



Can Vermont and Mount Horeb come to terms on boundary agreement?

The Mount Horeb Plan Commission met Feb. 28 and discussed the best path forward regarding the presented "Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement."

According to a report by the Commission, the Town's proposal requests that for a period of ten years, the Village not annex any property in the Town of Vermont without approval of the Town. Further, it states that the Village amend its Comprehensive Plan to be consistent with development standards in the Town.

Village Administrator Nic Owen said the most concerning request is that the

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Governor visits the IC

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers visited Mount Horeb's Intermediate Center Friday, spending time with students in multiple classes before heading to the lunch room, where he also thanked the district's food service workers - "It's great to be here and eat well," he said - and chatted with students. Fourth graders at the school, who were gearing up for their big "Beatlemania" concert later that day at the high school, sang "Yellow Submarine" for the governor, who was also joined by State Rep. Mike Bare (D-Verona) and State Sen. Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) during the visit. Pictured above, Evers spends time with Sterling Millar, Isla Malone and Landun Escalona (with Darren Li in the background). Photo by Matt Geiger.

The dark night rises?

Mount Horeb Mail

Springdale Town Chairman John Rosenbaum's proposal regarding the town's Dark Sky ordinance was met with criticism from a resi-

dent. The ordinance, which seeks to protect the ability of all residents to view the night sky, has been in effect since March of 2014.

Rosenbaum's proposal
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Historic preservation holds first meeting

Mount Horeb Mail

Mount Horeb's newest committee held its inaugural meeting. The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) officially had its first meeting Feb. 28, introduced its members and discussed committee goals.

According to the HPC's Role and Procedural Framework, the commission is made up of five members; four of which have experience in preservation as well as art and design and one is

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High-flying Vikings!

Edie Balster and Mount Horeb's girls gymnastics team finished in third place at the WIAA Division 2 state meet last Friday in Wisconsin Rapids. The Vikings have been to the state gymnastics meet 37 times, more than any other school in Wisconsin, and have 25 top-three finishes. For more on the Vikings' terrific performance, please see sports on page 14. Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner.

PERSPECTIVE

A Bird in the Bush

Winter flow, winter food

By **William Robichaud**
A Bird in the Bush

The world is generous in all seasons, and even a rather odd winter like this one holds nourishment for the body and soul. My year of food collection began in February, with three quite different things, that nonetheless have something important in common: *flow*.

First up was a trip across the Mississippi River to the Driftless Area of Iowa, for my first trout fishing foray of 2024. I recently headed to Iowa because Wisconsin's main catch-and-keep trout season doesn't open until May; on the Iowa side of the Big Muddy it never closes. God bless Iowa, and its fields (and streams) of dreams.

Trout, like many of us, take it slower in winter. Colder water reduces their metabolism, leaving them with less oomph to move, and less need to, since they



need less food. The key to winter trout fishing is to watch for a day when the water temperature is rising, which energizes winter trout a bit. On a calm, still morning on such a day I arrived at one of my favorite streams; and better yet for trout prospecting, it was overcast. I pulled on my waders, rigged my flyrod, and was soon feeling again the comforting press of water moving around my legs. Despite the good, trouty conditions, the stream was empty of other bipedal hominids, and I was soon immersed alone in the quiet of winter. Ever stand in the chill stillness of an ancient stone church or chapel in Europe? This felt similar. Pileated woodpeckers from the hills behind and the tumbling current at my feet were the only ones talking.

Two of the most soothing sounds I know are moving water - the rhythmical break of surf, and the proverbial babbling brook. Perhaps this is no surprise, since we humans originated in water millions of years ago, and more recently each of us was born (again) from water. Isak Dinesen insightfully wrote, "The cure for anything is salt water: sweat, tears, or the sea." In addition to salt, something

those three have in common is water *in motion*. I'm not blessed to live on a coast or along the shore of a Great Lake, and so I go to Driftless trout streams for restoration and inspiration. An hour in a trout stream is cheaper than an hour with a therapist (helpful as the latter can also be), plus I often leave the stream with sustenance for my body as well as soul.

The stream's bottom was alive with an encouraging abundance of winter trout food - caddis fly larvae in their protective tubes crowded the rocks, and tiny freshwater shrimps ("scuds") scattered from my wading boots. And, indeed, the trout responded. Before too long I'd landed more than a dozen (keeping four to eat). In addition, this inaugural day of 2024 trout fishing yielded two personal firsts.

One was a Driftless 'trifecta' - my first time to catch all three of our stream trout species - brown, brook and rainbow - on one outing on the same water. And the wild, self-sustaining brown trout in this stream are particularly beautiful, with flanks of deep yellow (in part the consequence of a rich diet). I texted a photo of one to a trout fishing pal

in Wyoming, and he replied, "What the hell is that, a yellow-bellied sapsucker??". Indeed, what a splash of gorgeous to fill one's eyes on an otherwise monochrome winter day.

My other first came at a small pool I knew from previous trout explorations in other years. I promptly backcast my fly into some overhead branches, and set my rod aside and pulled with steady hope on the line. Fortunately, the branch snapped before the line - at which time I discovered another fly hooked in the same small twig, snuggled up to mine. And, hey, it was *also* my fly! It was an unusual pattern of trout fly (known as a "Keeper Kebari") available from just one little-known source (and which, in fact, no longer carries them). I've used it often, and it was at least two years ago that I lost this fly to the same branch. It's not unusual while fishing to find flies lost by other anglers, but this was a first to find my own. A reunion with an old and valued friend.

As I moved further upstream through the flow, with the satisfying heft of some trout in my creel, the stream drew smaller as it neared its source springs. Soon, another burst of color

You can join Bill at the 'Bird in the Bush' farmstead near Barneveld for two upcoming events: Saturday, March 9, a one-day workshop on making maple syrup, and April 13 & 14, a two-day workshop on reading wild animal tracks and signs, taught by one of North America's most skilled trackers, Matt Nelson. Both events are offered through Folklore Village, and details and registration are available under "Folk School Classes" at www.folklorevillage.org.

proclaimed some good food on offer: watercress, in radiant profusion. Watercress is a special plant - it's a winter-ophile (like me), and graces the world with its brightest, freshest color at the otherwise drabbest time of year. It's most alive when much else in nature is dead or dormant. And, like trout, watercress is a gift of beauty and of food that is dependent on clear, flowing water. It's also interesting that, while I get the devotion many have to native species, glorious brown trout and watercress are both imports to North America. Welcome, immigrants. I munched some of the leaves streamside, and collected more to take home.

Finally, I'm pleased to report that another nourishing winter flow commenced with the same mild days that opened an opportunity for trout fishing - it's maple

season! Like a bear from its winter den, the maples have roused themselves, sap is flowing upward to the limbs, taps are in some trees, and syrup is on the boil.

These gifts of late winter, all collected with remembrances and gestures of gratitude, can be summed up in a meal I enjoyed: Fried wild trout, with a watercress salad and maple vinaigrette. A feast of flow.

It's good to go with the flow, and we can always find some, even in an otherwise spare and quiet time.

Bill ("Bird") Robichaud is an award-winning conservation biologist who lives on a farm north of Barneveld, on ancestral Ho-Chunk land. He hasn't grocery shopped for a meal in four years, and chronicles the experience at www.bird-inthebush.net.

Your Right To Know

Government lists are public information

By **Tom Kamenick**
Your Right To Know

As part of doing business, government agencies often maintain contact lists or distribution lists. These days those are typically email addresses, but they also can contain physical addresses or even phone numbers.

Your state legislator probably has a list of email addresses to send newsletters. Your local governmental units might have multiple lists for different purposes - phone numbers to call for volunteers, mailing addresses to send recreation department brochures, or email addresses to send weekly announcements.

What many people do not realize is that all of these lists maintained by



public agencies are public information. You have a right to access and use these same contact lists. All you have to do is make a record request for them. For example, if you receive an emailed newsletter from city hall, you can ask for the list of all email addresses to which that newsletter was sent.

This isn't a new concept. Since the 1970s, Wisconsin's Attorney General has issued formal opinions consistently saying that government distribution lists are public records and must be turned over, absent a showing of likely harm. The Wisconsin Supreme Court in 1984 required a school to release names, addresses, and phone numbers of parents. And just this past year, in a case I litigated, a state appeals court ruled that a school had to release parent email addresses.

I sometimes hear objections that this information is private, that some random person has no right to obtain hundreds or thousands of people's home addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses. That

argument has been consistently rejected as a legal justification for non-disclosure by the courts. But even from a policy standpoint, I think, it doesn't hold water.

There's nothing inherently sensitive or secret about basic contact information like this. After all, the purpose of having contact information is so people can contact you. Your address tells people where they can send mail and how to find your home. Your phone number lets anybody with a phone reach out to you. The same goes for an email address.

This information used to be widely disseminated in phone books and is still readily available online (albeit sometimes for a

small fee).

Can this information be abused? Sure, but that's not the standard for deciding whether government records must be released. All information has some potential for misuse, but we have a presumption that information in government hands is public. It can only be withheld if a clear exception applies or the custodian can show a real likelihood of significant harm will be caused by the release of records.

People who are at unusual risk, including domestic abuse victims, have resources like the DOJ's Safe At Home program to protect their home address at no charge.

What it comes down to is this: contact lists are a

valuable resource to the government. Officials and employees use them to spread whatever messages they want. But the government shouldn't be able to hog these lists. Government records are our records, and we have the same right to use lists of contact information obtained and maintained with our tax dollars as government officials do.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Council member Tom Kamenick is the president and founder of the Wisconsin Transparency Project.

Deputies to start using body cams

By Kevin Murphy
Mount Horeb Mail

The Dane County Sheriff’s Office will start using body-worn cameras, expecting to roll out a pilot program in a few months from its West Precinct station.

“In 2018, 80 percent of the medium large (law enforcement) agencies in the state use body-worn cameras so, we’re behind,” Capt. Kerry Porter acknowledged two weeks ago during a sparsely attended presentation at the Middleton Town Hall.

“When Sheriff (Kalvin) Barrett attends national conferences, there’s an audible gasp in the room when it’s mentioned that we don’t have any,” Porter said.

Preventing the use of body cameras, worn by more than 274 law enforcements agencies

statewide, as of 2021, was “push back by individuals and organizations,” said Sheriff Kalvin Barrett.

“It was budgetary, too. We needed help from the county executive and the county board,” Barrett said.

Barrett “believed” that the union representing the deputies also support using body cameras as they agree that they promote transparency and accountability during contacts with the public.

The cameras provide an impartial witness during arrests and interviews that typically shows, when resolving complaints from the public, that officers were doing the right thing, Barrett said.

“When things don’t go right, we can review and incorporate that into training,” he said.

A 2015 study conducted of the Rialto, Calif. Police Department records showed a “significant reduction” in use-of-force by police in arrests and other incidents involving the public,” Porter said. Also, citizen complaints against Rialto officers decreased by about 90 percent after the introduction of body-worn cameras.

“We’re hoping to achieve similar results,” he added.

It makes a difference when someone knows they’re being recorded, whether they’re a citizen or a law enforcement officer.

Cameras may contribute to the sharp reduction in use of force at a time when departments are also emphasizing officers use de-escalation measures to prevent encounters from becoming violent.

Deputies forgetting to activate their cameras may be an issue to address at training, Porter said. It should eventually become a habit but when the camera isn’t on when it should be the deputy must note it in an incident report.

The dash-mounted cameras are activated when a squad’s emergency lights are switched on and there are body cameras available that function similarly.

The introduction of body cameras has such welcomed by officers in many departments who wouldn’t want to go to work without them, said Porter.

The sheriff’s office plans to equip 32 deputies with body cameras in the West Precinct, including the two that patrol the town on contract. Porter anticipates that would begin this summer.

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Springdale looks at short-term rental rules

By Steve Matyas
Mount Horeb Mail

Springdale Town Plan Commission Chair Amy Jester presented the Town Board with the results of her research into short term rental regulations in surrounding communities. The town, which currently does not have such regulations in place, is considering implementing them.

Jester’s research indicates that regulations are in place in other municipalities which are designed to exert control over matters such as occupancy, room taxes, nuisance issues, special events, parking, proof of insurance, proximity of owners and operators during short term rental, and advertising. She pointed out that at this time, the town has three Conditional Use Permits, which allow flexibility in zoning, in place. She also stressed the need to consider how any new regulations would interact with county zoning and renters’ rights.

Town Supervisor Wayne

Hefty questioned the need for special regulations, claiming that, under the current set-up, problems with potential violations of town ordinances are acted on when reported. Violations can result in the loss of licensing provided under the CUP. “If it ain’t broke”, he asked, “Why fix it?” Despite Hefty’s concerns the board approved additional research by Jester and asked her to present a proposed document or points for discussion to a future meeting.

