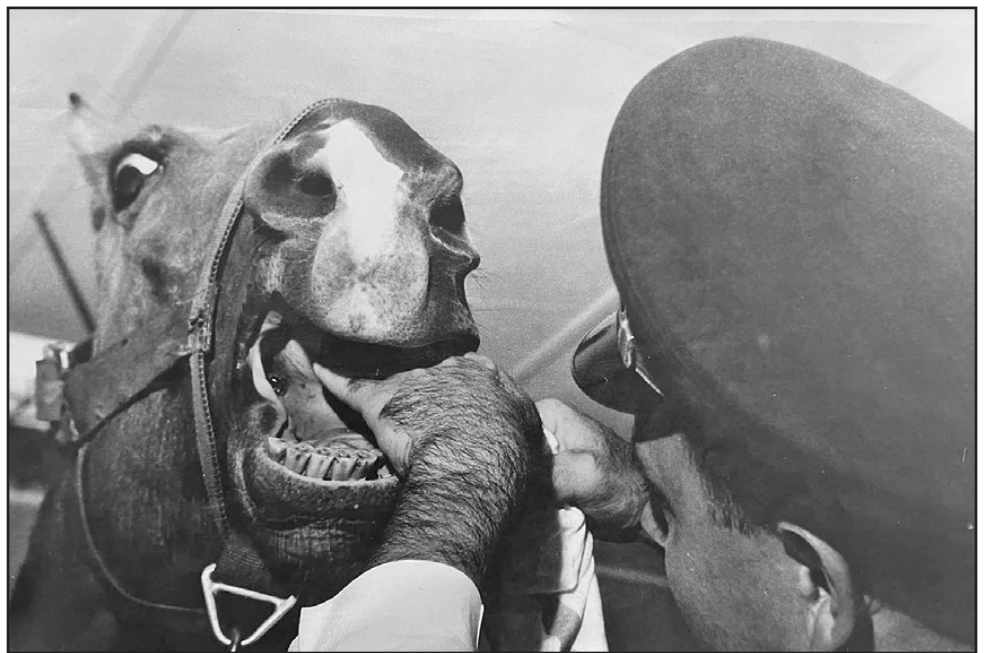
By MATT GEIGER
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"I think my favorite thing was probably assisting with birthing calves, to see how they nurtured them from the start," reflects retired veterinarian Jim Burns. "Feeding, getting to their feet; it was comforting to see how that worked in mother nature. I always left thinking things were good."

Jim and his wife, Dixie, are well known in the Mount Horeb community. From bringing people Thanksgiving meals and volunteering at the food pantry, to Jim's lengthy career caring for livestock and pets, they are familiar faces to many who call the area home.

Having recently moved out of the surrounding countryside and into a neighborhood designed for people over 55 in the Village of Mount Horeb, they are getting used to "town life," and Jim is taking the opportunity to look back on a life spent working with animals. At the age of 87, he says much

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Burns examines a horse's teeth while in the U.S. Army.

Extreme cold caused an issue with the school district's bus fleet last week: Here's what happened, and what the district is doing moving forward

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

The Mount Horeb Area School District has made a habit in recent years of informing families well ahead of time that school will be canceled when a major winter storm is on the way. That was the case two weeks ago when significant snowfall twice prompted school officials to cancel classes.

But the scenario was a little different on the frigid morning of Tuesday, January 16, when families throughout the district received an unexpected message about an hour before classes were scheduled to begin. The reason wasn't snow, but rather an unexpected problem caused by extreme cold.

"Good morning, Vikings," stated the message,

which was from superintendent Dr. Steve Salerno and went out via email and text. "I apologize for the late message. As buses were starting this morning, fuel tanks were getting gelled up leaving our buses stranded. Each winter we make sure to use additives to our fuel lines. Despite our efforts, we cannot recover this morning.

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Village of Blue Mounds caucus yields three candidates

The Village of Blue Mounds held its caucus on January 10, producing three candidates who will run for two seats on the Village Board in the April 2 election.

The candidates are Jim Frame (incumbent), Rick Kelly (incumbent) and Matt Heindl.

MENTAL HEALTH ALERT

Department of Health Services says risk of self-harm increases when kids go back to school: Health Agency Urges Parents, Caregivers to be Aware of Signs of Self-Harm After School Breaks

As students begin the spring semester, the Department of Health Services (DHS) encourages parents and caregivers to be aware of Wisconsin Emergency Department data from the National Syndromic Surveillance Program that shows young people experience large increases in self-harm injuries at certain times of the year, including when school resumes after the winter holidays.

Self-harming increased among youth by nearly 40% in September 2022 and January 2023 compared to each of the preceding months. While September 2023 showed a smaller spike in self-harming (14% increase from August 2023), it still represents a significant concern. Self-harm refers to intentional actions to hurt oneself. Examples include cutting, hitting, poisoning, or burning. Self-harm may be done to express or lessen emotional pain. While someone who self-harms may not have the intention of suicide, they may be at greater risk

Signs that a young person may be self-harming include:
Increased secrecy.
Emotional withdrawal or changes in mood and behavior.
Reduced time with peers or family members.
Unexplained cuts, burns, or bruises; these typically occur on the arms, legs, and stomach.
Finding razors, sharps, knives, or other items that may be used to self-injure.
Keeping arms and legs covered even when it is inconvenient to do so.

Parents or guardians and others looking to help a young person who is self-harming can take the following actions:
Do not ignore the problem or treat it like a passing fad.
Listen to them without judgement. Do not try to problem solve or put things in a more positive light for them, but instead focus on confirming what you are hearing them tell you.
Recognize when the help of a professional is needed. You can find information on the signs of a mental health crisis, including situations that require an immediate call for professional help on the DHS "Crisis Services: Identifying a Crisis" page.

of a suicide attempt or dying by suicide if they do not receive help.

"The start and return of school can be stressful for young people and families," said Paula Tran, State Health Officer and administrator of the DHS Division of Public Health. "Parents, guardians, teachers, mentors, and others can support the young people in their life by knowing the signs of self-harm, talking openly about the struggles youth are facing, and listening to what young people have to say without judgement."

"Have regular check-ins with your child. Listen nonjudgmentally. Discuss healthy coping skills to manage academic and social stress. Encourage healthy habits - physical activity, adequate sleep, nutritious foods - all of which help to build resilience," said Office of Children's Mental Health Director Linda Hall. "95 percent of kids trust their parents to provide them with the right information

and when it comes to mental health, they are ready to talk."

While someone who self-harms may or may not have the intention to die by suicide, it may, however, put a person at greater risk for repeated self-harm, suicide attempt, or death by suicide.

"People who self-harm can and do recover," said State Health Officer Tran. "Parents, guardians, and others are crucial support systems for young people. Talking openly with and truly listening to a young person who is self-harming and working with them to get them connected to the resources that meet their needs are important ways to support their mental health and well-being."

Self-harm reduction among adolescents 10 to 19 years of age is a key focus area of DHS suicide prevention efforts funded through a grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Other grant activities include pro-

moting peer leadership programs designed to increase well-being, help-seeking, resiliency, healthy coping, and belonging in youth; and educating health care providers to use caring contacts for follow up and to support patients released from care for self-harm or suicide attempts.

More information about self-harm and strategies to build resilience can be found at dhs.wisconsin.gov/injury-prevention/self-harm.htm. The Office of Children's Mental Health recently held a video briefing regarding their annual report, which details concerning trends and shares actions we can all take to improve young people's well-being.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides free and confidential support for anyone experiencing a suicidal, mental health, and/or substance use crisis. People of all ages who need help for themselves or a loved one can call, text, or chat 24/7 to be connected with a trained counselor.

CRIME

Local police make child pornography and drug arrests

In November 2022, the Mount Horeb Police Department was notified of possible child pornography possession in the Village of Mount Horeb. While working on that investigation and obtaining evidence through legal processes, another report, related to the first, came in at another address in October of 2023. An investigation into the information led to two search warrants being issued and executed on 01/17/2024. One warrant was executed in the 100 block of South First Street. The suspect was taken into custody and interviewed at the Mount Horeb Police Department. Several electronic devices were taken as evidence for future analysis.

A second search warrant was executed in the 100 block of Maple Court on 01/17/2024. The suspect was taken into custody and interviewed at the Mount Horeb Police Department. Several electronic devices were taken as evidence for future analysis.

As a result of the investigation, Benjamin J. Dvorak (24 years old) and Troy R. Vermett (28 years old) were booked into jail on the following charges: Multiple Counts of Possession of Child Pornography in violation of Wisconsin State Statute 948.12(1m).

The Mount Horeb Police Department was assisted by Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation and Dane County Sheriff's Office.

During the second search warrant, evidence of drugs and drug sales were located. A third search warrant was obtained for the address in the 100 block of Maple Court to seize drug related evidence. Over 130 grams of THC product and over \$500 US Currency was seized in addition to two firearms and a facsimile firearm.

As a result of the additional investigation, Bradley H. Bartels (28 years old) was booked into jail on the following charges: Possess with Intent to Distribute Marijuana within 1000 feet of a park, Maintain a Drug Residence within 1000 feet of a park, and Possess Drug Paraphernalia within 1000 feet of a park in violation of Wisconsin State Statutes 961.41(1m) (h), 961.42(1), and 961.573 (1) respectively.

