

Village leaders table development

By ERIN HERNDON
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The Plan Commission is tabling their final determination on whether to permit development of a mixed-use building at 1881 Springdale Street. The Commission shared a joint meeting with the Village Board Mar. 27 and reviewed the zoning and comprehensive plans of multiple properties within the Village.

The Commission is considering a proposed mixed-use building to be constructed at 1881 Spring-

dale Street; a 0.9-acre undeveloped lot adjacent to Miller and Sons Supermarket. Architect Matt Tills of Knothe & Bruce Architects, LLC first introduced the envisioned three-story, residential and commercial space at the Commission’s Jan. 24 meeting.

“We were here for the concept presentation in January and received some feedback from the Plan Commission,” Tills said. “This presentation represents us taking the comments there and providing a little more develop-

ment, knowing it would be the general development plan level.”

On Mar. 27, residents near the planned apartment complex shared their thoughts in a public hearing before the Commission, Tills and developer Tim Neitzel. Multiple residents, including Donald Taft, said they were concerned about the proposed height of the complex in relation to the primarily single-story surrounding homes.

“I live directly south of this proposed project. It

needs to be compatible with the physical nature of the site. All the buildings in the area are one-story; there aren’t even any two-story buildings,” Taft said. “All of the neighbors have very nice porches, and their views are going to be obstructed by this. It’s not a building that’s consistent with what’s there now.”

Real estate broker Jason Geiger said he sold many of the homes in the area and hoped the site would be used for single-story professional office space.

“I represent a lot of the property owners when they purchased these buildings. Being in the real estate business, I certainly understand the demand for multi-family housing. I support the building, I just don’t support the location on that lot,” Geiger said. “When you put in a multi-family building, I get that it’s a great tax thing for the Village, but you’ve got people living there 24/7. You’ve got cars, doors shutting late at night and people coming and going at who knows what time of day.

That’s not what these people signed up for.”

The Plan Commission voted to table the discussion until their April meeting, at which point they expect Knothe & Bruce Architects to provide a rendering of the elevation of the homes in relation to the building to aid in their consideration of the proposal.

The Plan Commission next meets April 24 at 7 p.m.

Two zoning changes okayed

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The Village Board and the Plan Commission voted to approve zoning changes on two Village properties. The Board and the Commission shared a joint meeting Mar. 27 and considered the zoning and comprehensive plans of multiple Village properties.

Public hearings regarding comprehensive plan amendments occur at Village Board meetings, while public hearings concerning potential zoning changes occur at Plan Commission meetings. The meeting was held with both the Board and Commission present to ensure that both bodies were able to hear first-hand comments on the projects prior to making their decisions on

proposed changes.

Village Planner Ben Rohr said that the meeting was intended to be more centered around the proposed land use in relation to projects, such as residential versus commercial zoning rather than the specifics of the projects themselves.

“As you know, the comprehensive plan and the zoning map have to be in alignment, so to make a zoning change, we first need to amend the comprehensive plan,” Rohr said. “When we’re talking about what our options are today, it’s in relation to looking at a land use change from single-family and two-family to allow for a variety of different single, two, and multi-family in the proposed change, not necessarily the details asso-

ciated with the project.”

According to an agenda item report prepared by Village Administrator Nic Owen concerning the discussed properties, Village officials must ensure proposed zoning changes are consistent with the properties’ future land designation. If these are not consistent, applicants may apply for an amendment to the comprehensive plan to change the future land use designation. If approved, officials may then consider the zoning amendment.

109, 113 Valley Drive and 302 Adams Street

During the public hearing, Rick North and Brad North of Madison-based design home builders North Design Build LLC, answered

questions regarding their planned unit development (PUD) vision for 109, 113 Valley Drive and 302 Adams Street. The planned development would combine the three lots and result in a zoning change from R-2 to R-3, which permits eight residential units per building.

“We had purchased the corner of Adams and Valley which was zoned at that time as three duplexes. We’re requesting a rezone on it and that it become a PUD,” North said. “We’d like to build three four-unit townhouse condominiums, which would be residential housing. We’re proposing that the comprehensive plan for the rezone be considered.”

The Plan Commission and Village Board both

unanimously approved the Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The Board was only present for the discussion pertaining to Valley Drive and Adams Street properties, and the Plan Commission took over the remainder of the meeting.

1920 Commerce Drive

The Commission considered additional planned properties including a proposed Dental Building at 1920 Commerce Drive. The building would be 7,000 square feet and directly adjacent to Summit Credit Union. Charles McCall, project manager of Sketchworks Architecture, spoke on behalf of First Choice Dental. McCall said they have made design adjustments to the building’s ex-

terior and landscaping to fit Village requirements and ensure it maintained a cohesive look with the nearby credit union.