The commission also recommended and sought board approval for several lot limit adjustments and re-zonings. The board subsequently approved all of the commission’s requests.

Richard Schwenn sought

to combine four parcels of land located on County Road PD into one 40.08 acre area and obtain a new Certified Survey Map. He also asked to re-zone the parcel containing a house from Single Family Residential to Agricultural Transition. He cited tax savings as his motive. The board’s vote to approve was abstained from by Supervisor Schewnn.

Uriah Miller gained permission to obtain a lot adjustment, new CSM, and re-zoning for land located along Klevenville-Riley Road. The move, intended to clean up and square off lot lines, involves the transfer of .8 acres of land currently at the bottom right corner of Miller’s backward L- shaped parcel to an ad-

joining landowner, with Miller receiving the same amount of land bordering the top of his lot. Committee chair Jester pointed out that no additional lot lines were being created, and the move would not cause undue loss or breakup of land used for agricultural purposes. The two parcels are to be re-zoned to match the existing zone specifications for each owner’s land.

Mount Vernon Hills’ preliminary plat and request for re-zoning lots within its area was accepted contingent on the formal declaration of a portion of Ben Franklin Roads’ vacancy. The lots were broken up into six SFR’s, and two Rural Residential areas with one not

eligible for further division.

Dan Forler received permission for the construction of a 80’x50’x25’ agricultural accessory building on a lot on Lust Road, contingent on its being built concurrently with the foundation of a new residence. The accessory building cannot be erected prior to that time, and Town Chair John Rosenbaum emphasized the necessity of the building’s not being rented out as storage space. Roesenbaum and Heft had previously toured the lot and feel confident

that the size of the building will not cause problems with any neighbors.

The CSM and re-zoning for two plots of land at 2066 Springdale Center Road were approved, making them Residential Mixed Use and allowing the presence of a single family unit on each lot.

Permission was granted for the construction of a new house at 7946 Paulson Road. The house will replace an existing structure on the site which its owner described as “uninhabitable.”



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Who Let the Dogs Out?

The joys of sharing a day out with your furry friends

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One of the first things you notice when you travel abroad, pretty much anywhere abroad, is the dogs. They are everywhere. They doze beneath café tables. They frolic in parks. Big and small, from adorable puppies to grizzled, white-muzzled elders, they seem to be a natural part of human society, as has been the case for around 30,000 years.

Yet in the United States, which touts itself as a land of freedom, pets are increasingly segregated and prohibited. People don't bring their Labradors to a regular park, they bring them to a dog park. Fido can't swim at the beach; her has to swim at the special dog beach. Many places preemptively hang signs on their doors: "No dogs allowed."

Yet in the United States, nearly half of all homes have dogs, and there are an estimated 100 million canines that most people consider part of their families. So, what can people do if they want to bring their four-legged family members with them while they have a little fun in the human world? Is it really an either-or proposition?

Do Americans really have to choose between grabbing lunch or spending time with their dog? Between having a beer or petting their pup? Between shopping and



The author with his dog, Cowboy and his daughter, Hadley at Oktoberfest, one of many dog-friendly events in New Glarus.

getting their pet out of the house?

No, they certainly don't. They need look no further than New Glarus, America's Little Switzerland, which is one of the dog-friendliest communities around. Perhaps it's the community's Alpine roots (the Swiss love their dogs) or maybe it's just the fact that New Glarus tends to do things a little differently. Either way, you can have a lot of fun in this beautiful village and



Jon Hovland gives a treat to Cowboy, a Great Pyrenees mix, at the Rusty Raven in New Glarus.

you don't need to leave your furry buddy behind to do it.

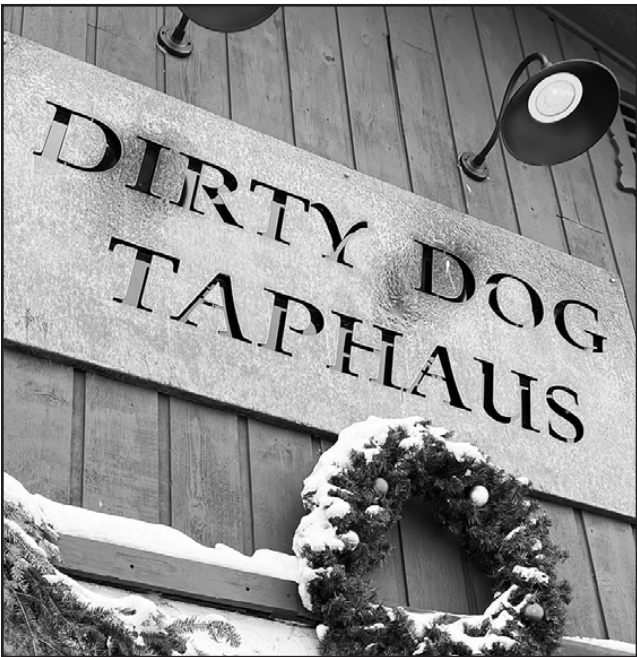
The idea for this article came to me while my wife and daughter were shopping at the Rusty Raven, a store so eclectic and unique that it can stymie anyone trying to sum it up in a few sentences – the kind that makes people say, "You had to be there" when asked about it. My nine-year-old daughter was looking at Celtic necklaces, sweets, hats, books and games, while my wife examined vintage artwork and funny t-shirts. I was admiring a bison skull and several deer skulls, as well as some bearded axes, while I sipped a local beer at the counter. Next to my boots sat Cowboy, my dog, who was waiting for various shoppers to come over and give him some love.

Jon Hovland, who left the corporate world behind to do whatever wizardry he's doing at Rusty Raven (honestly, it's a Herculean task to put it into words) was wearing his trademark derby cap, standing behind the counter, ringing people up and pouring the occasional beverage. A local man with a blue Doberman strolled in and his dog came up to Hovland for a treat.

While so many of our family outings are cut short when one of us says, "We'd better get home and let the dog out," this one was different. From there, we strolled around town and noticed how dog friendly many of the local shops were. Rather than "No Dogs Allowed," the Pioneer Valley Outdoor Store actually had a large "Dogs Welcome" sign on



Frida, a Cardigan and Pembroke corgi mix, hangs out at New Glarus Brewing Co.



Dirty Dog Taphaus allow dogs in their outdoor areas.

the front door. Puempel's Olde Tavern, where we went for some Limburger sandwiches, offered a nice outdoor seating area where our foul-smelling but delicious-tasting cheese could air out a bit while we enjoyed ourselves. We tied Cowboy to the bench where we sat, and he lapped up water from a bowl they put out for any dogs who visit. Up the street, the Dirty Dog Taphaus doesn't just allow dogs; it has built its entire identity around them. With its spacious outdoor patio, Dirty Dog has created one of the most welcoming environments possible for people and their pets.

Before we went home, we decided to stop at New Glarus Brewing Company. In addition to being Wisconsin's most iconic maker of craft beer, with its delightful policy of only selling their product to us lucky Wisconsinites and not to our rivals in other states, the brewery is also a popular destination for dogs. In fact, the pavement in the parking lot actually has paw prints dried into it. They

offer ample water in their vast outdoor beer garden, and they even have a wooded trail system for hiking with your favorite people or dogs.

At the end of a day in New Glarus, we never go home because we have to let the dog out. The dog's been out the whole time. We tend to leave New Glarus only because we are tired, and happy, and ready to rest after spending the day with our family. Our entire family.

There are countless science-based reasons to spend time with your dog. Pets can stave off depression and loneliness. They improve heart health and promote exercise. They cut down on stress and increase our capacity to interact with other people. They even, and this is true, tend to make their owners more attractive in the eyes of others, according to some studies. It's probably a good thing that there are places they can go with us, just a bunch of dogs and their happy, healthy, beautiful owners, out in the world, together.



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Emergency Service Workers Shortage

EMS partners with Madison College to recruit staff

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By HEATHER STANEK
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Madison College in Reedsburg and Watertown are playing an important role in addressing the shortage of rural emergency services workers.

The college has partnered with instructors from different community departments to educate a new generation of caregivers. Both campuses draw from all over, with one being the designated southern site and Reedsburg being the northern location. Students come from many places, including Baraboo, Prairie du Sac, Sauk City, Madison, Reedsburg, Hillsboro, Spring Green, Lake Delton and Wisconsin Dells. Enrollment fills up quickly at the Watertown campus so it's not unusual for students from the Madison area to travel to Reedsburg for classes.

Like all other industries, emergency services have suffered as a result of Baby Boomer retirements. It's difficult for rural agencies to find qualified workers, as they are competing with bigger cities and even larger townships.

Josh Kowalke, director of Reedsburg Ambulance, has been a Madison College instructor since 2006 and has seen interest in EMS rise over the years. He said prospective students must have a high school diploma or the equivalent and take an online placement test. If accepted, students can take the basic course, which involves CPR certification, clinical and all other training. In order to work for emergency medical services, students must not only complete the course but also pass an exam for their certification. After that, it's up to them if they want to work right away or pursue additional education for more advanced certification, which leads to higher pay.

Continuing education is required. For paramedics,



Madison College's Watertown and Reedsburg campuses offer EMS training. The Reedsburg campus is seen here.

it's 60 to 70 hours of coursework every two years. For EMTs, it's 40 hours.

The semester-long class costs about \$1,200 plus \$500 for the textbook. Kowalke said classes are offered every semester at Madison College's Reedsburg and Watertown campuses.

Recruiting from within the region is important because locals tend to stick around, Kowalke said.

Those who complete the initial program start out as emergency medical responders. Kowalke said these individuals can be quite helpful in very rural or remote areas that are struggling to find workers. He said they provide basic care at the scene but then coordinate with other agencies, which have more advanced professionals and equipment.

EMTs make up the next level of care. Kowalke said they are cleared to give around 15 medications and can do ambulance transports.

Caregivers may move on to earn an advanced EMT certification, which allows them to administer an even larger list of medications. They can also start IVs, Kowalke explained.

Paramedics are at the top of the totem pole. Kowalke said this course lasts for a full year, rather than one semester, and it has the most rigorous standards of all the levels. These individuals

tend to receive better pay due to their education and experience.

The Reedsburg campus offers emergency medical technician, emergency medical responder and advanced emergency medical responder training, said Greg Bailey, Madison College's EMS program director. If the campus is approved for additional faculty, it could add paramedic training starting in 2025 or 2026.

Kowalke noted that Madison College has an exemplary performance record for its emergency medical care students; its overall test pass rate is among the best in the state.

Demand for caregivers is only going to increase as the population ages, which is one of the reasons why Madison College starts early in recruiting young people. The Reedsburg campus does a middle school day camp where kids can get hands-on experience in labs and classrooms. Shadowing further introduces teens to health- and emergency related fields.

Bailey added that the NextGen Responders Academy teaches high schoolers about careers in fire and EMS response.

Kowalke and Bailey acknowledged that emergency care is not an easy job. It comes with high stress so it's important for both current practitioners

and prospective students to be mindful of their physical and mental health. Shifts last 24 hours or 12 hours for part time. Employees stay on site and usually have access to bedrooms, showers, kitchens and communal spaces. Reedsburg Ambulance, for instance, is putting the finishing touches on its new facility. When they aren't out on calls or filing reports, workers can sleep, watch TV, fiddle on their phones or tablets, play with their dogs (which are allowed as long as they behave and are kept clean) or just plain hang out. Kowalke said you never know what a shift will bring. It might be extremely slow or there might be call after call. Shifts also occur on weekends, evenings and holidays, which further makes it difficult to recruit people to positions.

EMS personnel don't just deal with emergencies. They also transport patients between facilities. A patient, for example, may need to be taken from one hospital to another for more advanced or specialized care. Others may need to go between nursing homes, hospice and hospitals. EMS essentially fills in when a patient is too sick, weak, injured or unstable to be taken by family or friends via passenger car.



Josh Hecht of Baraboo Fire and EMS demonstrates how to properly hold an instrument training at Madison College this month. (Photos by Heather Stanek)



Madison College students practice removing airway obstructions from a medical dummy.

Despite the drawbacks, emergency services can be a great career choice for the right people. Some workers stick with it for decades, or until they decide to fully retire. What's more, modern technology is making it easier than ever to stay on the job longer. Hydraulic lifts and automatic CPR machines are just two examples of devices alleviate

some of the physical burden on responders.