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Community Foundation gives \$76,094 to local groups

Recently \$76,094 was given to these organizational representatives at the Mt. Horeb Community Foundations Award Night:

Kneeling: Jason Brehm (Friends Pub Library), Sarah Sieg (HS Distinguished Alumni), Eve Obert (Girl Scouts)
Seated: Lynn Forshaug (SW Dane Sr. Center), Barb Hartman (Friends Donald Park), Jim Davies (Landmarks Found. & Garden Club), Faith Droessler (Girl Scouts), Brenda Martin (ELC Youth), Judy Steinhauer (MHCF), Jeff Ingebretsen (MoHop), Linda Fariss (MoHop), Jill Kietzke (Trollway Diabetes), Mandy Potter (Wed Night Live), Charlie Jefko (Wed Night Live)
Standing: Kassy McMillan (Young Life), Nathan Schultz (PFLAG), Anita Opsal (Immanuel Luth), Peter Cameron (Badger Project), Peggy Popp (Wildlife Rehab), Tressa Proctor (Arts Assoc), Destinee Udelhoven (Hist Soc), Jessica Gretzinger (Pub Library), Megan Handrick (MHASD Social Work), Mike Dillis (MHCF), Amy High (Corner Kick Soccer Club), Mike Woodward (Norsk Golf Club), Will Janssen (Community Band), Don Hartman (VFW & Veteran's Memorial), Mike McNall Sr. (MHCF), Jerry Hook (Am. Legion), Janna Hansen (Neighbors Helping Neighbors), Casey McClymnan (MHCF), Peter Waltz (MHCF), Dawn Haag (Neighbors Helping Neighbors), Teri Hendrickson (Children's Community School), Susan Brice (MHCF).



American Legion and VFW host annual party, award Quilts of Valor

The Mt. Horeb American Legion and VFW held their annual holiday party December 14 at the VFW post. They awarded the following veterans the Quilts of Valor. From left to right: Gerry Brock, Wayne Sutter, Larry Soltis, Mike Jennings, and Paul Hodgson. The quilts were presented by the Verona Quilts of Valor chapter led by Karen Eberhardt (not pictured).

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Knights of Columbus donate \$2,500 to MARC



Knights of Columbus Council #10559 recently contributed \$2,500 to MARC-Mount Horeb to support their programs for enhancing the quality of life for adults in the community with developmental disabilities. Kim Watrud, MARC Program Director, accepts the check from Council #10559 representative Kevin Hefty.

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Sustainability Notes

From The
**Sustainability & Natural
Resources Committee**

Solar power!

By **KERRY BEHELER**
Special to the Mail

Even though we are firmly in the grip of Winter’s cold and snow, the sun is shining and providing power! How is this possible? We invite you to a free Solar 101 open house program to find out! Join us on Saturday, February 3, 2024, starting at 1 pm, at the newly constructed net-zero energy Children’s Community School, 1175 Cox Drive Mount Horeb, to learn more.

At this free Children’s Community School (CCS) net-zero building tour, sponsored by the Mount Horeb Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee, we have partnered with experts who will educate you and

answer questions about affordable solar and energy efficiency. You will have many interesting options in which to learn, have fun, and be eligible for great door prizes!

On Saturday February 3, at the CCS Solar 101 event, you can discover the substantial savings benefits of solar installations, watch real time solar energy generation and powering of the CCS school, and learn about net metering. Attendees also will hear from a representative of Glow Solar, the company who designed and installed the CCS solar. You can also learn about Mount Horeb Utilities permitting process and the Village’s solar advocacy. The Couliard Solar Foundation and the Solar on School organizations will also have representatives at the CCS Solar

101 event, highlighting their advocacy and expertise for solar powered schools. Best of all, you can participate in the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change Climate Champion presentation to CCS. Join us!

What is net-zero? CCS, a nonprofit Montessori preschool in Mount Horeb, is designed to operate as a net-zero building, which means it produces as much energy as it uses in a year. It is one of the first such schools in the state. The solar vendor for CCS, certified solar installer Glow Solar, will be at this free Solar 101 open house on February 3, to help you learn more, at no cost and with no obligation, and answer any questions.

The Montessori philosophy includes being a good steward of the Earth. Maria Montessori believed the outdoor environment was an extension of the indoor classroom, since establishing Montessori schools in 1907. A design-build process for the CCS school was conducted with contractor

NCI-Roberts Construction and OPN Architects, and resulted in Montessori-driven features including incorporation of the natural environment.

Renewable energy has never been more affordable to install or important to combat climate change. Funding opportunities for home solar systems are available in the form of a 30% tax credit for homeowners. This substantially reduces the payback time for installing these systems, and there is also a Focus on Energy financial incentive. Importantly, these projects generate work for local contractors and installers, and maintain a healthy regional economy. Kathy Kuntz, Director of the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change, will be with us at the free Solar 101 CCS open house on February 3. More information can be found on the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change website Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change. The Dane County

Office of Energy and Climate Change has a detailed story on CCS’s net-zero building success which can be found here: <https://dane-climateaction.org/Climate-Action-Plan/CAP-Stories/Children-s-Community-School-Net-Zero-Building-Success>

Each year, Dane County has a Climate Champions program that recognizes local entities who are leading on climate action. In 2023 three award recipients were designated Climate Champions in the Village of Mount Horeb! They are CCS, Home Energy Consulting, LLC and the Mount Horeb Community Garden. CCS was awarded a four-star designation in the Building Design category.

The Village of Mount Horeb issued an official Proclamation in November 2023 recognizing and congratulating our local Climate Champions. The Proclamation reads, in part: “WHERE AS, Mt. Horeb Village Board has embraced a vision which addresses the

following: Improve health and wellness of all residents; Increase our ability to adapt and be resilient to a changing climate; Bridge the rural and urban divide, creating solutions that work for everyone in the county; and Enhance our natural environments, delivering ecosystem benefits.”

The Proclamation continues with: “...the Village of Mount Horeb encourages other entities to strive to obtain Dane County Climate Champion recognition, and applauds not only the before mentioned Climate Champions, but also individual efforts, great and small, to lower the community’s carbon footprint.”

Just think what more our municipal, schools, businesses, and individuals can achieve to create and maintain a stable and healthier sustainable community!

Join us on Saturday February 3 to learn more and help celebrate and tour the net-zero CCS.

Letter to the Editor

Olson responds

You must love it when in any debate the opposing arguments being made unwittingly actually support the position that you have stated. Many thanks to Messrs. Smith, Rosenthal, and Brookings for doing just that in their defense of the Pride flag being flown at Mount Horeb’s schools, as they stated in their recent letters. They reinforced my point from an earlier Letter to the Editor that proponents of flying the Pride flag on school district property are only concerned about the

good that it may do for the Pride folks and are completely ignoring the potential harmful effects upon the rest of the community. They cannot see the forest through the trees.

Let us turn the tables. How do you think the Pride flag supporters would feel if the school district were only flying a flag representing heterosexual lifestyles? I would wager that they would be outraged at the unfairness and inappropriateness of such exclusivity. Mr. Smith astutely alluded to the problematic nature of flying a flag of any affiliation

– no matter what flag you fly someone may object to it. Bingo! That is the exact suggestion that I have made to our school district leaders on multiple occasions: *Do not fly any flags except the United States and State of Wisconsin and avoid the perception of bias.*

How can any reasonable person not acknowledge the potential downside of the school district only flying the Pride flag? They are either blinded by an ideology that prevents them from viewing issues from multiple perspectives, or they are intentionally pushing their personal beliefs upon us – aka bullying. The favoritism being shown by the District to one group and the implied advocacy of what that group stands for is unfair and inap-

propriate for public officials to endorse.

What is it going to take to get our school district leaders to change course on this issue? Perhaps bring one hundred people to a school board meeting like the teachers recently did to express their concern over salaries. Money is what motivated them. Perhaps the 15 percent increase on your recent property tax bill due to the Mount Horeb School District will motivate you. Or perhaps the 28 percent increase in board member salaries will motivate you; granted it had been several years since the last salary increase. I voted against this salary increase at the Annual Meeting in August as a form of protest because the Board was in violation of their

regulations and policies for flying the Pride flag; the resolution for this salary increase passed on about a 2:1 majority vote with all board members in favor. Maybe the upcoming referendum this spring from the school district wanting even more of your hard-earned dollars will motivate you. Remember, they work for us and if we are not happy with something they are doing then it is our responsibility to push back.

The words of Thomas Jefferson during the runup to the American Revolution are very appropriate here: “To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagations of opinions which he disbelieves and ab-

hors, is sinful and tyrannical.” Heed those words.

School Board member Adam Mertz asked me what my motivation was for pursuing this issue on the Pride flag. I will share it with you. I believe in standing up for what is right. I served in the US Army during the Vietnam War and was willing to sacrifice my life to protect the freedoms of total strangers. Imagine what I would do for my grandkids and friends in this community.

William Olson

Editor’s note: This is the second and final letter we will publish from Mr. Olson on this topic. Any responses we receive will be published in the next edition.

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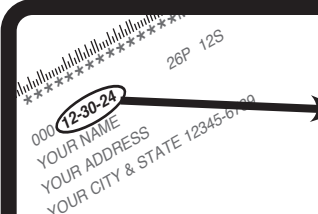
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Gleanings

By **BARR JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- Jan. 25, 1894

Andrew Brattrud contemplates the storing of 150 tons of ice this winter. That will surely keep the people of Mt. Horeb from getting overheated next summer.

There will be a prize masquerade ball in Nelson’s Hall, Thursday evening, Feb’y 1st. Loftis & Murphy’s full orchestra has been engaged for this occasion and a grand time is guaranteed. Secure your masks at L.J. Bergh’s.