“It’ll be a just over 7,000 square-foot dental office, single-story building,” McCall said. “Looking at the Village’s tower requirement, we worked with the materials to bring those up. Normally we have Hardie board siding, and we replaced that with the stone as requested.”

The Plan Commission ultimately approved a conditional use permit for the property.

The Village Board next meets April 3, and the Plan Commission next meets April 24. Both meetings will occur at 7 p.m.

State Politics

No Congressional remapping this year likely this year likely maintains GOP edge

State legislative lines have been redrawn for 2024 and signed into law by Democrat Gov. Tony Evers.

So, shouldn’t congressional lines be redrawn too, given that Republicans hold a 6-2 partisan advantage in the House delegation despite Wisconsin’s purple state status?

The short answer from the now-liberal Wisconsin Supreme Court? No. That means that Republicans are likely to hold an advantage after the November elections, even if Democrats manage to flip western Wisconsin’s 3rd Congressional District.

The justices earlier this month rejected a request to redraw Wisconsin’s congressional lines ahead of the 2024 elections.

The court didn’t offer an explanation for its decision to deny the petition from a group of Democratic voters

that had hoped the justices would redraw the lines after tossing out the legislative maps that were used in the 2022 elections.

Conservative Justice Rebecca Bradley took a shot at her liberal colleagues even though she agreed with their vote against taking the case, arguing they had incentivized “litigants to bring politically divisive cases” regardless of their legal merit.

“While the court rightfully denies this motion, it likely won’t be long until the new majority flexes its political power again to advance a partisan agenda despite the damage inflicted on the independence and integrity of the court,” Bradley wrote in a concurring opinion that was joined by fellow conservative Annette Ziegler.

The Democratic voters had hoped to build off the state Supreme Court’s

December ruling that the legislative maps Republican lawmakers drew were unconstitutional. As part of that decision, the liberal majority ruled the “least change” approach the court had required in drawing new maps ahead of the 2022 elections wasn’t valid. The suit targeting the congressional lines argued that because that standard had been thrown out, there was no justification to keep in place congressional lines based upon the same principle.

But the new petition didn’t allege a constitutional violation with the congressional lines that produced a 6-2 GOP majority in the state’s House delegation after the 2022 elections. Legal observers suggested that would make it difficult to get the justices to take up the case. What’s more, the challenge to the congressional lines wasn’t filed until mid-Jan-

uary, compressing the window for the court to consider the request with nomination papers set to be circulated starting in mid-April.

By comparison, the challenge to the legislative lines was filed in August.

The suit, filed by the Washington, D.C.-based Elias Law Group, argued the current map “subjects Wisconsin voters to intolerable partisan unfairness” and asked the justices to take into consideration partisan balance if they ordered new maps drawn.

The brief argued the 2011 congressional map “had a marked partisan skew” that ensured Republicans always won five seats and Democrats three. Republicans won a 5-3 advantage under all five elections in which that map was used.

The congressional map put in place in 2011 stemmed from an agreement

struck by the then-members of the state’s House delegation. It shored up western Wisconsin’s 3rd CD for then-U.S. Rep. Ron Kind, D-La Crosse, while adding more GOP territory to the 7th CD in northern Wisconsin, which had just been won by Republican Sean Duffy. That was accomplished, in part, by taking Stevens Point out of the 7th CD and moving it into the 3rd.

Republicans approved the map along party lines, and then-GOP Gov. Scott Walker signed it into law.

After the court issued its “least change” directive in 2021, parties submitted proposed congressional maps. Conservative Justice Brian Hagedorn then sided with the court’s three liberals in selecting a proposal from Democratic Gov. Tony Evers.

Republicans sought to have liberal Justice Janet

Protasiewicz recuse herself from the case, and she didn’t participate in the ruling. But she wrote in a separate decision that’s because she wasn’t a member of the court when it put the lines in place two years ago, making the motion to recuse moot.

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Local Government

Board of education approves trips

By Erin Herndon
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The Board of Education approved two out-of-state student travel experiences and updated literature relating to future school fees and employee guidelines. The Board approved the items at their regular meeting Mar. 18.

Spring Break 2025 International Student Trip

Mount Horeb High School Spanish teachers, Jessica Perez and Mr. Davis Svingen, are organizing an international student trip to Guatemala and Belize for Spring Break 2025. Enrollment for the trip is open to high school students in a Spanish language class and closes 125 days prior to de-

parture.

“Anyone who’s in Spanish is eligible to attend. There’s going to be a nice mix of a homestay, visiting some ancient Mayan ruins, and the opportunity to enjoy the beach a little bit. It’s a really nice trip,” Svingen said. “We did this a few years ago too, and the students really enjoyed it.”