"EMS is a rewarding career that allows professionals to serve their communities in a unique way," Bailey said.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jazz Fest is back after four years

The Mt. Horeb Middle School jazz band students will join middle school students from five area schools for the 20th annual Southwest Wisconsin Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 9, 2024. The festival is the biggest event of the year for Mt. Horeb Middle School jazz band members and is finally returning after a four-year hiatus due to the global pandemic.

Students will perform for local professional jazz musicians and teachers, who will then give feedback and work with the students on their pieces. From there, students listen to other bands perform and hear those same clinicians work with other bands.

In the afternoon, students will attend jazz improvisation workshops taught by clinicians, followed by masterclasses designed to help each student learn more about how jazz works on their particular instrument.

Mount Horeb music

teacher Kellen Dorner says this festival is an important milestone in the early development of middle school students. “For most of our kids, this is the first time they’ve heard really good jazz musicians up close, and interacting with cool musicians who play really well tends to light a few fires for our students.”

Performances run throughout the day; all performances are free and open to the public. Please visit the Mt. Horeb Band website for a complete listing of performances and times.

Postage stamps on display

“Celebrating Wisconsin’s Centennial through Stamps,” featuring stamp covers from the collection of Mt Horeb’s John Pare and postal service artifacts from the MHAHS collection now showing in the Kalscheur Family Foundation Community Gallery at the Driftless Historium through Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Trail Friends to meet

Friends of the Military Ridge Trail will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Blue Mounds Friend’s Shelter at Blue Mounds State Park, Blue Mounds, Wisconsin.

Persons interested in finding out about the Friends group or desiring to become members are encouraged to attend. Please check out our website at <http://www.friendsofmilitaryridgetrail.org>.

Maple syrup demo

Join the Friends of Donald Park on Sunday, March 10th at 1:00pm, for a maple syrup making demonstration. They will gather at the Hitchcock Farmstead at the end of Sutter Drive to learn about tapping and gathering sap from the sugar maple trees. There will be a brief presentation on the park’s history as well as a cook

down of the sap and maple syrup for tasting, hosted by park volunteers.

Visitors will have the opportunity to hike out to the sugar maple grove, so dress appropriately. To get to the farmstead, take Sutter Drive past the “no parking access” signs and park on the right side entering the farmstead. There is a parking lot midway on Sutter Drive if you choose to walk the short distance to the farmstead.

For more information, email contactt@donaldpark.org.

Share night for local food pantry

Culver’s in Mount Horeb, is hosting a Share Night in collaboration with NHN (Neighbors Helping Neighbors). The event will take place Tuesday, March 12 from 4-7 p.m. During the Share Night, a percentage of the proceeds from all purchases made at Culver’s will be donated to NHN.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors has been a pillar of support in the community, providing essential resources and assistance to those facing challenges such as financial struggles, food insecurity,

If you are in need of services or would like to learn more about Neighbors Helping Neighbors programs that provide hope and a helping hand to our neighbors in need, volunteering, or making a donation in support of our ongoing work in our community, please visit our website at www.mthoreb-neighbors.org. Donations can also be sent to Neighbors Helping Neighbors, PO BOX 196, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572.

Hunter safety class in CP

Cross Plains instructor group is conducting a DNR Hunter Safety Class

Classes will be held on Thursday April 4, Tuesday April 8, Thursday April 11 from 6:00-9:00 pm at Plastic Ingenuity meeting room.

Final class will be held on Saturday April 13 from 12:00 - 3:00 pm.

The course will include understanding firearms, basis gun safety rules, gun safety in the home, proper care of firearms, promoting responsibilities of hunters for our environment, wildlife, landowners and others and includes live firing on the range.

Class size is limited so advanced registration is required. The course fee is \$10. Students are required to obtain a Wisconsin DNR Customer ID # as part of the registration. Numbers can be obtained by calling 1-888-936-7463 or they can visit WI DNR Service Center or on DNR web site under Quick Tasks click on the “Create New Customer ID #.”

If you have special educational needs please inform the instructors upon registration to request special accommodations. For registration contact Don Esser at 843-3372 or Beverly Bradley at 576-7181.

COMMUNITY
CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 8
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet open 9:00 to 10:30am (Seniors Preferred) ; All shoppers - 3:00-6:00pm. 102 E. Lincoln Street

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
“Sew in” to make “Little Dresses for Africa”, 9am-12noon, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mt. Horeb. Info: 608-219-8035

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

Third Annual Seed Swap at the Driftless Historium, 100 S. 2nd St., 10:00am-2:00pm. Free event!

Celebrating Wisconsin’s Centennial through stamps now showing in the Kalscheur Family Foundation Community Gallery at the Driftless Historium through Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. Turn clock ahead one hour.

Maple Syrup making demonstration by Donald Park, 1:00pm, meet at Hitchcock Farm. Info at: contactt@donaldpark.org

MONDAY, MARCH 11
Friends of Military Ridge Trail monthly meeting 5:30 p.m. at Friend’s Shelter at Blue Mound State Park, Blue Mounds

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
Men’s Story Telling Group, 12:00noon, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

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

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

Culver’s Mt. Horeb is hosting a Share Night in collaboration with Neighbors Helping Neighbors where a percentage of all purchases made between 4:00pm and 7:00pm will be donated to NHN.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
Blood Pressure Checks, 10:00-11:00am, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

Fink’s Cafe, senior meals, 11:00-1:00pm

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

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 mhclasses@fingerpub.com.

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Join the fun and fellowship of the Driftless Historium’s third Annual Community Seed Swap, where local gardeners and growers will select and exchange locally cultivated and commercially donated vegetable, fruit, flower and prairie seed - like the beautifully bottled collection shown here, shared by Back Home Farm’s Doug Butikofer in 2023. Doug and his extensive seed assemblage will be back on March 9.

Think Spring with Driftless Historium’s 3rd Annual Community Seed Swap

Drop by the Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St, downtown Mount Horeb) on Saturday, March 09, 2024 any time between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to swap seeds and seed stories.

Meet fellow gardeners and take home exciting seed varieties shared by seed savers near and far. Attendance is encouraged for beginning seed savers, first-time gardeners or a seasoned experts

in both.

Participants should bring small, well-marked packets of vegetable, herb, and native seeds -and/or your seed stories! We want to hear all about it. No seeds to contribute to the exchange? No problem! Just bring yourself; there will be plenty of seeds to get you started.

All leftover seed stock will be deposited into the Driftless Seed Library, a free

community resource available at the Driftless Historium museum and accessible year-round during their open hours.

This program is presented by the Driftless Seed Project, an initiative of Mount Horeb Area Historical Society, Back Home Farm (Blue Mounds, WI), Mount Horeb Area Community Garden, and Naturalist/Educator Catherine Young. The Drift-

less Seed Project seeks to educate about the intersection of sustainable agriculture and cultural heritage, by identifying and sharing locally cultivated seeds and their stories from the Driftless area of Southwest Wisconsin.

For more information, contact the Historical Society at mthorebahs@gmail.com or call 608-437-6486.

COMMUNITY

Obituaries

Gwendolyn K. Bowar

Aug. 19, 1931-
Feb. 26, 2024



Gwendolyn K. Bowar, age 92, passed away on Monday, February 26, 2024, at her home. She was born on August 19, 1931 in Pine Bluff, WI, the daughter of Jacob Joseph and Mary Ellen (Engelberger) Kalscheur.

Gwen graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1949. On June 5, 1952, she was united in marriage to Donald Bowar at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pine Bluff. After Donald passed away in 2002, Gwen would marry William J. O'Connor on June 12, 2010 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Belleville. Gwen operated Gwen's Interiors for over 40 years, supplying and altering draperies for homes. She was a lifelong member of St. Mary's and St. Mary's Ladies Society. Gwen was an accomplished bread-maker and passed that skill onto her daughter, Netsy; she also loved gardening and was an avid sports fan, especially the Wisconsin sports teams. She loved to follow her grandchildren in their athletic and school activities along with going out

for dinners and attending social events. Gwen enjoyed spending winters in Arizona for over 30 years and making many friends while there. She also enjoyed the times spent at the Northern getaway in Hazelhurst for over 50 years.

Gwen is survived by her children, Lynn (Erik) Forshaug, Steve (Colleen) Bowar, Duane (Teri) Bowar, Dana (Mary Lenz) Bowar, Bob (Phyllis) Bowar and Netsy (Peanut) Greiber, grandchildren, Lara, Anna (Kody), Mike (Laurel), Dan (Alexa), Melanie (Dale), Jacqui (Jeff), Alyssa (Jacob), Ben, Jessica, Nic (Amy), Andrew (Kelsey), Sarah (Jon), Ryan (Brittany), Daylon, Liam, Lydia, Katie (Niko), Ashley, and Libby; and 20 great-grandchildren. She is further survived by her brothers, Tom Kalscheur and Gerald "Jip" (Lucy) Kalscheur; sisters, Pidge Meffert and Kathy (Randy) Kneebone; sisters-in-law, Betty Kessenich, Jeanette Ziegler, Mary Ann Connors, Ruthie (Duane) Maly, and Annabelle Bowar. Gwen is also survived by Bill's family, Jayne (Larry) Kosmeder, Marcy (Stan) Keehn, Ruth (Daniel) Wyttenbach, William (Joan) O'Connor, and Paul (Diane) O'Connor, sisters-in-law, Ruth, Kathy, and Lucille O'Connor; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; mother-in-law and father-in-law; husbands, Donald and Bill; son, Billy; grandson, Billy; sisters, Jeanne, Joanne Sutter, Marlene "Chub" Cunneneen, and Joyce Bollig; and daughter-in-law, Vicki.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church-Pine Bluff, 3673 County Road P, Cross Plains, WI, with Rev. Michael Wanta and Rev. Tom Coyle officiating. Burial is in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Pine Bluff, WI.

A visitation was held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church-Pine Bluff, 3673 County Road P, Cross Plains, WI.

The Becker-Beal Funeral Home of Belleville is assisting the family.

The family would like to thank the staff of Agrace-HospiceCare, Inc. for the kind and compassionate care given to Gwen.

A memorial fund has been established.

An online memorial with guestbook is available at www.bealfuneralhomes.com

David Lange

Dec. 29, 1960 –
Feb. 25, 2024



BLUE MOUNDS - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of David Lange, 63, after a brief illness, surrounded by family and friends, on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024.

David was born on Dec. 29, 1960, to Robert and Beverly (Buehler) Lange in Madison, Wis. He grew up in Cambridge, Mauston, and Marshall, Wis., graduating from Marshall High School in 1979. David continued his education at UW-Madison, graduating with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Economics in 1983. Deciding he needed a new challenge, David embarked on his career journey, by attending and graduating from Marquette Law School with a Juris Doctor degree in 1989. He continued this pattern of challenging himself throughout his life.

As an attorney, David provided a variety of services for his clients, but he specialized in tax law. This was emphasized in his 20+ years of working for the State of Wisconsin in the Department of Revenue and the Department of Workforce Development, as well as his private practice work after he "retired." He loved the law and wanted to use it to make things fair for his clients. David also worked part-time as an instructor in the Paralegal Program at Madison College.

It was when he began working for the State that he met and developed a 30+ years loving relationship with his life partner, Lois Herfel, and he was extremely proud of working with her to raise her two daughters, Casey and Leah. He also took great joy in being "Grandpa" to their children and tried to never miss any of their activities.

Outside of work, at various points in his life, David was a boxer, a skydiver, a

pilot, a scuba diver, and the last several years, a mountain climber. He loved to sing and perform in vocal groups and community theatre. He was an outdoorsman; hunting with his friends (and his dog, Wade), training for his climbs, or clearing out some trees. He helped out at his uncle's farm, milking cows, but would help anyone out if he was asked. David led a busy life and made lifelong friendships along the way.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Beverly Lange. He is survived by his "significant spouse," Lois Herfel; daughters, Casey (Michael) Wehrli and Leah (Ryan Huston) Herfel; grandchildren, Molly, Clara and Andrew; brothers, Dennis (Carol) Lange and Dwayne (Gigi) Lange; and sister, Debra Lange.

You were one of a kind, David. Gone too soon. You will be missed.

A funeral service for David will be held at GUNDERSON EAST FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 5203 Monona Drive, Madison, at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024. A luncheon will follow the service. Burial will follow the luncheon at Holy Redeemer Catholic Cemetery, Perry Township. A visitation will be held at the funeral home from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024, and also from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be gifted in David's name to a charity or organization of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Parisi Names Abongwa Department of Highway & Transportation Commissioner

Dane County Executive Joe Parisi has announced Clement Abongwa as the new Commissioner for the Dane County Department of Highway & Transportation. Abongwa has extensive experience in transportation infrastructure design, construction project management, civil engineering application, and highway operations maintenance.