A part of Kleven’s carpenter gang is at John Ryan’s erecting a barn.

Harold Norslien of Vermont has purchased his brother Henry’s share of the Simley farm.

120 Years Ago- Jan. 28, 1904

P. J. R. Post is on the gain, but is still confined to the house.

Our neighbors near Mt. Vernon have been visited by light cases of smallpox. It was at first thought to be chicken pox, and many have been exposed. The store of W. Chandler had been quarantined and the village school closed.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Donald are again called on to part with a dear child. Their youngest girl, about eight months old, was taken sick with inflammation of the bowels on Thursday of last week and died Monday of this week. Medical care and tender care could not stay the hand of death. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all in this their bitter hour.

Hans Haakenes sports one of the finest spans of young draft horses in the vicinity, and has been offered fancy figures, but as yet has not been persuaded to part with same.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hanson of Steum, Trempealeau Co., left for home last Monday, having been there on a visit to the former home

of Mrs. Hanson, whose maiden name was Toline Viggum.

The German Valley Cheese Factory held its annual meeting recently and balanced up the profits for last years run. The company received for milk from April 1 to Dec. 1, 96 cents and 9 mills for 100 lbs., which is a splendid showing for the great volume of milk produced last season. As a forgone conclusion Alex Schaller was re-engaged as cheesemaker for next year.

Belleville is becoming quite a dairy center. A carload of Limburger cheese was shipped from there last week.

A one-wheeled cart has been invented by a rural mail carrier. It is claimed to be a success in every way. The most essential point, however, in this vehicle is that it requires only half the amount of axel grease that a two wheeled one does, and but one fourth the amount of a four wheeled conveyance. The boys cannot wait for Congress to do so, etching in the way of better pay, consequently must invent economical methods until the relief comes.

110 Years Ago- Jan. 23, 1914

John Birrenkott was out demonstrating one of the new 6-cylinder Buicks last Saturday; it is a fine car.

The Mount Horeb Hardware Company has ordered another telephone installed in their large store, a desk set for their stenographer and bookkeeper in the office, and a wall phone for the store.

Thore Spaanem and Carl Sanders were given a furlough from jury duty from Friday until Tuesday, and came home.

Orval Slotten of Primrose, one of our stand-bys made us his annual visit while in town Wednesday, and his subscription account advanced another year. Many thanks.

Dr. A. Ickstadt reports a 12-pound boy at the home of Fred Wagner at Klevenville. Mother and son doing well.

“Ole From Minnesota” was given at the opera house Saturday and was very entertaining. The moving pictures kept the large house good-natured until the company arrived on the cannon ball.

The telephonist has been sporting a city style turnout the present week. Even faithful old King looks dignified hitched to such high falutin’ phaeton.

The organization of a company of Boy Scouts is being perfected here and there are a number who are anxious to join.

100 Years Ago- Jan. 22, 1924

Eighty-eight taxpayers will pay over \$150 in taxes in our village this year.

Wanted to trade – A good workhorse for a good fat cow or steer to butcher. George Neuenschwander, Phone 2-95.

A. M. Sale sent three of his White Wyandotte hens to the Southern Wisconsin Poultry Show at Dodgeville last week and won first, second and third prizes. This is raising prizewinners, we say, and Melvin is sure proud of his birds.

The Mt. Vernon Cheese Factory burned to the ground last Friday evening, together with the garage.

80 Years Ago- Jan. 27, 1944

Edward Deetz and Owen Sharer left yesterday for Milwaukee to be sworn into the armed forces. William Thousand also went to join the Marines. B. G. Jenkins and Ray Cunneen went for examinations.

Cora Sorenson has been nominated by Pres. Roosevelt for the position as postmaster here, under the new civil service law.

“Wartime Care of Your Tractor”, a moving picture, which covers every single angle of tractor servicing and care will be shown free by the Farm Utility Co. at the Strand Theatre.

Mary Walsh, Blue Mounds, is

a member of the newly organized band at Platteville State Teachers College. Miss Walsh is enrolled in the elementary department at the college.

Torger J. Anderson was born in Primrose, Dane Co., Wisconsin, Sept. 28, 1860. Death came suddenly as he was struck by an automobile Saturday, Jan. 15, 1944.

70 Years Ago- Jan. 23, 1954

Kenneth Erickson was elected president of the Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of the Chamber held Tuesday evening in the Municipal Building. Albert Zwald has been appointed chairman of the 1954 Fall Frolic.

Twenty-eight folks have enrolled in the square dancing lessons, which are held in the new multiple rooms in the high school every Tuesday evening. Wes Winch, Madison is the instructor and the caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lenherr, Madison, moved to Mount Horeb last week and are residing in the upper flat of the Ole Bjelde residence on Main Street.

60 Years Ago- Jan. 23, 1964

Barneveld Motors was destroyed by fire as well as an adjoining firm on Wednesday evening that amounted to \$50,000. The companies owner, William Thousand, said he would relocate his business temporarily in nearby quarters.

Deaths reported this week are Mrs. Jacob (Laura Gesme) Lingard, age 79, on January 21; Ingvall Nelson, age 79, Daleyville, who died suddenly at his home on January 21; and Theodore R. Ayen 71, Mount Horeb, who died unexpectedly on January 18 at a Madison hospital.

The Mount Horeb Mail has hired a new correspondent. She is Mrs. William Schmitt, who will be

reporting on news events that happen in Black Earth.

50 Years Ago- Jan. 24, 1974

Dane County Holstein Breeders named Susan Baker, Springdale 4-H Club and Greg Haack, Peppy Piners 4-H Club Dane County’s Holstein Girl and Boy.

Mrs. Olaus Mickelson, 79, passed Sunday, Jan. 13, 1974 in a Madison hospital following pneumonia.

40 Years Ago- Jan. 26, 1984

Mount Horeb High School cross country coach Mich Wollin received the girls’ cross country “Coach of the Year” award at the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association Convention on Jan. 14.

Neil Evans and Gaylord Mickelson shook the snow off their boots and headed south for the rest of the winter, their first stop being at Veracruz, Mexico, and from there to Yucatan.

A daughter, Kathleen Robin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Curtin, Mount Horeb, on Monday, Jan. 23, at Madison General Hospital, Madison.

30 Years Ago- Jan. 27, 1994

January 10 has been declared “Joyce Wittenwyler Day” as she retires from 25 years of working with children in the Mount Horeb Elementary School library.

Henry A. Scheele, age 80, Blue Mounds, died on Friday, Jan. 21, 1994, at the Ingleside Nursing Home in Mount Horeb. He was born and raised on the Scheele homestead where he farmed for many years with his wife, Rose.

Gene and Vicki Spellman are the parents of a son, Cordell Cashel, born on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at St. Mary’s Hospital, Madison.

SCHLOESSER

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Schloesser grew up near Edgerton on her family’s dairy farm, where she worked with her brothers and parents.

She says she was inspired to become a teacher by various teachers throughout her own school years.

“I was impressed by different teachers I had over the course of time, and that led me to pursue a career in education,” she said.

“One of the biggest reasons I went into education was my seventh grade English teacher. I still remember that to this day because she was just so impressive. She was the epitome of what you think a teacher should be.”

Growing up, Schloesser was involved in 4H, and said living on a farm did not leave her with much free time.

“Growing up on a farm, we were busy from the time we woke up to the time we went to bed, so we did not have a lot of time to join other clubs,” she said.

In high school, Schloesser was in a group called “Future Teachers of America,” and at that point in life she was a bit more serious



Cheryl Schloesser has been a vital part of the local Sons of Norway lodge for years. Photo contributed.

about pursuing a career in education.

Schloesser has been living in Mount Horeb for close to 40 years, and says she has loved every minute of it.

“When I moved to Mount Horeb, there was around 2,100 people living here. Now,

there is close to 8,000. I still remember the sign at the end of town that read the population when I moved here.”

One major change Schloesser has seen over her time in Mount Horeb is an improvement in the village’s Parks department.

“Whoever is working in the Parks department needs to be applauded,” she said. “They are doing an incredible job coming up with things for people of all ages.”

Schloesser is still an active member of the Sons of Norway.

“I was curious about my family’s genealogy, and that was why I joined initially,” she said. “I was still teaching at that time, but I found that once I retired from teaching, I got a lot more involved.”

Schloesser, after retiring, was elected as President of the Sons of Norway.

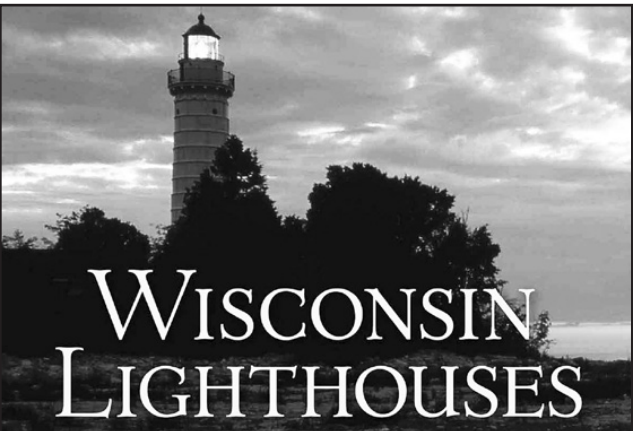
“I am aware of the fact that, in order to keep the ball rolling, it is important to change officers who bring new ideas forward.”