His past roles include serving as the Kenosha County Public Works Highway Commissioner and Wisconsin Department of Transportation Southeast Freeway Construction Su-

pervisor.

During his eight-year tenure as the Kenosha County Public Works Highway Commissioner, Abongwa was responsible for managing and maintaining 250 centerline miles of County trunk highways and 150 centerline miles of State trunk highways and related infrastructure.

He also developed and



Abongwa

managed an annual capital/operating budget of \$20-30 million while leading the management of a variety of programs.

While at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Abongwa managed the Southeast Freeway Backbone Team with an annual budget of \$68 million and a hybrid team of in-house and consulting staff. He also developed and implemented a new project delivery model designed to aggressively deliver several high-profile, major projects in the Southeast Region.

Abongwa previously

served as a civil engineer for the City of Kenosha Department of Public Works, where he developed specifications, cost estimates, and bid documents for civil engineering design and construction projects.

He also performed project management activities for a variety of municipal infrastructure and capital improvement projects.

Abongwa received both his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and Master of Science degree in Structural Engineering from Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria.

HISTORY

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a trustee from the Village Board.

Village Trustee Marc Schellpfeffer, who will be filling that role, said the commission will strive to hone in on the unique characteristics of the downtown area that are necessary to preserve the identity of the village.

“For me it’s really important to understand that there’s a history and a character to Mount Horeb that makes it appealing to everybody,” Schellpfeffer said. “We need a discussion starting point on what are the characteristics and unique qualities of the environment of downtown that we’re trying to create and maintain.

The commission aims primarily to act in an advisory role rather than a regulatory one. Through this, they hope to preserve the historic nature and beauty of Mount Horeb and to assist property owners interested in the preservation and designation of Village historic properties and districts.

Citizen member and Executive Director of the Driftless Historium, Destinee Udelhoven, said that with the HPC, she would like to see an updated downtown study considering the different historical eras making up the village’s architectural composition that could be used as a guideline for decisions like paint color and number of floors allowed in new structures in the area.

“The historic preservation plan, as we craft that,

will make it easier for developers to reference or to start preservation planning,” Udelhoven said. “They can see that a nine-story building isn’t a fit, and it might weed some people out from the beginning.”

Per Village Code §17.17 Historic Preservation, the HPC will review and make recommendations to the Village Board regarding modification of historic places or significant properties within historic districts. Additionally, the commission will review applications for potential new developments in the downtown area for design compatibility and suggest changes for applicants to make their designs compliant with Historic Design Standards.

Schellpfeffer said regardless of the time period in which a building was constructed, he believes there are components of different structures that can be complementary.

“To say that one building from 1910 is the character and level that we’re going to, but there may be another building from 1970 that fits into that same character and dialogue that makes the town unique,” Schellpfeffer said. “We’re trying to create a vibrant, growing downtown that pays attention to the character and history that is here, not a Disney theme park.”

The Historic Preservation Commission will continue to meet monthly to discuss Village projects.

The next meets in a joint meeting with the Village Board and Plan Commission at 6 p.m., March 27.

Sugar River Euchre



2024 Champs – Front: Charlie Steinhauer, Karen Miller, Steve Hoffmaster, Dave Steinhauer, Back: Opie Taylor, Tracy Haag, Shawn Farrell, and Pat Collins - Not Pictured - John Scheidegger, Dale Herfel, and Steve Thoni.

By Stan Hook
Sugar River Euchre

The Morgan Express steamed through the station leaving the Pranksters on the platform 61 points short of a win. This sealed the deal for the Express, as the first half winners and now the second half winners, they’ve earned the title as the 2024 League Champions. Engineers Charlie and Dave Steinhauer loaded 111 lbs. of coal to the boilers for the Express to finish the season.

To no avail, the Norsk Cowboys did their part to force a potential second half playoff match taking down the Viking Trolls by 38 points. Ferdie Schmitz and Don Field had 112 hits while Randy Schmid and Harold Schlingen had 110.

But with the Express win, the Cowboys finished one game back and went home in a tie for second place.

The Red Mouse Shufflers were unable to penetrate the Morgan Pipe Benders’ handy work and found themselves trailing the entire match. On a high note, Tom Meyer and Dave Herfel did score 115 points for the Shufflers, this week’s league high, while Tracy B and Chris Booth soldered 111 joints for the Pipe Benders. Benders Mark Loseneger and Tom Arneson barely avoided a skunk from Tom Meyer and Dave Herfel by securing 1 point in the 8th frame. The Pipe Benders won by 16 points.

The J&M Bar River Rats built their nest in the Klee-

man Hay Shakers mow and there was nothing the Hay Shakers could do about it. The River Rats added 40 points more to their nest than the Hay Shakers could trap. Jeff Goebler and Fred Ryser captured just 79 rats for the Hay Shakers - this week’s low score.

The Sportsman’s Cheese Eaters started the night strong leading by 17 points after 3 rounds but Uff-da won all 4 games in the 4th round to take a 6 point lead. The Cheese Eaters battled back to take a 13 point lead after the 7th, but in the 8th frame team Uff-da won all 4 games to take home a 9 point win. John Baumgartner and Mary Humphrey scored 114 points for team Uff-da to place them in a tie for second place with the Cowboys.

Standings:
Express 7-2
Cowboys 6-3
Uff-Da 6-3
Kleeman’s 5-4
Pranksters 5-4
Shufflers 5-4
Cheese Eaters 4-5
J&M Bar 4-5
Pipe Benders 3-6
Trolls 0-9

Spring Tournament: Will be held at the Red Mouse on March 7th. Registration will start at 6:30, play at 7 pm. The cost is \$15 (\$10 entry fee and \$5 for pizza). If you currently play or have played in the past as a regular or sub, you are eligible to play in the tournament.

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Beatlemania was in full force on Friday as fourth graders presented their concert “All You Need Is Love-A Tribute to the Beatles.” According to music teacher Katy Morkri, the audience felt the selections, including “Here Comes the Sun,” “Let it Be,” and “Twist and Shout” were “out of sight.”

“The audience learned about the history of the Beatles and enjoyed the use of many elementary school instruments, like ukuleles and recorders,” Morkri explained. “The band of local musicians was an excellent addition to the performance. John, Paul, George, and Ringo would’ve been proud!”

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Ages 3-6 First place: Grace Powers



Ages 3-6 Runner Up: Everly Sullivan



Ages 7-11 First place: Levi Niesen



Ages 7-11 Runner Up: Harper Sullivan



Ages 12-17 First place: Michael LaVenture



Ages 12-17 Runner Up: Clara Jurewicz



Adults First Place: Ryan Sinner



Adults Runner Up: Ben Orozco

Colorfully decorated Scandihoo-
vian hats adorned the Mt. Horeb
Library as part of the local fes-
tivities. Sixty nine people par-
ticipated in the third annual Red
Hat Coloring Contest and entered
designs that were inspired and
delightful. “This community
continually brings wonderful
talent and creativity to this
activity,” said Youth Services
librarian Hannah Klapperich-
Muller. The hats, which were on
display for three weeks, “bright-
ened up the library and brought
a lot of smiles to library patrons’
faces,” added librarian Melissa
Roelli.

Gonzalez, Droster are Optimists’ ‘Someone You Should Know’

Lucas Gonzalez

Lucas 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 February.

Lucas is a senior at Mt Horeb High School and is a past president of student council. With this position he helped plan homecoming and organize the annual blood drive among other tasks. He’s been an active member of the Dane County Youth Equity board where students from all over Dane County work together to create an equity forum. At this event there are guest



Lucas is pictured here with his parents, Leo and Cecilia, and brother Nicolas.

speakers as well as opportunities to discuss various topics that have to deal with social justice.

He’s also been part of several productions with VACT including Footloose, Frozen, Beauty and the Beast and currently Anastasia.

He has volunteered at the Senior Center in Mt Horeb since his freshman year helping with bingo nights. Lucas especially enjoys working with the seniors whom he considers lovely and appreciative people to be around. He also enjoys volunteering with Meals on Wheels delivering meals to some of the seniors of Mt Horeb.

Lucas joined Power Club as a junior and has had the opportunity to work with

Felicia’s closet where he helped victims that faced domestic violence move into new homes. In addition to all these clubs and volunteer activities, Lucas still has found time to be part of Choir, Band (vice-president) orchestra, fiddle band, jazz band, troubadours, madrigal, vocal jazz, Forte Studios taking voice, dance and acting classes (6 classes total at Forte).

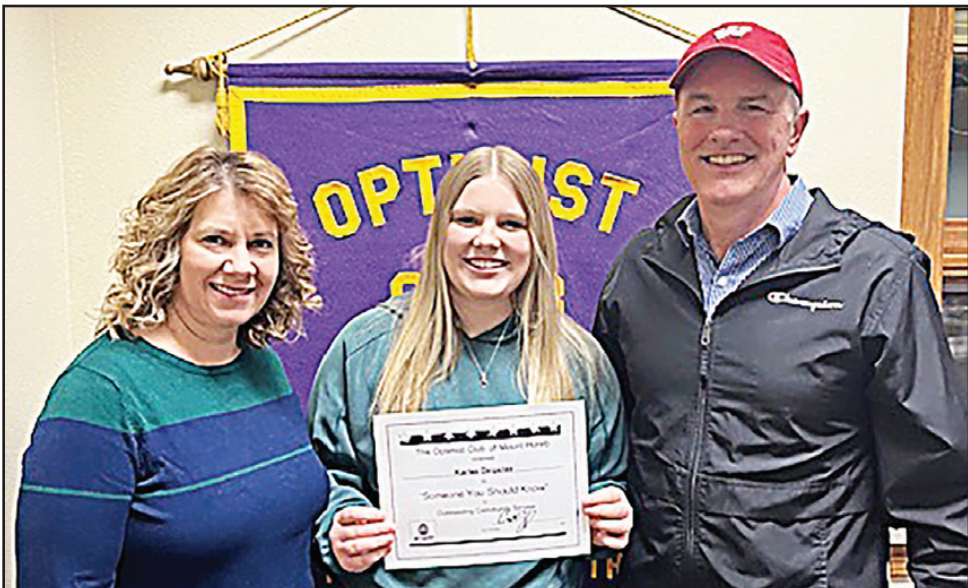
He’s also a founding member of MHHS social justice club, drama club, class treasurer, was a student Rotarian for January and February, a student costumer for the middle school musical, WCDA Bass Clef Choir member and Badger State Honors Choir.

Karlei Droster

Karlei 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 February.

Karlei is a senior at Mt Horeb High School and is an active member in the mt Horeb FFA holding the office of secretary and representing the chapter as FFA Queen. She has been the top salesperson for the FFA’s annual holiday sales event every year, raising thousands of dollars for the Mt Horeb Chapter. In addition, she is a member of the FFA’s Poultry Team, which qualified for state competition last year. She was also a recipient of the local FFA proficiency award in Equine Science last year. Karlei is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and DECA and one year member of HOSA. She is also a four-year member of the track team. Karlei has also been a teaching assistant for Chemistry.

Outside of high school, Karlei is an eleven-year member of Twin-Valley 4-H Club and two-year member of Mounds View Mountaineers 4-H Club. She has



Karlei is pictured here with her parents, Sandy and Greg Droster.

received numerous awards including the bronze, silver and gold awards, junior leadership award and senior achievement award. She has also earned sixteen different project awards. In 2019 Karlei attended the State 4-H Youth Conference where she participated in several educational classes and community service projects. She volunteered through her club to assist kids at the Youth Activities Booth at the Dane County Fair, making dog biscuits for the Iowa County Humane Society, pulled weeds at the Lincoln Street Senior Apartments and along the Military Ridge Trail, made Valentines for seniors and “Kindness Rocks” that were distributed around Mt Horeb, made soap and hand-made washcloths for the homeless shelter, donated clothing and food for the Mt Horeb Community Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, organized seeds for the heirloom seed project at the Mt Horeb Public Library

and wrapped gifts to bring to the residents at Homestead Assisted Living and Girlie’s Manor.

Karlei has always had a passion for helping people. She has been interested in health care from an early age and she plans to pursue a degree in nursing after high school. Over this past summer she attended classes at Herzing College and became a certified nursing assistant. Karlei’s dedication to serve others is also exemplified through her community involvement. In high school, Karlei will receive her Silver Chord upon graduation for completing 140 hours of community service. This is in addition to completing 40 hours of community service through National Honor Society. Her community service work through these

programs includes helping the summer track program through the Mt Horeb recreation department, recovering food for Neighbors Helping Neighbors and assisting staff therapists with Hippo therapy for children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities at Three Gaits in Stoughton WI,

Finally, in addition to Karlei’s school and club activities she is a life-long member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church which is part of the St Michael and Archangel Parish in Mt Horeb.

In her parish she assists with church decorating, cleaning, leaf raking and cemetery clean-up. She also has been a mass server in the parish for 11 years.

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BODY CAM

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The cameras haven't been purchased yet, deputies will need training on their use and a draft policy on usage understood, he said.

The draft policy outlines when the cameras must be used, when the deputy has discretion in activating the camera and when they shouldn't.

Porter said there's no need to use the camera when a deputy is talking to someone in a situation where there's an expectation of an individual's privacy and when the contact is unlikely to result in an arrest or produce evidence.

On initial contact, deputies will be trained to inform the person they're talking to that they're being recorded.

Body cameras are likely to be activated during much of a deputy's shift, Porter said, and when multiplied by 32 deputies working 24/7 that produces a lot of video. The videos become a public record and subject to release under the



Mount Horeb Police have used body cams since 2021. Photo by Tony Webster

state and federal public record law.

The sheriffs' office already receives 1000s of open records requests annually and the use of body cameras will only add to that number, Porter said.

Incidents not subject to open records law include situations where sensitive

medical and personal information is shared or an ongoing investigation.

State law requires these public records to be retained for four months but the sheriff's office would like to retain video for six months to cover unforeseen circumstances when the video would be useful, Por-

ter said.

The pilot program will last a year to assess effectiveness of body cameras in the field before a decision is made whether or not to equip all the deputies with one, Porter said.

During the pilot program, the draft usage policy will remain subject to change

based on the experience in the field.

The village of Cross Plains began to use body cameras in late 2021 and the most common reaction received from the public during community outreach sessions was, "I thought you already had them," said Chief Tony Ruesga Jr.

With surveillance cameras monitoring the public from many locations and the ubiquity of cell phone cameras, why wouldn't Cross Plains police wear body cameras?

The village initially funded the purchase of three body cameras but in order to equip every officer with one, Ruesga funded three more cameras from existing resources.

Combined with dash-mounted cameras in squad cars, the body camera provides a good record of public encounters, according to the chief.

The videos are spot checked monthly by the training sergeant for compliance with department policy and to acknowledge proper conduct during public contacts, he said.

To date, Ruesga said the body camera experience has been positive for his department. Any uncertainty of adopting new technology was replaced by the positive record of officer conduct they produced.

The Middleton Police Department began using body cameras in 2017, said Captain Jeremy Geiszler. A committee completed a usage policy by late 2016 and since then it hasn't been substantially changed.

"We have not had any pushback from the public, and I think the program has been a positive one for us," Geiszler wrote in an emailed response to a reporter's questions.

The Mount Horeb Police Department has utilized body and squad cameras since July of 2021.

Mount Horeb police chief Doug Vierck said the program has gone well. "I think it has," he said. "We have had some technical glitches from time to time, but overall good experiences. The biggest issue for them is the storage aspect and retaining them for evidence."

LIGHT

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is that new homeowners be given a form to be filled out acknowledging their receipt of a copy of the ordinance in addition to the information already provided.

Karl Hacker questioned the need for such action, saying it would create unnecessary work and accusing the board of micromanagement. He stated his concern that doing what the board proposed would lead to requiring written acknowledgement for every ordinance passed in the future and several times referred to it as "crazy." The proposal will be brought before the Board of Review in September.

Al Hawley and Grant Nortman appeared to speak about the re-zoning of property being transferred from

Hawley to Nortman. The property, which includes the Hawley auction site, would be re-zoned from general commercial to limited use. The Nortman intends to use the buildings on the property as rental units for various small businesses in the HVAC, electrical, plumbing, or related fields.

Chairman Rosenbaum expressed his concern over the number of people who would be using the land, pointing out that it currently supports three full-time people. Nortman is seeking to allow provision for ten full-time slots, which would result in up to forty people having access. He pointed out that the nature of the work would involve renters being on-site for two hours or less a day, and would not cause undue stress.

Also at issue is the holding tank being used for

septic purposes. Hawley pointed out that on auction days up to one hundred people would be present on the land throughout the day and no undue hardships were presented by the tank. He also pointed out that the tank has an alarm system which guarantees it will be emptied promptly when necessary.

The board approved the re-zoning contingent on inspection of the tank by a certified plumber and review by the Dane County Office of Public Health.

Scott Niebuhr, representing Windy Acres LLC, sought re-zoning for an Airbnb to provide tourist lodging. He was informed that the planning commission would approve a new conditional use permit, provided he complies with a list of thirty-two provisions he had earlier received. Rosenbaum warned Niebuhr that

failure to comply or future violations would result in the non-renewal of the permit after two years.

Rosenbaum introduced a new program to inspect and inventory bridges more than twenty feet in length and culverts having six to twenty feet of road cover width, with the state reimbursing the town \$100 for every structure inventoried. The inventory is to be completed by April 15th, and the board feels confident that it can be carried out without outside contractors being utilized.

Josh Klein sought and was granted to adjust lot zoning on his property after a survey revealed the lot is smaller than originally thought.

Brock and Tara Bidlingmaier sought approval to improve a shared driveway on Messerschmidt Road. The board advised them that

the other user of the driveway needs to widen his part and the Bidlingmaiers could proceed as long as they adhere to original engineers' plans.

Treasurer Rebecca Boelhower-Santi reported that the year 2023 ended under budget and that \$2.6 million dollars were collected in taxes in January. She also asked residents to mail their taxes in earlier to facilitate her reporting them.

Nine contractors have requested to submit bids for ongoing facility repairs. The due date for bids is March 15th and will be opened at the March 19th board meeting.

Two job openings were addressed, with the news that the opening for Treasurer has generated four applications, and the opening for Deputy Election Clerk has generated one.

The patrolman's report cited the need to chip-seal, hot-mix wedge, and perform cold-seal patching on town roads, as well as repair one culvert. The cost of road work was given as \$190,000-\$200,000. Chairman Rosenbaum reported the town spent \$13,000 on salt in January and questioned whether there was enough remaining in stock. He was reassured that the reserve of 60 tons was sufficient.

In other news:

The Mount Vernon Park Association presented its annual report and calendar of events for the coming season. The association announced that its fees would increase by \$15 for the 2025 season and that it is seeking bids on new playground equipment. Rosenbaum praised the association for its good work.

BORDER

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Village not annex property without the consent of the Town, but that it is highly unlikely that Mount Horeb will be in a position to annex from the Town during the term of the agreement.

"I guess the big thing for us is we're probably not going to annex to the town in the next ten years, which was a term to the agreement," Owen said. "I think it's a good idea to meet with Vermont, but unless this committee's really in favor of doing a boundary agreement, I don't know if it's worth our effort."

The Village is currently 0.75 miles away from the Town, with Stewart Park comprising much of the land between the two entities. According to the Commission's report, the most likely extent to which the Village would grow to and annex is around a mile from the Town, at the STH 78 and CTH S intersection. The report also states that if an agreement is pursued, the Village will incur costs of both legal review and those associated with preparing and adopting the comprehensive plan amendments.

"There's going to be a lot of investment on our part and amending our comprehensive plan to be compre-

hensive with theirs in certain areas with rural growth," Owen said.

Citizen member Destinee Udelhoven said that as a

lover of farmland and open space she can understand the perspective of the Town, but as a Village representative she doesn't see an incentive

for the Village in agreeing to the proposal at this time.

"We are good neighbors, and we would obviously negotiate with them if this came forward, but I don't know why we would preemptively stop possibilities that we don't know are coming," Udelhoven said.

Village Planner Ben Rohr said he was under the impression the Town wants to remain rural and was not making the proposal as a method of pursuing new growth opportunities.

"They talked about only allowing land divisions of four or fewer lots and only allowing rezoning to take place for residential or ag uses, and if there was any

sort of commercial or industrial, the village would have a say in that," Rohr said. "It did sound different to the conversation we've had with other towns in that space of preservation versus trying to drive development."

While a motion was neither proposed nor approved, Village ETZ members (Extra Zoning Committee) have made plans to meet with Vermont officials to discuss the Village's position.

The Commission next meets in a joint meeting with the Village Board and Historic Preservation Commission at 6 p.m., March 27.

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Gleanings

By **BARR JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

120 Years Ago- March 10, 1904

Mrs. K.B. Skuldt is here nursing her daughter Gyda during her sickness.
Harry Garfoot and family are now neatly settled in their fine home on 3rd Street, moving last Monday. We extend to them a hand of welcome and hope they will have their full share of joy and contentment.

Prof. Veblen of the Iowa University will give a stereopticon lecture at the opera house here Saturday evening, March 19. The scenes are from different parts of Norway and especially from the beautiful Valder’s Valley, which the author has lately visited. The lecture was given in the Valders Dialect, from a large number of views.

K.K. Lunde of Springdale met with an accident last week while leading a spirited horse to water, cutting his hand badly and spraining his back.

A pulverizer sharpener has been recently placed in Bell & Laufenberg’s shop. Farmers will undoubtedly keep the machine busy the few weeks before spring work commences.
The new bell for the village hall was placed in the tower last Thursday. Mr. Granum engineered the job. Friday evening the eight hundred pounder was given a test of sounding qualities at the meeting of the fire department held the same evening. The intention is to attach a contrivance whereby the operator at the telephone central can give an alarm in case of fire.

Thomas Lingard has rented his mammoth farm in Vermont to Anton Mickelson.

The hydrants along the streets were examined one day last week and found open and no sign of frost. And this winter has been a good tester.

H.G. Kahl and family moved back to their farm in the township last week. Mr. Kahl says he is too young to retire and besides his young boys needed wider range and something to do during vacation from school.

110 Years Ago- March 12, 1914

Ben Sylvester has opened up an electrical supply store and occupies together with O.P. Berg the east room in the Mt. Horeb Bank building and will do wiring, etc.

Several Norwegian books have been received at the library.

Undertaker Gesme has invested in an International auto truck to use in his business. The machine was purchased through the local dealers here, the Mt. Horeb Hardware Co.

The board of health is now just placarding cases of measles in place of quarantining same and we understand that a thorough disinfection will be sufficient to take the place of fumigating as at first enforced. Measles are very prevalent at this time all about the neighborhood and several schools

have been closed south and west of here.
Several of the Blue Mounds citizens and business people who have ice boxes for the summer have clubbed together and put up sufficient ice to supply each one throughout the hot season, each one helping themselves to the crystal chunks as they need them.
No greater injury can be done a teacher than to condemn her at home in the presence of pupils. There are many-they usually allude to a teacher as a school marm-who persist in believing and encouraging that a school teacher is never to be regarded other than with suspicion.
Brown & Weltzin sold John Hayden’s house on Main Street to Alfred Peterson, taking in 160 acres of South Dakota land in the deal.
Gyda Skuldt, 25, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K.B. Skuldt, died yesterday morning at their home in Primrose after a few days illness with pneumonia.

100 Years Ago- March 11, 1924

Hans Haakeness has moved into the Bruflat house, which he recently purchased.
Stanley Jacobson, who has been our efficient night watchman for over a year, has resigned and accepted a position at Dahle’s Store.

Ruth Magdalene Berg, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Iver Berg, and Alvin Aavang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Aavang, were married at the parsonage at Perry on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

C.E. Mikalson has sold his Victrola and record business to F. H. Hanneman and Fosshage Furniture Store, who now has the agency for three of the best standard phonographs made and the two best lines of records.

Richard Lang of Black Earth dropped dead in front of the New Valley Hall at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 8th. He had been complaining for a short time with a pain in his side and was returning home from consulting a doctor when he died. The deceased was 38 years old.

Volney Smith and son Kermit were Mt. Horeb callers Saturday where Kermit purchased a span of dapple gray horses and will go to work on county F as patrolman.

Some of our Riley citizens have established radio connections with the outside world.
Farmers around here are paying from \$30 to \$40 a month for good men.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes were both sick on Tuesday due to gas escaping from a hard coal stove during the night. Mr. Hughes awakened and noticed the gas thus avoiding what might have proved more serious.

Everyone should turn out to the train going west at 8:35 on Wednesday morning to give out basketball boys a good rousing send off to the tournament at Platteville. The local team is said to have a good chance to win the honors. A little encouragement on the part of the Mt. Horeb people will help them to have the courage to win.