Schloesser started out at the Sons of Norway as the lodge historian. She was then named Vice President, and after the departure of the President at the time, she was promoted to President.

She is currently the lodge counselor, and says she is still very involved, just not as intensely as her prior roles.

In her free time, Schloesser loves to travel, as she says she will be doing plenty of traveling around the world coming up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wisconsin lighthouses illuminated

Explore lighthouses throughout our state through beautiful photos and storytelling at the Mt. Horeb Public Library Monday, February 5 at 1pm. Barb and Ken Wardius, authors and photographers of the book *Wisconsin Lighthouses-A Photographic and Historical Guide* share stunning images and history of lighthouses. This afternoon features a combination of history, photographs, and music. There will be time for questions and comments following the program. The presentation covers one third of the lighthouses in the state, including Cana Island Lighthouse, Wisconsin Point Light, Sand Island Light, Rockwell Lighthouse, Rawley Point, Milwaukee North Point and many more. Barb and Ken Wardius are life-long Wisconsin residents. Lighthouse history and photography are their passion. Their books include: *Wisconsin Lighthouses*; *Cana Island Lighthouse*; *Wind Point Lighthouse*, and *North Point Milwaukee Lighthouse*. They are sought after lighthouse lecturers, lead lighthouse tours, and belong to organizations dedicated to lighthouse preservation.

For more information visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-4347-5021.

Mount Horeb High School Art Show is back



Teachers Dana Showers (above left) and Anna King and with student Ava Kolb (above right) set up for the show.

Mount Horeb's downtown Driftless History (100 S 2nd St) is proud to host the 2024 Mount Horeb High School Art Show. This annual collaboration brightens up the dreary winter months with impactful artwork by talented young creators from your own community.

Dozens of works of art in a variety of mediums, all by Mount Horeb High School students, will be viewable in the Kalscheur Family Foundation Community Gallery now through Tuesday, February 18, 2024 during the

museum's open hours (Friday to Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). This show is free and open to all.

Exhibiting students include Lily Beadle, Ellenore Braun, Abbey Brummer, Carson Brummer, Denali Campi, Clem Christian, Kelsie Cothren, Caid Danz, Maxx Danz, Kaitlin Farr, Sienna Feltz, Mackenzie Fleck, Emily Folco, Lucas Folco, Ella Gauger, Delilah Gasch, Chrayvion Green, Lizzy Helin, Campbell Johnston, Hannah Jones, Stella Jungels, Leah Kellesvig, Ava Kolb, Mareck

Lambert-Conohan, Charles Lomack Jr, Freja Lutz, Lela Markhardt, Zelma Marohn, Jakoby Matz, Perri McMahan, Piper McMahan, Fisher Moldrem, JoJo Murray, Amina Ndiaye, Lance Newville, Charles Olson, Grace Osterholz, Caitlin Patrick, Neela Patterson, Caden Pulvermacher, Anja Rathje, Brinna Retzlaff, Sofia Sanchez, Sofia Serate, Jadyn Schellpfeffer, Aubrey Schlicht, Areyes Scoles, Aly Seibel, Brinley Steiner, Hayley Strother, Emerson Sutter, Kayman Sutter, Max Vrstal, Olivia Welsh, Maddie Yo-

gerst and Cass Zygmunt
The MHHS Art Show is made possible by an ongoing partnership between the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society and the MHHS Art Department, with integral participation from the MHHS National Art Honor Society. The opportunity to participate is open to any high school student; they do not have to be involved in an art class or club.

For more information on this annual initiative, call 608-437-6486 or email mthorebahs@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Mt. Horeb Seniors shopping trip to Dodgeville, 9:30am

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet open 9:00 to 10:30am (Seniors Preferred) ; All shoppers - 3:00-6:00pm

BINGO, Senior Center, 12:30pm, sponsored by Badger Hearing

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food and Clothes Closet open 10:00-11:30am

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Tai Chi, Senior Center, 1:00pm, RSVP 608-437-6902

Ageless Grace, Senior Center 2:000pm, RSVP 608-437-6902

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

Lunch for Mt. Horeb Seniors at Fink's Cafe, 11:00am-1:00pm.

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

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

Sugar River Euchre

By Stan Hook
Sugar River Euchre

According to the word on the street, all the matches on January 18th, except the one between the Red Mouse Shufflers and the Kleeman Hay Shakers, were uneventful. In this match between the Shufflers and the Hay Shakers at Kleeman's Bar in New Glarus, the Shufflers took a 5 point lead after the first frame and never looked back. Hay Shakers Jeff and Jerrod Judd applied most of the resistance to the Shakers by staying perfect through the first four frames. But, in the fifth frame they met Steve Vogt and Ed Chancellor for the second time that night. With great determination, Ed and Steve won the fifth frame by 3 points. Unfortunately for the Hay Shakers, this wasn't the last they would hear from Steve and Ed. In the Seventh frame Ed and Steve skunked Scott Austin and Roger Truttmann in just 6

hands, ouch! Here is where Jeff and Jerrod Judd come back into the picture. Playing Shane Kahl and Randy Skogen, in the eighth frame, Pepé Le Pew paid a second visit to the Hay Shakers to deliver Jeff and Jerrod the second Hay Shaker skunk of the night. This one took just 5 hands.

Based on available records, a team to receive two skunks on the same night happened back on February 13, 2020, when Riley Mounties (now team Uff-da) RoseAnn Maier and Devon Handel, plus Jim Day and Harold Grabandt were skunked by the Norsk Pranksters. This was apparently the night that Pepé Le Pew was in his prime as another skunk also occurred that night; Tyrol Trolls Dave Hook, and Roger Fager were skunked by the Norsk Cowboys.

In the other matches last week, the Red Mouse Uff-das defeated the Viking

Trolls by 39. Uff-das Bruce Milestone and Dan Meinholz were nearly skunked when they received a one in the fifth frame from Trolls Scott Hook and Reed Bollig. The Trolls never had the lead in this one.

Cheese Eaters Ed Wettach and Keith Wegner scored 112 points while Giff and Brett Hoesly added another 110 points to the Cheese Eaters 50 point win over the J&M Bar River Rats. River Rats Tracy Funseth and Jimmy Gehin had this week's low score of 77.

Norsk Cowboys Don Field and Harold Schlimgen had this week's high score at 114 points. This was a close match from start to finish but the iron horse express was too fast for the Cowboys' outdated mode of transportation. The Morgan's Bar Express entered the station 7 points ahead of the Cowboys.

In the final match, the Norsk Pranksters straight-

ened every pipe that the Morgan Bar Pipe Benders produced to pull out a 23 point win.

Standings

Express 3-0
Kleeman's 2-1
Pranksters 2-1
Shufflers 2-1
Uff-Da 2-1
Cheese Eaters 1-2
Cowboys 1-2
J&M Bar 1-2
Pipe Benders 1-2
Trolls 0-3

Jan. 18 Schedule:

Express @ Uff-da (7:00)
Shufflers @ Trolls (7:00)
Hay Shakers @ Cowboys (7:00)
Pranksters @ River Rats (8:00)
Cheese Eaters @ Pipe Benders (7:00)

COMMUNITY

Obituaries

Elizabeth Margaret “Betty” Laufenberg



March 16, 1929 – Jan. 17, 2024

MOUNT HOREB - Elizabeth Margaret “Betty” Laufenberg, our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away peacefully in her own bed on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024. She was 94.

Betty was born on March 16, 1929, to George and Elizabeth (Hellenbrand) Karls of Waunakee. She grew up on the family farm attending school at St. John’s Catholic School in Waunakee. She married Herbert Laufenberg on June 6, 1950, at St. John’s Catholic Church. Together they raised their seven children and farmed for many years near Mount Horeb. Herbie preceded her in death on Nov. 2, 2012, after 62 years of marriage.

Being a homemaker was Betty’s cherished role. She loved being a wife and mother and living on the family farm. She had an extreme love and interest in her family’s lives. Betty had a gift of writing the sweetest, heartfelt letters. If you were lucky enough to receive a card or letter from her, it was saved, reread and treasured.

Betty was a devoted member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Pine Bluff. She worked with her parish family helping with parish functions and funeral dinners. By the grace of God, she taught religious education and was a Eucharistic Minister for many years going to homes and nursing homes. Being a pro-life advocate was very important to her. She had a

deep faith in God and felt truly blessed always. She enjoyed music, singing and playing guitar. She was a member of the St. Mary’s Parish Choir for many years and sang with the Silver-tones.

Betty was a wonderful cook and baker. She especially enjoyed making her delicious cinnamon rolls, buns and bread which her family loved. She baked and decorated many amazing cakes for birthdays, First Communions, graduations and anniversaries. She also enjoyed gardening, reading, bowling, crocheting (making afghans for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren), card playing and family parties.