80 Years Ago- March 9, 1944

The Mount Horeb Sportsmen’s League has been notified by the Wisconsin Conservation Department that the Sand

Rock, German Valley and South Blue Mounds (sometimes called the Nygard) streams will be planted with small mouth black bass this summer.
Huseth Bros., who recently bought the Herman Lee residence in Mount Horeb, moved here March 1.
The Kroger Store in Mount Horeb lists in its ad: 10 lbs. sugar, 65¢; 8-os. jar peanut butter, 13¢; and grapefruit at 29¢ each.

60 Years Ago- March 12, 1964

Paul Kellesvig, Tom Sutter, Gary Zwettler, Gary Baumgartner, Alois Herger received graduation certificates Saturday for completing the Farm Short Course offered at the University of Wisconsin.
The Village of Blue Mounds contributed \$43.50 to the American Heart Association Drive. Robert Reigle was the chairman of the 1964 drive.

Eight local high school students received “A” ratings at the league forensic contest held in Dodgeville. The winners are Julie Guenveur, Stanley Haack, Laurel Schrock, John Heuttl, Andrea Pfister, Connie Jo Henderson, Anita Lund and Michael Merklein. Mrs. Vivian Stone and Mrs. Rosalie Shier are the coaches.

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50 Years Ago- March 7, 1974

Leslie J. Ramsey of Racine has been selected by the Mount Horeb Village Board to fill the newly created part-time position of Village Coordinator. He is a retired Air Force Major with extensive experience as a consultant in business management.
Willis Johnson has left United Bank & Trust of Madison to join the Mount Horeb sales staff of First Realty.

30 Years Ago- March 10, 1994

Laverne H. Aavang, age 78, died on March 3, 1994 in a Madison Hospital.
Karla and Joe Handrick announce the birth of a daughter, Ashley Rebecca, born Tuesday, March 1, at St. Mary’s Hospital.
Martha Frye, age 88, of Mount Horeb died on Monday, March 7, at Ingleside Nursing Home.

20 Years Ago- March 4, 2004

Brandi Hefty and Cody Hefty were the winners of the Father Ignatius Klein Council of the Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest recently.
Rhonda and Charles Denu of Mount Horeb proudly announce the birth of their son Wyatt Charles, born Tuesday, Feb. 24, 20014 at St. Mary’s Hospital, Madison. He joins a brother, Tyler, 3 years.

Representative Roundup

Rep Bare: “Criminalizing Homelessness is not a Solution to Homelessness”

State Representative Mike Bare (D-Verona) released the following statement after the Wisconsin State Assembly voted to pass Assembly Bill 689, legislation that would change the way that the Department of Administration administers a number of grant programs that alleviate homelessness by creating “pay for performance” requirements for the grants.
“Nothing in this bill will help people experiencing homelessness. Having homelessness in Wisconsin is a choice we are making, and we should not keep making that choice. During the public hearing, the Department of Administration testified that it already does a robust system of review before granting the pre-

cious few dollars that this bill seeks to redirect. What they need is more resources to help people who are experiencing homelessness.”
“In 2022, the Interagency Council on Homelessness, chaired by the Governor, unanimously adopted and released their ‘Welcoming Wisconsin Home’ report. I offered an amendment today that would have included several of their recommendations that had been removed during the state budget process. Unfortunately, the Republican majority wouldn’t even allow an up or down vote on that amendment.”
“Finally, and worst of all, this bill would criminalize homelessness in Wisconsin. It is impossible to understand how 30 days imprisonment or a \$500 fine for people who don’t

have \$500 is something other than Republicans’ continued villainization of poor people. Having homelessness in Wisconsin is a choice we are making, and we shouldn’t keep making that choice. There are viable and evidence-based ideas about what to do, and I look forward to working on bipartisan solutions for those experiencing homelessness.”
Baldwin Works to Fight “Youth Vaping Crisis”
U . S . S e n a - tor Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and a bipartisan group of colleagues are introducing legislation to “protect children from the dangers of e-cigarettes.” The *Resources to Prevent Youth Vaping Act* would require that e-cigarette manufacturers help conduct stronger oversight of the e-cigarette industry and increase awareness of the danger of e-cigarettes. In Wisconsin, 32 percent of high schoolers

have tried e-cigarettes, and 20 percent consider themselves current users.
“In recent years, we’ve seen a troubling rise in youth vaping and it’s high time we take action to stop Big Tobacco from hooking our kids on nicotine,” said Senator Baldwin. “Our legislation will step up oversight of the e-cigarette industry, prevent our children from using these harmful products, and help reverse the youth vaping epidemic.”
The *Resources to Prevent Youth Vaping Act* increases the total amount that will be collected in tobacco user fees by \$100 million and indexes that amount to inflation for future years. Critically, the bill also authorizes the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to collect user fees from all manufacturers of products that have been deemed as tobacco products by the FDA, including e-cigarettes. Currently, manufacturers of traditional

combustible tobacco products pay into the FDA user fees, but e-cigarette companies are exempt due to a loophole in the law.
Johnson Releases Statement on 14-Week Abortion Bill
U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) released the following statement on Wisconsin Republicans’ introduction of Assembly Bill 975 “which would protect the life of an unborn child after 14 weeks.”
“The bill co-authored by Senator Mary Felzkowski and Representative Amanda Nedweski, while different from the referendum I suggested, fully aligns with the primary goal of allowing ‘we the people’ to decide: ‘at what point does society have the responsibility to protect the life of an unborn child?’
“This bill is based on a number of surveys, polls, and laws existing in other states and countries which indicate that a consensus is

forming around protecting life after 14 weeks. The fact that 86 percent of abortions performed in Wisconsin occur before weeks 13-15 of gestation is further evidence of this growing consensus.”
“If signed into law, the bill would only take effect if it also receives a majority of votes in a statewide, binding referendum. In other words, the voters of Wisconsin will decide. The bill acknowledges that a mother can decide to end her pregnancy up to a certain point, but after 14 weeks, the rights of an unborn child take precedence unless the life of the mother is at risk,” he added.
“The extreme position on abortion is backed by Democrats who have supported measures that allow abortion up to the moment of birth. What the bill is proposing will allow the voters of Wisconsin to decide what a reasonable solution is to this profound moral issue.”

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Beautiful bronze

Mount Horeb's gymnastics team takes third at state

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Three months ago, there were more questions than answers.

Mount Horeb had lost several key gymnasts from the 2023 group that finished fourth at state. Vikings legendary coach Martha Koller Faust knew she had pieces, but was unsure how to make the puzzle fit.

When it was over, though, the Vikings were back where they always seem to finish — near the top of the state.

Mount Horeb went to the WIAA Division 2 state meet last Friday, had a

memorable performance and finished third overall.

Elkhorn won the team title with a 140.6835 score, while the West Salem co-op was a close second (140.2335). The Vikings were third at 138.750, while Whitefish Bay (136.6832) and Reedsburg (135.650) rounded out the top-five at the 10-team meet.

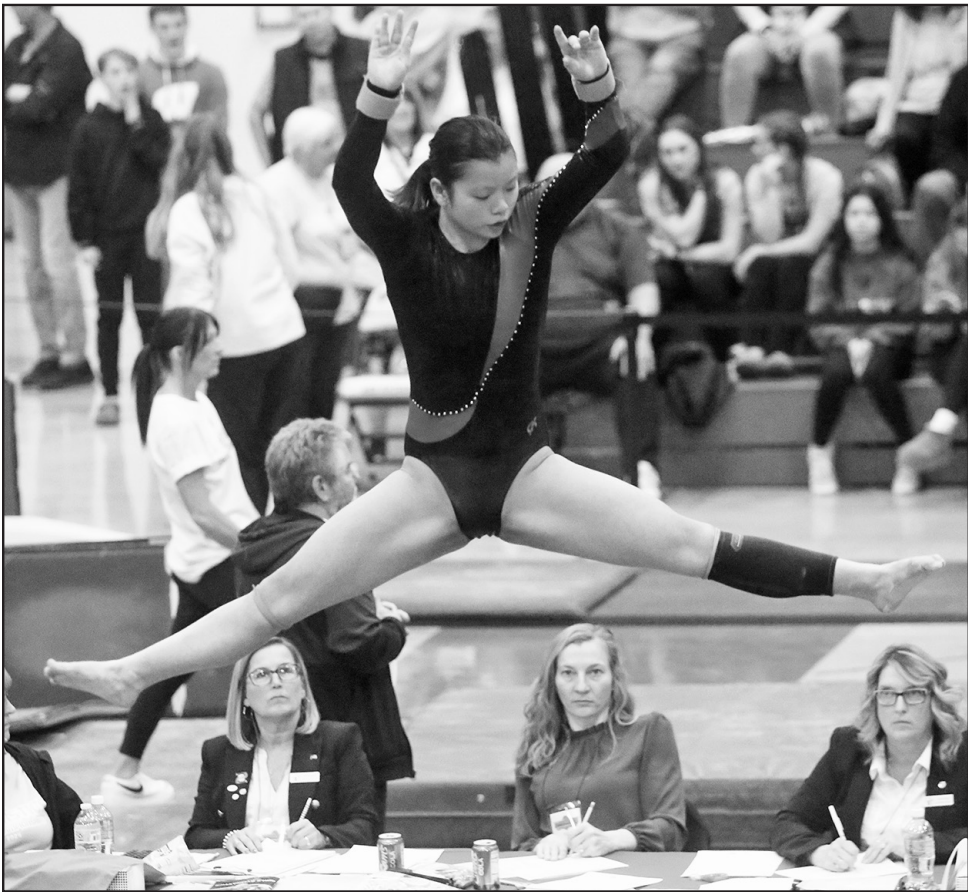
“Mental and physical toughness are equally important in gymnastics and I’m beyond proud of our girls’ abilities to maintain their composure and have such a terrific state meet weekend — and season overall,” Koller Faust said. “We are so very proud of

this Viking gymnastics team — yes, for earning a hard-fought third place at the state meet, but also for how far they have come since our first meet in early December. They kept believing in themselves and in each other and that proved to be the key.”

Mount Horeb was making its 13th straight trip to state and a record 37th overall appearance at state. In that time, the Vikings have six state championships, 12 second place finishes and seven third place showings.

The 2024 Vikings were a special bunch that went unbeaten in the Badger

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Sylviah Seeliger and Mount Horeb's gymnastics team finished third at the WIAA Division 2 state meet. Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

Vikings capture regional crown

Mount Horeb holds off rally from Milton

by DAN LARSON
Sports Reporter

Their lead was crashing like the 1929 Stock Market.

It dwindled from 23 points to 16, then to 12 and kept heading south.

With 6 1/2 minutes remaining in last Saturday's WIAA Division 2 boys basketball regional championship game, Milton trimmed Mount Horeb's once seemingly insurmountable halftime lead down to five.

So how did the Vikings avoid being run off the postseason road — winning 63-55 thanks in large part to 15 second-half points from senior leader Nick Vorwald and no-fear sophomore guard Josh Manchester's poise — and advance to sectionals for the first time since 2019?

They didn't panic.

Two hands on the steering wheel, get home safe, get ready for the next one.

“They fought back, but we composed ourselves in that stretch,” Vorwald said of Milton, “We had just enough fuel left in the tank to close out the win.”

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Nick Vorwald and Mount Horeb's boys basketball team won a WIAA Division 2 regional championship last Saturday night. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Mount Horeb hopes third time's the charm vs. Stoughton

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Both games were span-dex tight throughout.

A missed shot here or a 50-50 call there could have changed either outcome.

Now, Mount Horeb's boys basketball team hopes to tilt the scales in their direction.

Mount Horeb and Stoughton meet in a WIAA Division 2 sectional semifinal Thursday at Milton High School at 7 p.m. The winner faces either three-time defending state champion Pewaukee or Wauwatosa West Saturday at 1 p.m. at Watertown High School.

Mount Horeb and Stoughton — foes in the Badger Small Conference — have met twice this season. Stoughton won both games by an average of 3.5 points, but Mount Horeb knows both of those contests could have just as easily gone the other way.

“We’ve been (right) there both times,” Mount

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Vikings roll past Elkhorn

Mount Horeb wins playoff opener

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

The pressure was turned to high.

One loss, one upset defeat and the season was over Mount Horeb’s terrific boys basketball team.

The Vikings were more than up to the challenge, though, last Friday.

In a WIAA Division 2 regional semifinal, second-seeded and host Mount Horeb survived a challenge from pesky seventh-seeded Elkhorn and pulled out an 80-71 win. The Vikings won their ninth straight game and improved to 20-5, while the Elks finished the season 13-13.

“The pressure was on us to hold serve at home against a sneaky good team,” Mount Horeb coach Todd Nesheim said. “I was proud of our kids to play as well as we did, especially offensively. That should allow us to play a little more free (moving forward).”

Elkhorn came from the highly-competitive Southern Lakes Conference and played a daunting non-conference schedule, making its record somewhat deceiving. And the Elks certainly pushed the Vikings throughout.

In fact, Elkhorn raced to a 15-10 lead just 9 minutes into the game.

“They got some easy looks in the first few minutes and I used a timeout,” Nesheim said. “We got bet-

ter after that but not great.”

The Vikings actually played much better, closing the first half on a 35-17 burst and racing to a 45-32 halftime lead. Both Nick Vorwald and Josh Manchester had 16 first half points, while Zach Maguire his three 3-pointers before intermission.

“We pulled away a bit in this segment,” Nesheim said. “Both Nick Vorwald and Josh Manchester were outstanding ... and Zach Maguire banged in three 3’s.”

The Vikings finished the first half shooting 6-of-11 from 3-point land and 13-of-17 from inside the arc.

“We did a good job of getting to the hoop,” Nesheim said. “And I thought we could exploit their defense even more.”

Mount Horeb maintained a double digit lead much of the second half. The Elks rallied late, though, and closed within six points on a couple of occasions.

Down the stretch, though, the Vikings made 8-of-10 free throws and advanced to the regional finals.

“We had an offensive answer each time,” Nesheim said. “Defensively, we made it too easy for them to stay around and put the pressure on us. We will need to clean that up.”



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Griffin Hannah and Mount Horeb’s boys basketball team defeated Elkhorn, 80-71, in a WIAA Division 2 regional semifinal last Friday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



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Manchester agreed.

“I’m not going to lie,” said Manchester, who poured in a team-high 32 points. “At the end we were just like, ‘Just hang on, just hang on. We’ve just got to hang on for two more minutes.’ And we were able to do that.”

Indeed, the second-seeded Vikings (21-5) — ranked eighth in the WisSports.net Division 2 coaches poll — slammed the door on the third-seeded Red Hawks (17-9), who entered the night with 10 straight wins.

Next up for Mount Horeb is a rematch with Badger Small Conference rival Stoughton (23-3), the top seed in this half of the sectional.

Stoughton, ranked fourth in D2, swept Mount Horeb by a combined seven points in the regular season and advanced to sectionals with a convincing 72-42 win over fifth-seeded Monona Grove.

For much of the night Saturday, it looked like Mount Horeb was going to post a blowout win of its own. The Vikings raced to an 11-0 lead and a 34-11 advantage by halftime.

Manchester had seven points during Mount Horeb’s game-opening run and finished the half with 22 points. The Vikings also closed out the half on a 10-2 burst, capped by a right-corner 3-pointer from freshman Alex Chapman with 5 seconds remaining.

For a roster full of players who weren’t on Mount Horeb’s last regional championship team — and lost by two at Stoughton in last year’s regional finals — the big run to open the game and the huge half-time lead was just what the doctor ordered.

“That’s what you want,” Mount Horeb coach Todd Nesheim said of getting the butterflies out of the way fast and eliminating the possibility of playing tight. “You think about it all day long — ‘I hope we get off to a fast start.’

“The kids did a good job, and then they finished the game. We’re happy to move on. Survive and advance this time of year.”

Senior big man Austin Leibfried had the other four points during Mount Horeb’s 11-0 game-opening run, and junior Griffin Hannah cut to the basket and scored to make it 31-9 with 35 seconds to go.

Conspicuously absent from most of the first-half onslaught was Vorwald, the Vikings’ second-lead-

ing scorer (15.0 points per game) behind Manchester (24.0).

The 6-foot-2 Vorwald, who last week committed to NCAA Division III UW-Platteville, scored only three points before halftime, those coming on a triple from the top of the key with 3:34 to go that made it 21-6.

Despite the big lead, Vorwald wasn’t pulling his weight in the scoring column. And he heard about it in the locker room.

“The coaches challenged me,” he said. “They had every right to. I started off slow.”

Message delivered.
Message received.

“That switch just clicked for me,” Vorwald said of his scoring output in the second half, giving him 18 points on the night. “This is my last home game ever and I didn’t want to leave with a loss. That mentality helped us push through.”

With the way Milton came roaring back, Mount Horeb needed every bit of mental fortitude it could muster.

Red Hawks’ explosive senior Ayden Goll (24.0 ppg) was the catalyst of the big comeback.

The 6-2 guard scored in almost every way possible, pouring in 24 points after the break and finishing with a team-high 32 points. His drive to the basket with 2:20 gone in the second half pulled the Red Hawks within 36-20, then 30 seconds later he drained a 3-pointer from the left corner to make it 36-23.

Vorwald answered with a long triple from the left wing and then scored on a breakaway lay-up, extending the Vikings’ lead back to 41-23.

Unfortunately for Mount Horeb, that was far from Milton’s last punch.

Manchester, who also had 32 points, and Goll traded baskets — Manchester did so by going coast-to-coast and explosively attacking the rim in traffic — to make it 43-25.

But Milton’s Logan Branch hit a 3-pointer to make it 43-28 before Goll took over once again. The Milton standout hit a pull-up triple, a highlight-reel scoop lay-up, another 3-ball and finally a drive to the basket to trim the deficit to 47-38.

Vorwald got a press-break lay-up to make give the Vikings a 49-38 edge.

But the Red Hawks responded with a 6-0 burst and closed within 49-44 with 6:34 remaining. Two of the six came on a drive by Goll, but that would be his last field goal of



Austin Leibfried and Mount Horeb’s boys basketball team held off a second half rally by Milton and defeated the Red Hawks in a WIAA Division 2 regional final last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

the night as his final three points came from the free throw line.

Ultimately, the Vikings knew they wouldn’t be able to stop Goll.

But they knew if they could somehow contain him — which they did in crunch time — and also keep him from dishing out a handful of assists, their chances of winning were good.

“We didn’t do anything special. We just tried to take his gaps away and be in his face,” Nesheim said. “What didn’t happen tonight, and what I’ve seen on tape, is his penetration to the lane and then a lot of dump down, easy looks.

“And even his kick-out looks (tonight) a lot of times I thought were real hard or real difficult passes. We didn’t want to step up as the help guy and give the dump down pass. They live on that.

“You hope he passes it and the guy that shoots it misses. That’s what we were trying to do. We talked about it this morning, if he gets 30 and nobody else gets the easy ones, I think we’re OK.”

And that’s largely how it went.

But not before Mount Horeb had to sweat things out.

“Milton’s come back from a lot of deficits before. Waunakee on their Senior Night — they came back from down 20-something and got the win,” Vorwald said referencing

the Red Hawks’ Senior Night on Feb. 22, when they rallied for a 73-71 victory. “So we knew that was going to happen and we had to keep our composure.”

Indeed the Red Hawks roared back.

“They came out with a different energy level in the second half,” Manchester said. “Credit to Goll and all the other guys, they played really good. But it was really our defense — we hang our hat on defense. We were able to get some key stops at the end.”

Free throw shooting also played a big part in Mount Horeb being able to hang on.

Milton’s full-court press didn’t produce many turnovers, but it did disrupt Mount Horeb’s half-court offense, making it hard for the Vikings to get set and get in rhythm.

And that meant the Vikings made only five field goals in the second half.

Despite the lack of baskets, though, they didn’t stop attacking and made their mark at the free throw line.

Manchester was 8-of-9 from the charity stripe in the second half alone, while Vorwald was 6-of-8, Owen Aeschlimann was 2-of-4 and Griffin Hannah was 2-of-2 — a combined 18-of-23.

“It’s a pretty loud gym and momentum swings pretty easily. They had a lot of fans here,” Vorwald said of Milton’s comeback.

“But I think (the difference was) just knocking down free throws and taking care of the ball. At times it was hard, but I think we stayed one step ahead of them and that got us the win.”

Nesheim agreed.

“A lot of times you get passive with that big lead, and we talked about it halftime and said, ‘Let’s step on the gas,’ ” he said. “They came out and made shots and it would have been easy to get a little passive, a little scared, but we kept attacking and probably ended up winning the game at the free throw line down the stretch.

“We talk about composure a lot. I thought we did a pretty good job when we needed to against the press, at the foul line and then defensively when we had to.”

Like Vorwald, Nesheim knew the 23-point halftime lead was a lot smaller than it seemed considering Milton’s comeback potential.

Remember, the Red Hawks came in winners of 10 straight.

“And in several of those games they had a large deficit,” Nesheim said. “So we knew they had a run (coming) on us.”

The Red Hawks did, but it wasn’t enough.

So now it’s Mount Horeb which owns a 10-game winning streak, with the Vikings’ last loss coming to Platteville on Jan. 30.

Mount Horeb is on a roll after coming up short in its quest to win the Badger Small title, ceding that

honor to Stoughton.

“This is kind of a benchmark. We had a conference championship hope and didn’t reach it, so now you reset your goals. The first goal is to get through that first round of playoffs and celebrate a net cutting. This is something they’ll remember forever,” Nesheim said shortly after descending the ladder himself, having snipped the last strand from the rim.

“Last year we left Stoughton on the wrong side of that, and it just kind of leaves a bad taste in your mouth. As a program, now we’ve taken the next step. Now we’ve got to go see if we can win a sectional game and take the next step.”

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Horeb senior forward Nick Vorwald said. “We lost the first game by two and the second game by five, so we’re ready for sure — ready to take it from them this time.”

Mount Horeb head coach Todd Nesheim agreed.

“The margin is one possession. In fact the last five or six games (against them) has been pretty much that way — overtime game, buzzer beaters, last possession, free throws,” Nesheim said. “So do you change your scheme? No, we’re not going to do that.

“We are who we are. We just have to find a way to change two or three possessions in the course of the game to make it go our way.”

Stoughton, which won the Badger Small with a perfect 14-0 mark, is 23-3 overall and has won eight straight games. Senior guard Ty Fernholz, a NCAA Division II Michigan Tech recruit, aver-

aged 20.0 points per game, while senior guard Sawyer Schipper — who will play at Division III UW-Platteville — averages 13.0 points per contest.

“Ty Fernholz is a special player and so is Sawyer Schipper,” Vorwald said. “So I think (it’s about) taking away their looks. It’s going to be tough. They’re a great team.”

In the first meeting of the year between these two Vikings, visiting Mount Horeb led, 37-26, at half-time. Stoughton rallied back in the second half, though, and got a lay-up from Carter Sullivan with 6 seconds left to pull out a 69-67 win.

Mount Horeb sophomore standout Josh Manchester had 30 points in the first meeting.

“It’s the game I’ve been looking forward to, I’m not going to lie,” Manchester said. “It’s one of the friendliest rivalries I’ve ever played in. Everyone’s got respect for each other. It’s just a fun game to play in.”

In the second meeting, Fernholz (35) and Schip-

per (21) combined for 56 points in a 70-65 Stoughton win. Mount Horeb rallied from a 13-point deficit to take a 65-62 lead late, but Stoughton finished the game on an 8-0 run to prevail.

“The last game, at home, we were up three with under two minutes to play and Fernholz made a couple plays,” Nesheim said. “He got a bucket and then got a steal as we were spreading the floor and trying to get to the free throw line. Credit him in that situation.”

Now, after two narrow losses, Mount Horeb hopes the tables can be turned.

Since falling to Stoughton on Jan. 25, Mount Horeb has gone 11-1, highlighted by its current 10-game winning streak.

“This is 10 in a row,” Nesheim said after his team won a regional championship Saturday night. “Our last loss was Jan. 30 against Platteville. So I think, yes, we’re playing great.

“The kids are playing with a lot of confidence, and most importantly they believe they can beat not only Stoughton, but they can beat Pewaukee. As long as they believe that and we walk in there Thursday and we give it a shot, that’s all you can ask.”

Vorwald agreed. “We haven’t lost in February and now not March yet,” he said. “So I think we’re headed in super-hot and ready to go.”

Mount Horeb knows the No. 1 key will be late game execution.



Josh Manchester and Mount Horeb’s boys basketball team meet Stoughton in a WIAA Division 2 sectional semifinal Thursday at Oregon High School. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Stoughton has been the better team in that category in the first two meetings. If Mount Horeb can clean that area up, it will have a terrific chance to keep its stellar season alive.

“Winning close games is tough to do,” Nesheim said. “And the kids have

been pretty good at it in the last month.”

Manchester agreed with his head coach.

“We know it’s going to be a close game throughout, so in those last couple minutes we’ve got to stay poised,” Manchester said. “We’ve got to keep calm

and we can’t get loose with the ball. Good shot selection as well.”

Added Vorwald: “We think we’re the better team. We shouldn’t hold ourselves to anything lower than that. It’s going to be a good game. We’ve got to come in with confidence.”