Later in life she worked part-time at the lunch program for Mount Horeb schools and for Lifetouch Photography. She worked at the polls for elections and was a past member of the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Betty is survived by her seven children, Joseph (Marilee) Laufenberg of Jasper, Ga., Diane (Jim) Boland of Mount Horeb, Jane (Ray) Cunneen of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Richard (Joann) Laufenberg, William (Sue) Laufenberg, Sharon (Greg) Carl and Tony Laufenberg all of Mount Horeb; 12 grandchildren, Joel (Stephanie) Laufenberg, Chris (fiancée, Julia) Laufenberg, Karen Dale, Peter (Jackie) Boland, Brian (Katie) Boland, Julie (Chris) Smith, Sarah (Adam) Brecklin, Bria (Wade) Ward, Lindsey (Adam) Ragatz, David Laufenberg, Frank Laufenberg and Erin (Ryan) Nanney; step-grandson, Brian (Kelly) Severson; 22 great-grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren; two sisters, Genny Greiber and Lucille Endres; one brother, Edmund (Virginia) Karls; sisters-in-law, Jean Statz, Judy Laufenberg and Eileen (Jim) Rauls; and nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband “Herbie;” her parents; siblings, Helen (Lawrence) Niesen, George (Marilyn) Karls and Alfred (Mary Ann) Karls; brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald Endres, Herman Greiber, David (Marian) Keller, Art (Leona) Laufenberg, Ken-

neth (Rose Marie) Laufenberg, Jack Laufenberg and Roman Statz; parents-in-law, Anton and Henrietta Laufenberg; niece, Kathy Keller; nephews, Jerry Niesen and Brian Statz; and godson, Philip Karls.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary’s of Pine Bluff Catholic Church, on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, with Father Brian Dulli officiating. A visitation was held at the church on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024. An additional visitation was held at the church prior to the Mass on Wednesday. A graveside service followed at St. Mary’s of Pine Bluff Catholic Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Dr. Randall Haas, Dr. John Phelan and Dr. Colin Connell from SSM Health and Agrace Hospice staff: Mark, Carla, Kay, Bobbie, Jennifer and other team members for their wonderful care and support. Also, thank you to Father Michael Wanta for his special visits.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wisconsin Right to Life or St. Vincent de Paul Society in Madison.

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

Gunderson Camacho Mount Horeb Funeral & Cremation Care 500 N. Eighth St. (608) 437-5077

Douglas Donovan Pfaff

April 27, 1957 – Jan. 14, 2024

DELAFIELD - Douglas Donovan Pfaff passed away on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024. He was born on April 27, 1957, to parents, Dono-



van and Joyce Pfaff in La Crosse, Wis.

He grew up on the family farm in Stevenstown, Wis. As a child, Douglas was known to participate from a young age. Growing up, he would work alongside the rest of his family to keep things moving on the farm. He was very active in the school’s FFA organization, including winning the State Farmer Award. Douglas graduated from Melrose-Mindoro High School in 1975. He then attended the University of Wisconsin—Platteville where he met his wife, Martha Rygh, and graduated in 1979 with a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics.

Douglas and Martha then moved to Mount Horeb, Wis., where they started their family. Nobody was more important to him than his three children, Justin, Stephanie, and Lincoln. He loved them unconditionally and was so proud of all three.

Doug knew how to take the lead; he was a leader! Over the years, he was involved in many community activities and fundraisers, including raising funds for the school district’s Dream Gym project, a new local library, and a new ambulance for the Village of Mount Horeb. He was very active in Mount Horeb’s Rotary International where he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship. He was also the Mount Horeb Summer Frolic President and Treasurer. Taking part in countless fundraisers, boards, committees, and associations, he was one who was never afraid to step up. Doug was a man of many talents and had much success in the insurance industry. He was a Qualifying and Life Member of the Million Dollar Round Table.

Doug loved to entertain and was an avid sports fan. He spent years in the Mendota Gridiron Club supporting the Wisconsin Badgers football team and held season tickets for many years. Doug was a lifelong Green Bay Packers fan. Some of our family’s fondest memories were watching games together in our Packers Room.

Doug was survived by his children, Justin (Van-

essa) Pfaff, Stephanie Pfaff and Lincoln Pfaff (Samantha Friedrichs); grandchildren, Harrison and Camille Pfaff, children of Justin and Vanessa; and former wife, Martha. He is also survived by his brothers, Leon (Ruth) Pfaff and David (Pauline) Pfaff; along with multiple cousins, nieces, nephews, and other family members who were all very important to him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donovan and Joyce Pfaff.

At the time of his passing, he was living in the Delafield area where he had many friends and acquaintances. Doug was a bright burning light who had such a passion for life. Anyone who knew Doug will greatly miss him. He would light up any room he was in and would always greet you with a smile.

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be held at MARTINSON HALL, 108 S. Second St., Mount Horeb, Wis., from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024. Please attend if you can and share in a loving goodbye to Doug Pfaff!

In remembrance of our Dad, the family asks that, in lieu of flowers, charitable donations be made to JD RF Illinois to help create a world without type 1 diabetes. Donations may be made payable to JD RF and sent to: JD RF Illinois, P.O. Box 5018, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5018. Charitable donations may also be made online at www.jdrf.org.

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

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Optimist Club News



Eric, Quinn, Campbell and Jennifer Johnston.

CAMPBELL JOHNSTON IS “SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW”

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

Campbell is a senior at Mt. Horeb High School. She is a National Honor Society Member as well as a member of National Art Honor Society. Her art work was displayed last February during the Youth Art Month Regional Show at the Common-Wealth Gallery in Madison. She has also been

a member of DECA, Link Crew, Power Club, Ecology Club, and Social Justice Club representing the high school the past two years at JUSTIFY Social Justice Conference in Madison..

Outside of school, Campbell has volunteered at the Mount Horeb Public Library. She has volunteered at the Mount Horeb Summer Art Fair as well as the Spring Art Tour. She helped create the mural at Sunn Café. With National Honor Society, she has volunteered for the Blood Drive and the Book Drive with Madison Reading Project. Campbell’s

Youth Apprenticeship this year at Sign Art Studio in Mt. Horeb includes working in digital marketing, creating promotional content and managing the business’s social media account. She also attends meetings and networking events with clients.

Campbell was honored at the January meeting of the Optimist Club. She received a certificate and \$50.00. The Optimist Club of Mt. Horeb is proud to name Campbell Johnston as “Someone You Should Know.”

If you would like to nominate a high school senior that has demonstrated outstanding community service, contact Cynthia Jefko at cynthia@jefko.com.



Mark, Laurel, Rachel and Kellie Aquino.

RACHEL AQUINO IS “SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW”

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

Rachel is a senior at Mt. Horeb High School. She has participated in Choir and Marching Band. She is also a member of National Honor Society, the Student Advisory Board, and Student Book Club. Rachel was a Cross Country Team Manager. She is a Club Interact Member and is currently serving as President. In October, Rachel was chosen as the Rotary Student of the Month

Outside of school, Rachel participated in Edgewood College Thinking Like a Surgeon Camp. She is a Horsemanship and Rid-

ing student leasing a horse at Snapdragon Farm and Stables where she was a Co-leader of Children’s Horse and Farm Experience and had an Internship with Natural Wisdom Counseling Equine Assisted Therapy. She helped create lessons, make materials, and teach skills to children ages six to 14. She also volunteered at the Mental Health and Wellness Festival at Snapdragon where she ran the booth for Natural Wisdom Counseling and prepped horses for the therapy work demo as well as being the poop scooper during the demo! With Club Interact, Rachel has made t-shirt dog toys for the Humane Society, done reverse trick-or-treating at Beehive and Ingleside, made cards for service members, participated in a park clean-up at Stewart Lake, helped Ecology Club make seed bombs, and made winter care pack-

ages for Friends of State Street. She is now working on assembling shoebox gifts for children in need and just purchased materials to make tie blankets for the Children’s Hospital. She is also working on an international project with their foreign exchange student Karla, from Brazil. Rachel will be volunteering at Neighbors Helping Neighbors as well as a Club Interact Bingo Night at the assisted living facilities in town. Rachel was honored at the January meeting of the Optimist Club. She received a certificate and \$50.00. The Optimist Club of Mt. Horeb is proud to name Rachel Aquino as “Someone You Should Know.”

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DHS says ALL families should test kids for lead

Tests now encouraged for children ages 1 and 2, and those aged 3-5 who have not been previously tested

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends universal blood lead testing for children living in Wisconsin. Universal testing means all children should receive a blood lead test at ages one and two as well as any child between ages three and five who has not had a previous test. Children under six residing in the city of Milwaukee require additional testing per local health department guidelines.

Childhood lead poison-

ing remains a serious public health threat, despite significant progress in recent decades. Every year, thousands of children in Wisconsin are poisoned by exposure to lead in their environment. Lead, a toxic metal, can cause irreversible damage to a child’s developing brain, affecting their learning, behavior, and future potential. A simple blood test can detect lead exposure early, allowing parents and health care providers to take crucial steps to protect a child’s health. Depending on the child’s blood lead level, these crucial next steps could include:

Finding and removing

lead hazards from the child’s environment.

Providing the child a diet high in iron and calcium.

Connecting the child to early educational services.

Scheduling follow-up blood lead testing.

Parents and caregivers should talk with their child’s health care provider today and get a blood lead test scheduled. Visit CDC’s Recommended Actions Based on Blood Lead Level page for additional information on follow-up and case management of children who have lead levels above the blood lead reference value.

BUS

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We will need to cancel school for the day, today. We are deeply apologetic for what this has caused our families.”

Aubree Hanks, the district’s resource development and public relations coordinator, confirmed that no students were left stranded, despite the unexpected crisis.

“As soon as a few buses began to experience gelling of fuel lines, the team was quick to organize an action plan,” she said. “It’s a tough decision to have canceled school so late in the morning, but the safety of our students is most important. Per protocol, the few buses that had already picked up a handful of students made contact with families for the students’ safe return home. No students were stranded. The team even drove around



They said the district is working with Insight FS to utilize an added Winter Diesel Fuel Treatment.

to each stop in the district using our school vans to ensure no students were waiting.”