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The Plan Commission/Historic Preservation 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 MMI, LLC for a zoning change from PD-1 Planned Development with underlying Planned Business zoning to a modified Planned development - General Development Plan for a proposed 3-story mixed-use building including commercial space and a 24-unit multi-family dwelling project to be located at 1881 Springdale Street, further described as parcel 0607-073-0429-1.

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GYMNASTS

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Conference and won several invitationals throughout a season where they improved by leaps and bounds.

“I am very pleased with this season,” said Mount Horeb standout junior Athena Ouradnik. “Watching myself and my team get new skills, new personal records, and ulti-

mately just bond together is so fulfilling.

“There were doubts at the start of the season because we have such a young team, but I feel like that just motivates us to improve. I feel immense pride in being part of continuing the legacy that the Mount Horeb gymnastics team has.”

Mount Horeb began the state meet on the uneven bars and had a solid show-

ing.

Sophomore Sylvia Seeliger (8.5167) and Ouradnik (8.4833) led the way, while junior Reece Olinger (8.133) and senior Tess Angle (7.90) also had their scores count.

“Usually it’s tough to compete in the first round (of ten) at any competition, let alone, state,” Koller Faust said. “But our girls proved they could handle the pressure of being the first team on uneven bars.

“We had a solid start by going 5-for-5, meaning we had no mistakes or falls, which built momentum for our whole day.”

Mount Horeb then shined on the balance beam, where its total of 36.017 tied West Salem for the top overall score.

Ouradnik was brilliant with a 9.4667, while freshman Harper Hendrickson shined with a 9.033. Seeliger added an 8.8167 and Olinger posted an 8.70.

“Our girls were very solid and, again, we went 5-for-5,” Koller Faust said. “Once Athena (the Vikings’ last beam competitor) landed her dismount, the crowd went wild, as did

all of us on the competition floor!”

Mount Horeb moved to the floor, where it had a solid — but far from spectacular — day.

The Vikings counted scores from Ouradnik (9.0833), junior Abbey Brummer (8.633), Seeliger (8.4167) and Angle (8.2667), but their team score of 34.40 ranked fourth.

“Our floor exercise competitors had solid performances as we continued with our ‘no falls’ meet,” Koller Faust said. “However, our team total on this event wasn’t one of our higher scores of the season.”

The Vikings finished on the vault, where their team score of 35.30 was the best among the 10 schools.

Senior Edie Balster led the way with an 8.933, while the Vikings also counted scores from Ouradnik (8.9167), Seeliger (8.8167) and Brummer (8.5833).

“All five of our gymnasts really hit,” Koller Faust said. “Finding out that our team total on vault (35.3 points) was the highest of the Division 2 meet was a great feeling.”

The Vikings left Wisconsin Rapids with a lot of great feelings.

“It was nice for the team

to finish third,” Seeliger said. “I honestly didn’t have any expectations I just wanted to go up there and do our best and have fun. We were happy with our finish.”

Ouradnik agreed.

“Making it to state is a huge accomplishment in itself, but finishing third makes it even better,” Ouradnik said. “We grew so much from the beginning of the season, and it’s amazing to see all of our hard work pay off.”

INDIVIDUAL STATE

At the WIAA Division 2 individual state meet Saturday, Seeliger finished in 15th place in the all-around competition with a 34.6166.

Seeliger finished in eighth place on the beam (9.033) and was 18th on the bars with an 8.433. She also scored an 8.7667 on the vault and an 8.3833 on the floor exercise.

“I felt like I did pretty good and I felt like I did the best that I could,” Seeliger said.

Ouradnik had a tremendous sixth place finish on the floor exercise with a 9.0667 that earned her a place on the podium.

“It’s been a couple of years since we’ve had a Mount Horeb gymnast on the state podium,” Koller

Faust said. “And it was so awesome to hear Athena’s name called up as she earned the sixth place medal on the floor exercise event.”

Ouradnik was also 19th in the vault with a score of 8.7833.

“I was very happy with my performances,” Ouradnik said. “I was the last person to compete, so going into my floor routine I knew what score I needed in order to place. Feeling like all eyes were on me added some pressure, but I needed to trust myself and the preparation I had done to get that far. Earning a medal at state is an indescribable feeling, and all the support from my team, family, and friends makes it even better.”

Balster also added an 18th place finish on the vault (8.9167).

“We couldn’t have asked for anything more from our gymnasts, and of all meets to peak at, they did so at the perfect time,” Koller Faust said. “Our three Viking gymnasts represented MHHS in terrific fashion.

“They continued the ‘no fall’ streak from the day before and all three of them should be holding their heads high for their solid vaults and routines at this prestigious competition.”

TEAM RESULTS

Division 2

1, Elkhorn Area, 140.6835; 2, West Salem Co-op, 140.2335; 3, Mount Horeb, 138.75; 4, Whitefish Bay, 136.6832; 5, Reedsburg Area, 135.65; 6, Dodgeville Co-op, 134.7667; 7, Onalaska/Luther, 134.5832; 8, West Bend West, 133.5998; 9, Medford/Colby, 133.5832; 10, Ashland/Drummond/Mellen, 123.1166.

TOWN OF SPRINGDALE REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Springdale, 2379 Town Hall Rd., Mt. Horeb WI, is seeking bids for chip sealing, hot mix wedging and culvert replacement on various roads in 2024. For project specifications and deadlines, contact Town Patrolman, Devin Dahlk, at (608) 437-6230, option 6. All bids must be received no later than 5:30 PM on Tuesday, March 19 when they will be opened by the Board at the Springdale town hall. Include proof of insurance and mark the exterior of the envelope with type of work being bid. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any bids, and to award bids to the lowest responsible bidder (Wis. Stat. 60.47(1)(b)).

Posted: 3/1 - Town Hall and springdalewi.gov

Jackie Arthur
Administrator/Clerk

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TOWN OF PERRY TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Perry Town Hall, 10084 CTH 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. Land Use:
 - a. Jadrien Deibler, approx. 10918 Spring Creek Rd. – site plan, driveway, accessory building.
 - b. Patrick Blair, 10147 Lee Valley Rd. – bldg. permit, replace residence.
 - c. Density unit calculation review – Diane Erb; Mary Spaay.
 5. Town Hall Renovation report.
 6. SBA Cell Tower Lease - Certificate of Insurance.
 7. Roads, Equipment, Facilities
 - a. Road Tour, road repair bid dates.
 - b. 2024-2025 Road Salt contract.
 - c. Dane Co. Bridge Inventory – Inventory Collection form.
 - d. Dane Co. Bridge Inspection agreement.
 - e. WI DOT – Hwy. 78 resurfacing project – response, transfer option.
 - f. Solar options, grants, quotes – Town Garage.
 - g. RAISE grant process.
 - h. Agricultural Road Improvement Program criteria, application.
 8. Recycling Center operation.
 9. Treasurer’s report.
 10. Insurance contracts – insurer/agent update.
 11. Friends of the Parks of Perry report
 12. Parks and Open Space Committee – report and recommendations.
 - a. Hauge Park gravel parking lot – DNR grant.
 - b. Hauge Park access update.
 - c. Broadband service – TDS commitment to high-speed internet service.
 - d. Dane Co. Parks Dept. update.
 13. Dane Co. Towns Association discussions, annual membership.
 14. Minutes of previous meetings – February 13, 2024 meeting. Election report.
 15. Pay bills due.
 16. 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.
 17. 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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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGENCY: USDA-Rural Development/Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345-kV Transmission Line Project Route Modification B-IA3 and Land Exchange, an Agreement for the Land Exchange, and a Land Exchange Net Benefit Analysis

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Route Modification B-IA3 and a Land Exchange, an Agreement for the Land Exchange, and a Land Exchange Net Benefit Analysis with respect to a supplemental environmental analysis for the Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (C-HC Project). Rural Utilities Service (RUS) issued a related a Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and related FONSI for the C-HC Project on October 6, 2023.

A copy of these documents may be viewed on the RUS project website: Cardinal – Hickory Creek Transmission Line Project – Iowa & Wisconsin | Rural Development (usda.gov). This page is accessible by visiting the USDA Rural Development homepage, Rural Development (usda.gov) clicking on the “Resources” dropdown banner along the top of the page, clicking “Environmental Studies,” then “Impact Statements.” On the Impact Statements page, the C-HC Project webpage link is provided under “Dairyland Power Cooperative.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 2023, RUS published the Draft Supplemental EA (SEA) in connection with possible impacts related to nine proposed route modifications for the Cardinal- Hickory Creek 345-kV Transmission Line Project, including one proposed land exchange action involving U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)-managed land within the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. The Draft SEA described the project, assesses the project’s environmental impacts, and summarizes mitigation measures used to minimize the environmental effects. The SEA tiers to the Final Environmental Impact Statement that was published for the approved C-HC Project in October 2019. On January 16, 2020, the RUS, USFWS, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approved various components of the C-HC Project and the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed by the three agencies.

RUS released the SEA to obtain feedback from the public, as part of the federal environmental review process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 7 CFR 1970 related to providing financial assistance to Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) for its share in the construction of a proposed 345-kV transmission line and associated infrastructure connecting the Hickory Creek Substation in Dubuque County, Iowa, with the Cardinal Substation in the Town of

Middleton, Wisconsin (near Madison, Wisconsin).

The availability of the Draft SEA for public review was announced in local newspapers on September 8, 2023. A 14-day comment period was provided for review of the SEA. Copies of the Final SEA and FONSI are available from RUS or Dairyland Power Cooperative, 3521 East Avenue, South, La Crosse, WI 54602 and in the six libraries where hard copies of all previous documents for public comment for the C-HC Project have been available.

- Dodgeville Public Library, 139 S. Iowa St., Dodgeville, WI
- Dubuque County Library, Asbury Branch, 5290 Grand Meadow Drive, Asbury, IA
- Eckstein Memorial Library, 1034 E. Dewey St., Cassville, WI
- Guttenberg Public Library, 603 S 2nd St., Guttenberg, IA
- Middleton Public Library, 7425 Hubbard Ave., Middleton, WI
- Schreiner Memorial Library, 113 W. Elm St., Lancaster, WI

Based on its SEA, RUS and USFWS have concluded that the nine proposed route modifications for the C- HC Project and the proposed land exchange would not result in significant changed circumstances or new significant impacts to geology and soils; vegetation, including wetlands; wildlife; historic properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; federally listed threatened and endangered species, candidate species, or federally designated critical habitat; water resources and quality; 100-year floodplains; air quality and climate change; noise; land use; transportation; visual resources; or human health and safety beyond what was evaluated in the FEIS. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority or low-income populations.

In accordance with the NEPA, as amended (42 U.S. Code 4321 et seq.), the CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), and RUS’s Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970), RUS and USFWS have determined that the environmental effects of the route modifications have been adequately analyzed for any potential future action that it considers and that no significant impacts to the quality of the human environment would result from construction and operation on the route modifications. Any final action by RUS and USFWS related to the route modifications will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant federal and state environmental laws and regulations. Because RUS and FWS’s potential action relating to this new information and changed circumstance is not expected to result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared for the route modifications.

Dated: February 23, 2024.

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Photos courtesy of Holly Stoenner

A weekend to remember

Mount Horeb’s girls gymnastics team finished in third place at the WIAA Division 2 state meet last Friday, then had several standouts at the individual state meet last Saturday.

Clockwise from top:

- Athena Ouradnik finished in sixth place on the floor exercise at the individual state meet, which earned her a trip to the podium.
- Mount Horeb coach Martha Koller Faust hugs Sylviah Seeliger during the Vikings’ tremendous weekend.
- Sylviah Seeliger, Edie Balster and Athena Ouradnik (from left) all shined at the individual state meet.



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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT SEASONAL PARK MAINTENANCE POSITIONS (2)

SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE (TWO POSITIONS AVAILABLE):

These seasonal, summer positions are 40 hours per week, approximately May through August, Monday through Friday with occasional weekend overtime. Duties involve parks maintenance, mowing, trimming, ball diamond maintenance, park shelter cleaning, brush chipping, etc.

Starting pay is \$15.00/hour.

Applicants must possess a valid driver's license and be responsible and able to work with limited supervision. Previous experience with mowing equipment, tractors, trucks, trailers and power equipment is desired. Preferred start date of mid to late May.

For more information, contact Jeff Gorman at 437-3351 or jeff.gorman@mounthorebwi.info. Applications are available on the Village website at www.mounthorebwi.info or at the Municipal Building, 138 E. Main Street.

Applications are due at noon, Friday March 29.

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