So, what happened? The short answer is simple: Sub-zero temperatures caused fuel in district vehicles to begin freezing. The long answer, particularly regarding steps the district is taking to prevent this from happening again, gets a bit more technical.

According to the district, workers at the district’s transportation center had “already ensured that [they] had a high ratio of additives” in their fuel.

The school district purchases its diesel fuel – both regular and blended - from Insight FS, a company that serves Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula. When the district uses the term “additive” in this case, they are referring to the standard practice of mixing “diesel 1” with their regular fuel. Diesel 1 is also known as “winter diesel” because it performs better than diesel 2 in cold temperatures. It has a lower viscosity and is not prone to gelling in freezing temperatures. District officials said they had been purchasing a blend of 60

regular and 40 diesel 1. According to Brian Toth, the district’s transportation coordinator, the district’s transportation team had already ensured that they had a high ratio of additives in the fuel lines per their safety practice, and they ran the buses over the weekend to ensure the buses performed as well as possible in the extreme weather.

However, when they headed out to their routes last Tuesday morning, it became clear the cold was causing a major disruption.

According to Toth, when the weather is particularly cold, fuel starts to freeze in the filter, and the vehicles lose power and begin slowing down. All of the school buses started on the morning of Monday, January 15, when workers tested them despite the fact that there were no classes due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. They all started the follow-

ing morning, as well. But once one bus began to gel, the team immediately began their safety protocol, said the district. “This is a pretty rare and typically isolated occurrence, but the management team handled it really well,” said Hanks. “Transportation staff then worked tirelessly to review all aspects of the buses to ensure this wouldn’t occur again.”

They said the district is working with Insight FS to utilize an added Winter Diesel Fuel Treatment. One bottle treats 50 to 250 gallons of fuel.

“While this experience was unexpected, the team is working with our fuel company to ensure they are taking every precaution for tomorrow. Our fuel company has supplied an extra additive to prevent gelling. The fuel company also plans to top off all of our vehicles,” said Hanks. The

district’s fleet has been running well ever since, and temperatures began to climb this week. Toth used the opportunity to thank his team for their hard work during the incident.

“I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our hardworking transportation team for their exceptional efforts on Tuesday morning when we encountered a challenging situation with gelling fuel lines,” said Toth. “Despite the unexpected obstacle, our team remained composed and swiftly took action to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. I am truly impressed by their professionalism and commitment to our students and their safety. I want to extend a special thank you to each member of our transportation team for their tireless efforts and unwavering dedication. I am proud to have such a dedicated team supporting our District.”



BURNS

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has changed since he started out, and many of the changes have been good. Technology’s rapid ascent is fairly well known, and Burns say veterinarians today essentially have all the same tools at their disposal as do their counterparts in human medicine. Other changes might be less well known to the general population, like, for instance, the fact that nearly all vets used to be men, while the vast majority of today’s veterinary school graduates are women.

All in all, Burns says it’s been a good career and a good retirement.

Born in the Richland Center area, he grew up “partially” on his grandparents’ farm. “I spent most every summer on that farm, helping granddad feed, treat the calves, things like that,” he said.

“I always felt real comfortable with animals,” Burns continued. “Particularly cows and dogs. I had a pet dog as a kid, and that dog was my constant com-

panion. He used to ride on the handlebars of my bicycle. We shared ice cream cones. He was my constant companion.”

For much of Burns career, the University of Wisconsin did not yet have a veterinary school. It was established in 1979 by the state legislature, following a push by many in the field, including Burns himself, who had to go to Minnesota to earn his degree.

“When I went to school, there were very few females in class,” he remembered. “There were two in the year ahead of me and none in mine. Today, it’s about 80 percent female. There’s been a lot of change; change for the better.”

“When the book ‘All

Creatures Great and Small’ came out, that’s what changed it,” he added.

It was fate that brought Burns to the Mount Horeb area, taking over for a prior vet who had served the region but had died in a plane crash.

“It was a farm practice,” he said of the work back then. “A lot of emergencies.”

He has many memories, most of which are positive. But of course, life in those days was full of sunburned days, frostbitten nights, and plenty of scratches, kicks and bites.

One time, a specific cow took a dislike of Burns after being treated, and would try to smash through the gate, or even hit his truck, to get



At left, Jim and Dixie Burns. Photo by Matt Geiger. Above right, Jim listens to a dog’s heart during his time in the Army.

at him.

Another nemesis came in the feline variety.

“A good friend had a house cat that he wanted neutered, and so I neutered it,” he says with a chuckle. “I came back about two weeks later to do something else, and that cat grabs me and just starts chewing on me. I realized then that animals really do remember and know more than we think.”

The greater Mount Horeb area has lost much of its farmland in the 30 years since Burns retired, although the towns surrounding the village remain vibrant producers of crops and livestock.

“When I retired, I missed the farmers,” Burns said. “I

missed the fun I had with the farmers.”

He said his favorite part of retirement has been volunteering and helping others in the community he calls home.

“But it’s been a good retirement. I’ve always had other things to do,” he continued. “Practice has changed a lot. When I started out over 60 years ago, everything was about listening and eliminating everything it could not be. Now, there’s a lot more technology. And vaccines are so

much better now than they were back then.”

“Veterinary medicine basically went from the horse and buggy to all kinds of technology on the level of human medicine,” he concluded. “And that makes sense because what affects animals also affects humans.”

Asked if he had any words of wisdom to animal-lovers, he said he does. “When you get a dog, get a dog that fits with your lifestyle,” he said. “Then you can live together amicably.”

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Local schools serve food from around the world



Aubree Hanks, Resource Development and Public Relations Coordinator, says the school district developed a menu that “showcases dishes from various cultures for students across the District.”

By **AUBREE HANKS**
MHASD

The Food Service team at Mount Horeb Area School District is excited to announce their participation in the ‘Around the World in 80 Trays’ Wisconsin-wide event aimed at increasing global flavors in the USDA School Meal Programs and promoting healthy and adventurous eating habits among students.

With a strong commitment to providing nutritious and delicious meals, the Food Service team has developed a menu that showcases dishes from various cultures for students across the District, from the High School to the Primary Center. By incorporating global cuisine into the school meals, they aim to expand students’ palates, encourage exploration of different flavors, and foster a sense of cultural appreciation.

Food Service Director Michelle Denk, the driving force behind this initiative, believes that exposing students to a wide variety of foods is essential for their overall development. “We want to create an environment where students can experience the joy of trying new foods and develop a lifelong appreciation for diverse cuisines,” said Denk.

The Food Service team

has carefully curated a menu that includes dishes from different regions for this week’s lunch. On Monday, students enjoy Greek-inspired creations including gyros and hummus. Taco Tuesday takes on a whole new meaning with the addition of Mexican street corn salad and churros. Wednesday boasts potstickers and stir-fried veggies inspired by Chinese cuisine. Curried potatoes from India will spice up everyone’s Thursday. Finally, Friday features a refreshing cucumber cabbage salad. These meals feature some locally sourced ingredients including hummus from Banzo, a Mediterranean restaurant in Madison, and curry spices from Flavor Temptations in Madison.

In addition to providing students with exciting culinary experiences, the global cuisine initiative also aligns with Mount Horeb Area School District’s commitment to promoting healthy eating habits. By offering a wide range of flavorful and nutritious options, the Food Service team aims to instill a love for wholesome foods and empower students to make informed choices about their meals.

If you’re looking to try our most popular dish from this initiative, check out the recipe below:

Mexican Street Corn Salad (Esquites)

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds frozen corn
- 1/3 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 tsp chili powder
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp lime juice
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese (may substitute for cotija cheese)
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1/4 cup freshly chopped cilantro

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350 Degrees Fahrenheit. Toss the corn with oil and lay it on a baking sheet. Roast for 10 minutes or until it starts to brown, toss and cook for five more minutes. Cool the corn.

Mix the rest of the ingredients to form the dressing and add to the cooled corn mixture. You can add additional paprika and cilantro to the top.

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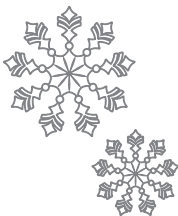
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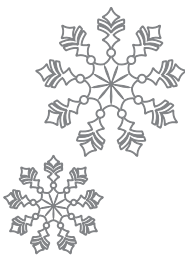
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- Extra red hat coloring contest sheets are available at the Mount Horeb Public Library.
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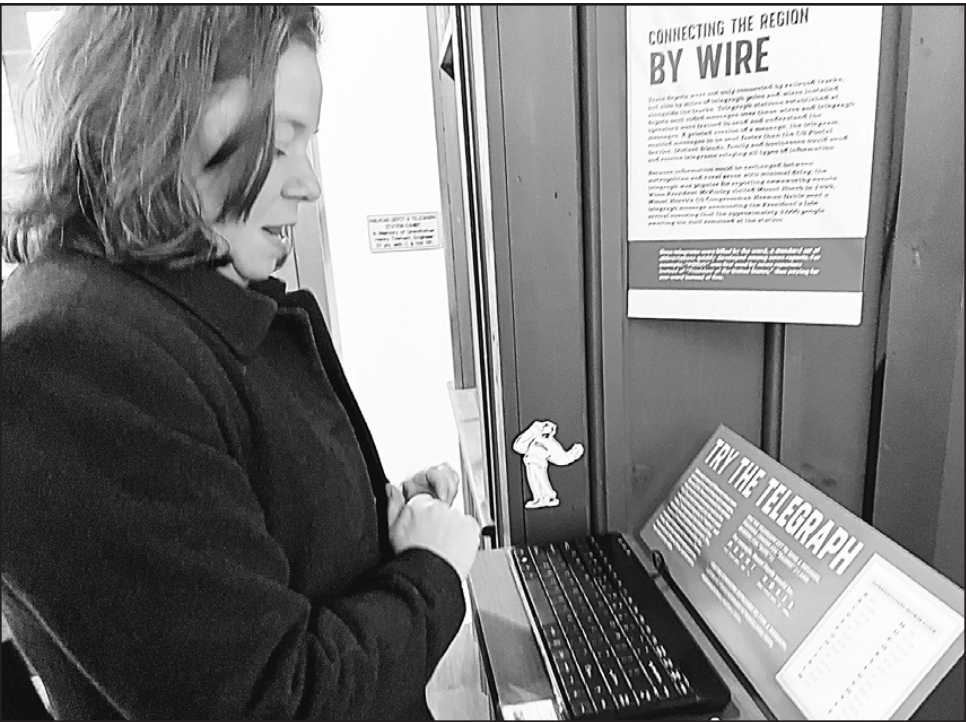
Lt. Governor learns all about local history



Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez (right) enjoys the Driftless Historium’s “History in 3D: The Stereoview Sensation” exhibit, in which historic stereoview images were converted to red-blue anaglyphs that can be viewed in 3D with red-blue glasses.



Here, Rodriguez looks at an installation of modern images taken by Mount Horeb’s Michael Pecoosky; one uses the Hyper View Large Format Stereo View device (as shown here) to view these images in 3D.



Rodriguez tries sending a telegraph.



Rodriguez chats with (from left) village trustee Tim White, village administrator Nic Owen and school board member Jim Myers.



Rodriguez’s guide during her trip to Mount Horeb was chamber of commerce director Rachel LaCasse-Ford (second from left).



Driftless Historium director Desinee Udelhoven shows Rodriguez some favorite sports of yesteryear (left) as well as stories from the area’s first inhabitants, the Ho-Chunk (right). Photos by Matt Geiger.



Big crowd packs library for puzzle race

*The library had its first Great Puzzle Race Saturday, January 20:
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First place winners: Staci Meister and Erin and Barb Hutchison.



Second place winners: Zoe Schmitz, Marlea Knox, Melissa Lease, Melissa Carden and Heather Schmitz.



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Vikings notch two big wins

Mount Horeb topples MG

by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Reporter

OREGON – Josh Manchester knows his way around the basket.

But the high-scoring sophomore guard is also savvy enough to realize the importance of playing both ends of the court at a high level.

Manchester scored 20 of his game-high 31 points in the second half to rally Mount Horeb to a 76-63 victory over Monona Grove in the second-place game of the Badger Challenge last Saturday afternoon.

The 6-foot-3 sharpshooter wasn't flustered, though, when Monona Grove stormed out to an 11-point first-half lead.

"We really kicked it in on defense," Manchester said. "Starting off, we were bad getting in our gaps. Later in the first half, and at the start of the second half, we were really, really good."

Manchester sandwiched a putback basket and a driving layup around a driving layup from Monona Grove

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Hayden Anderson and Mount Horeb's boys basketball team won a pair of games last week. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Manchester erupts for 43 in win over Lodi

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's first eight wins of the year came by an average of 23.8 points per game.

All eight wins victories by double figures. And the closest contest was 13 points.

In other words, the Vikings weren't overly battle tested.

That changed on Jan. 16 when Mount Horeb fell behind Lodi, 7-0, and trailed much of the first half. Making things tougher, the Vikings were operating without starters Zach Maguire and Austin Leibfried.

Mount Horeb showed plenty of mettle, though, digging out of its early hole, getting an eye-popping 43-point night from sophomore star Josh Manchester and rallying past visiting Lodi, 85-74. The Vikings, who saw a 17-point second half lead trimmed to one, closed the game on a 10-0 run to prevail.

Mount Horeb improved to 9-3, while Lodi slipped

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Gymnasts roll past MG

Mount Horeb posts new season-high point total

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

The wait had been excruciating.

Afterwards, though, it appears to have been worth it.

Mount Horeb's girls gymnastics team competed for the first time in 12 days last Thursday. The long layoff seemingly allowed the Vikings to polish many of their skills as they rolled to a 136.325-128.550 win over Monona Grove.

Mount Horeb's point total was a season-best.

"It was good for all of our girls to be in front of an audience and judges again," Vikings coach Martha Koller Faust said. "Numerous personal-best scores were earned, which resulted in top three finishes on all four events plus the all-around."

Mount Horeb's Athena Ouradnik won the all-around competition with a 35.025 score.

Ouradnik was first on the vault with an 8.725, while Sylvia Seeliger was second (8.450), Edie Balster

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Abbey Brummer (above) and Mount Horeb's girls gymnastics team rolled past Monona Grove on Jan. 18. Photo submitted



MoHo girls drop a pair

Vikings fall to Stoughton and SP East
by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

The beat goes on. But it’s a beat Mount Horeb’s girls basketball team seems ready to silence.

The Vikings dropped a pair of games last week, pushing their losing streak to six games.

Stoughton defeated Mount Horeb, 52-47, on Jan. 18. The Vikings also dropped a 51-43 decision to Sun Prairie East on Jan. 20.

Mount Horeb fell to 4-11 overall and 3-5 in the Badger Small Conference.

“Our defense was really good as we held both teams to just over 50 (points), but we have to find ways to score and make shots,” Mount Horeb coach Bart Leibfried said. “Simple is better and the coaching staff keeps telling them to make the simple plays not the hard plays. They are a tough, resilient group of kids so I know they will keep battling.”

Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ week:

- **Stoughton 52, Mount Horeb 47** — Mount Horeb raced to a 27-8 lead, but couldn’t hold on.
- Stoughton closed within 33-18 at halftime, then



Morgan Monroe (top), Rowan Johnson (above) and Mount Horeb’s girls basketball team dropped a pair of games last week. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

outscored Mount Horeb, 34-14 in the second half.

“Stoughton came out in the second half and applied a lot of pressure on us and we didn’t handle it well,” Leibfried said. “Our ball handling and decision making has to improve so we can score.”

Mount Horeb shot just 4-of-31 in the second half (12.9%).

Rowan Johnson had 12 points for Mount Horeb, while Morgan Monroe added nine. That duo

half lead, and despite a late rally, Mount Horeb couldn’t claw all the way back.

Morgan Monroe suffered a lower leg injury in the first half that Leibfried said “sucked the energy and life right out of everyone.” Leibfried is optimistic the injury won’t sideline Monroe for long, but it certainly hurt the Vikings against East.

“At half they didn’t want to hear anything about the game or adjustments we had to make, but just wanted to know if she was going to be okay and what the coaches knew about her injury,” Leibfried said of Morgan Monroe. “It showed how much these kids care about each other.”

Courtney Monroe led Mount Horeb with 10 points, while Rowan Johnson added eight and Morgan Monroe had six before leaving with her injury.

“I was really proud of Courtney and how she battled in the second half to lead us in scoring,” Leibfried said. “She was pretty upset when she saw her older sister go down, but was really tough getting to the basket.”

- **On deck:** The Vikings were at Baraboo Tuesday, then battle Wisconsin Heights at JustAGame field House in Wisconsin Dells on Saturday at 5:50 p.m.

Co-op hockey team wins two of three

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Sauk Prairie’s co-op hockey team — consisting of players from Sauk Prairie, Mount Horeb, Barneveld, River Valley and Wisconsin Heights — won two of three games last week.

Sun Prairie defeated the Eagles, 6-0, on Jan. 16. But Sauk Prairie rebounded and defeated McFarland, 4-3, last Friday and downed Stevens Point Pacelli, 7-2, last Saturday.

The Eagles are now 12-7 overall and 6-3 in the Badger Small Conference.

Here’s a recap of the Eagles’ week:

- **Sauk Prairie 4, McFarland 3** — The Eagles notched a big win over the Spartans.
- **Sauk Prairie 7, Stevens Point Pacelli 2** — Colin Harrington had five goals and an assist to power the Eagles to victory.
- Samson Begalske and Cam McInerney both added goals for Sauk Prairie, while Landon Froese and Karsyn Banta both had two assists.
- **On deck:** Sauk Prairie was at Baraboo/Portage Tuesday, then host Reedsburg/Wisconsin Dells Thursday at 7 p.m. The Eagles then travel to Madison West Saturday.

William

Swimmers dunked by McFarland

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s boys swimming team fell to McFarland, 127-27, on Jan. 16.

The Vikings’ top performances included:

- Angus Best was second in the 100-yard butterfly and Charlie Olson was third.
- Best was third in the 200-yard freestyle.

- Carter Craven was third in the 100-yard breaststroke and John Malin was fourth.
- Craven was fourth in the 200-yard IM.
- Malin was fourth in the 100-yard butterfly.
- Caden Sadkovich was fifth in the 50-yard freestyle.
- Mount Horeb’s 200-yard freestyle relay team of Olson, Malin, Craven and Best was second.

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senior Isaiah Erb for a quick 4-2 lead. But the Silver Eagles tightened up their defense and eventually built a 28-17 margin on Erb’s baseline jumper with 4 minutes, 25 seconds remaining before halftime.

Mount Horeb (10-3) — ranked eighth in Division 2 in both The Associated Press and Wissports.net polls — then countered with a 13-6 closing run by attacking the rim with abandon.

The Vikings sank 5-of-6 free throw attempts and four field goal attempts — all in the paint — in the final 4 minutes of the first half. to pull within 34-30 at the break.

“That little run we had before the half ... that was big,” Mount Horeb coach Todd Nesheim said. “Obviously, a little confidence for us.

“They were pressuring us. I thought we were rattled a little bit. We didn’t have a very good answer for their pressure in the first half. We were missing 3s and layups and foul shots. That’s what happens. That little run to go down by four at half was an important part of the game.”

That set the stage for an impressive second half for the Vikings, who quickly jumped out to a 38-34 lead on back-to-back 3-pointers from Manchester and Vorwald and a driving layup by junior forward Griffin Hannah.

“We just knew we had to stick to the game plan. We knew it was going to work eventually,” Manchester said. “We just had to get used to their ball pressure, which was really good in the first half.

“Then we kind of got used to it and were able to make plays. And I was able to get open shots when Nick (Vorland) and Zach (Maguire) drive and kick when they were distributing it.”

After MG pulled even at 44-44 on senior guard Emmett Toijala’s layup, Manchester drained a 3-pointer to jump-start a 14-2 run to give Mount Horeb the lead for good.

Erb led Monona Grove with 15 points, Toijala finished with 14 points and junior guard Cal Woerth added 12 points.

“We had a real, nice first half, but in the second half, I thought Mount Horeb came out extremely aggressive,” Monona Grove coach Dan Zweifel said. “I thought they attacked the rim the second half. (Zach)

Maguire and (Nick) Vorwald did a nice job. They killed us on the glass in the second half.

“We call them scramble plays, if you don’t get that offensive rebound, Manchester, you can’t leave him open at all because he’s going to make it. He made three of those 3s on scramble plays.”

Manchester sank all three of his 3-pointers in the second half after making seven treys and scoring 43 points in the Vikings’ 85-74 victory over Lodi on Jan. 16. But Todd Nesheim said Manchester can score at any level.

“He does shoot the 3 very well,” Nesheim said. “But he’s also very good at getting to the rim and getting his shots inside.”

Mount Horeb took the court after halftime, determined to keep attacking the rim on offense while playing lockdown defense on the other end of the court.

Mission accomplished.

“We didn’t do a lot different,” Todd Nesheim said. “We asked our kids to back-cut and put a little more pressure on the rim when they didn’t have the ball. But we didn’t make any huge adjustments. When shots go in, you look a little better.”

Mount Horeb shot 45% from the floor (23-of-51) overall and was 6-of-12 beyond the arc in the second half. That included quality minutes from junior forward Owen Aeschlimann, who came off the bench to drain a pair of 3-pointers.

Nesheim said despite Manchester’s offensive skills, the coaching staff has to keep reminding itself that he is only a sophomore.

“We’ve got to keep reminding ourselves of that,” Nesheim said with a smile. “It’s been a learning curve, not only last year, but this year as he’s being face guarded. He knows he can carry this team and wants to, but you have to do it at the right spots.”

Nesheim welcomed the return to the lineup of junior forward Zach Maguire, who missed the victory over Lodi due to an injury.

“He’s a huge player,” Nesheim said of Maguire, who finished with 14 points and shared team-high honors in rebounding with Manchester with eight. “I think he’s an all-conference player at some level. He’s our best rebounder and a guy who can knock down some 3s. He can do it all for us.”

Vorwald, who also played a major role in the victory over the Silver Eagles with 17 points, seven



Kam Nesheim and Mount Horeb’s boys basketball team notched a big win over Monona Grove last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

rebounds, three steals and two assists, agreed.

“Zach is a knockdown shooter,” Vorwald said of Maguire, who made 10-of-12 free throws against MG. “It’s super important to have that extra guy. Him obviously hitting free throws at the end was super important. That was big for us. His size factor is also super important for us. To have him back was vital for our team.”

Zweifel said the work of Maguire and Vorwald on the glass helped turn the tide.

“The key was not so much Manchester, although he scored 31. But I thought Maguire and Vorwald were the keys to the game,” Zweifel said. “They attacked the basket. They attacked the offensive glass.

“Their front court guys were way more physical and tougher than our front-court guys in the second half for sure. We couldn’t keep up with the physicality, and they kept getting to the free throw line over and over.”

Todd Nesheim said

while the Badger Challenge is only expected to last one more year after the Badger Conference split into Large and Small divisions, the Vikings have enjoyed a healthy rivalry with Monona Grove.

“We talked about the history of the game for us,” Nesheim said. “This is game 15 since I started coaching in the Badger Challenge. We’re now 11-4 in the Challenge. We’ve played MG seven times and are 5-2 against them. The Badger Small took a beating today. This was important for a pride factor.

“We haven’t played a ton of really, good teams, and Monona Grove is one of those. It was good to have an answer to their pressure, a good team and well-coached.”

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb will host conference-leading Stoughton in a Badger Small Conference game on Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

The Vikings then host Monroe in a non-conference game on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Mount Horeb will then

play a non-conference game at Platteville on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7:15 p.m.

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Kiel 0 0-0 0, Landon Ellestad 0 2-2 2, Owen Aeschlimann 2 0-0 6, Alex Chapman 0 0-0 0, Will Ryan 0 0-0 0, Ethan Morrisard 0 0-0 0. Totals 23 23-29 76.

MONONA GROVE — Emmett Toijala 5 3-5 14, Isaiah Erb 7 0-1 15, Cal Woerth 3 4-4 12, Lucca Svaldi 3 0-2 8, AJ Nelson 0 0-0 0, Gavin Hablewitz 0 0-0 0, Joe Otto 1 2-3 4, Owen GINGER 0 0-0 0, Chase Yinko 0 0-0 0, Kaden Connor 1 0-0 2, Sean Clark 1 0-0 3, Austin Luchetti 2 1-1 5. Totals 23 10-16 63.

3-point goals: MH 7 (Manchester 3, Vorwald 2, Aeschlimann 2), MG 7 (Toijala 1, Erb 1, Woerth 2, Svaldi 2, Clark 1). Total fouls: MH 18, MG 22.

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“I thought this was really the first win of the year where we had to show some grit and toughness to accomplish it,” Mount Horeb coach Todd Nesheim said. “It was perhaps our most satisfying win to date.”

Mount Horeb hadn’t practiced in three days due to weather issues. The game was also played on a day when school was called off due to busing issues in the district.

“We had all kinds of excuses — weather, no practice, injuries — but the kids refused to use them,” Nesheim said. “From a coaching perspective, you always worry about how your kids will perform, especially on a no school day.”

The Vikings certainly looked out of sorts early, as Lodi raced to a 7-0 lead and still held a 19-13 advantage midway through the first half. But the Vikings closed the half on a 28-9 burst and surged to a 41-28 lead at the break.

Manchester had 20 of his 43 points in the first half, and Nick Vorwald (15 points) had a big basket right before halftime

“We stepped up on both ends of the floor in this segment,” Nesheim said of the final nine minutes of the first half. “We were playing

harder on D and not allowing as many easy opportunities.”

Despite the Vikings’ lead, Nesheim was frustrated that his team was outrebounded, 21-9, in the first half.

“We talked about how to handle a few of their sets, but really just challenged the guys to rebound better,” Nesheim said.

The Vikings started the second half much stronger than the first, when a Vorwald triple pushed Mount Horeb’s lead to 54-37 with 14:14 remaining.

“We got off to a much better start,” Nesheim said of the second half.

Lodi wouldn’t go away, though.

The Blue Devils went on a 33-17 burst and closed within 71-70 with 4:55 left. But Lodi never did take the lead.

Manchester drained a 3-pointer to push the Vikings’ lead back to 74-70. And after the Blue Devils crept back within 75-74, both Manchester and Griffin Hannah (seven points) knocked down two free throws to extend the Vikings’ advantage to 79-74.

Mount Horeb made four more free throws down the stretch, and Hannah had the Vikings’ first dunk of the season.

“We had a slow start, built a big lead, squandered it and then made some tough plays down the stretch,” Nesheim said.



Chris Kiel and Mount Horeb’s boys basketball team notched a hard fought win over Lodi last week. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR ROAD WORK**

The Town of Primrose is requesting bids for approximately 6.3 miles of sealcoating, and 2.6 miles of wedge work.
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was fourth (8.275) and Abbey Brummer was fifth (8.175).

Ouradnik was also first on the uneven bars (8.475), while Seeliger was second (8.375), Olinger was fourth (7.850) and Tess Angle was fifth (7.825).

Seeliger won the balance beam with an 8.925, while Harper Hendrickson was second (8.825), Ouradnik was third (8.725) and Olinger was fifth (8.20).

And on the floor exercise, Ouradnik was first (9.10), Carmen Oglesby was fourth (8.950), Brum-

mer was fifth (8.90) and Angle was seventh (8.550).

“Chalking up our third conference dual win against MG is a terrific feeling,” Koller Faust said. “We lost to them by .025 at the Craig Invite back in December, so we knew it would be a good rematch. Our gymnasts were up to the challenge and had a pretty solid night overall.”

Despite the impressive win, Koller Faust believes her team is just getting started.

“We coaches believe that our team hasn’t reached its potential yet, even with tonight’s season-best varsity team score,” she said. “We look forward to implementing a few new combinations into routines in the next few weeks and then solidifying vaults and routines in preparation for the conference meet and sectionals, both which are about a month away.”

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb is at Sauk Prairie on Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. The event will be held at Grand Avenue Elementary School and tickets must be purchased online.

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