According to the trip’s *2025 Group Travel-Confirmation Checklist*, the traveling group would depart March 21 or 22 of 2025 and fly out of Chicago, Milwaukee or Madison depending on group size. Fees will also be based on the number of students attending, with the current cost estimated at \$3,525 for 10–14 participants and \$3,365 for 20 or

more participants.

Svingen said that students interested in attending the trip can apply for financial aid opportunities including the Tyler Oimoen Memorial Scholarship

“The Oimoen family is continuing their great tradition of the Tyler Oimoen Memorial Scholarship,” Svingen said. “That provides a full scholarship for one student to go on the trip and have that experience.”

DECA International Career Development Conference

MHHS marketing teacher and DECA advisor, Allison Carroll, is taking high school scholars to compete at the DECA International Career Development Conference (IDCD) in Anaheim, CA, Apr. 26- May 1.

“The international career development conference is at the big Anaheim convention center this year,” Carroll said. “We took 29 students to state this year and had 16 qualified to come and another four who are accepted into the leadership academies. With sports and everything else, we had two that weren’t able to make it, so we’ve got 18 that would love to go.”

According to the organization’s website, DECA or “Distributive Education Clubs of America” is an international high school and college program seeking to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and

management. Mount Horeb students will be among the 20,000 high school students, teacher-advisors, business professionals and alumni in attendance.

“We’ll be doing competitions and there are workshops that kids will go to,” Carroll said. “Of course, we’ll get to spend a little time at Disneyland and maybe some time at the beach and just see what our students can do.”

According to the trip’s *Field Trip Request Form*, which must be completed at least two weeks prior to departure, fundraising dollars will be applied to cover as much of the \$2,200 in student costs as possible.

Other Approved Items

The Consideration of

the 2024-2025 School Fees as well as revisions to the 2024-2026 Employee Handbook were additionally brought before the Board of Education at their March 18 meeting. Handbook revisions focused on technology use and time away from work and were primarily made to better clarify regulations for staff. Of the fees discussed, school lunch prices were found to be the only item to increase in cost from the 2022-2023 school year into the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. The Board unanimously approved both action items.

The Board of Education holds their next regular meeting April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Springdale board debates driveway

By Steve Matyas
Mount Horeb Mail

Heavy debate surrounded a proposal presented to the Springdale Town Board at its meeting on March 19. At issue was the widening of a driveway off Messerschmidt Road to allow its use by three independent parties.

Town Supervisor Wayne Hefty spoke out against the proposal, saying that widening the driveway to sixteen feet from its current ten would result in an overly large drop from the crown of the driveway to the edge of the shoulder. He provided pictures showing that the drop would be seven inches instead of the accepted practice of half-inch per foot of surface from the crown of the driveway. He stated further that the plan as currently conceived would fail to provide adequate driving space along the shoulders.

Supporters of the proposal, who accounted for 80 percent of the meeting’s attendance, argued that most users of the driveway would drive in the center and didn’t need to be concerned with the slope of the shoulders

and that issues with water run-off and the need to maintain the rural integrity of the township required that the widening should go on as planned. They accused the board of “nickel-and-diming” the issue and causing unnecessary delays in construction. Supervisor Richard Schwenn noted that there is an agreement in place that the town not be involved with driveways once they have been constructed, leaving repairs up to the landowners.

Hefty also discussed the board’s failure to widen the driveway in the past when usage was expanded from one to two users. Supervisor Schwenn responded by pointing out that the board “can’t go backward,” but should freely acknowledge that it missed the fact that expansion should have occurred earlier.

Hefty moved to deny a permit to proceed with construction, but failed to obtain a second; a motion to proceed, with the provision that no new building permits for

the area be processed until the driveway construction has been completed. Hefty supplied the lone “no” vote.

Town resident Josh Klein’s permit to continue with driveway construction at 1889 Kolluth Road was approved. Supervisor Hefty reported that staking of the driveway is in place and that the next step is grading adequate for vision angle from it.

In other action, the board discussed painting of the trim on the old town hall. Chair John Rosenbaum pointed out the need for carpentry work and replacement of a vent before painting begins. The board agreed to carry out an inspection of the property before seeking bids on the painting.

A resolution regarding the vacating and discontinuation of use of a portion of Ben Franklin Street right-of-way was scheduled to be presented to the Plan Commission on April 25. A public hearing was set for May 21.

The town’s small bridge and culvert inventory was

updated, calling for culvert replacement on Springdale Center Road and inspection of a bridge on Town Hall Road. Chair Rosenbaum requested early inspection of the bridge, if possible. The need to chipseal Fargo, Malone and Getz Roads and Glenview Lane, covering 3.48 miles was presented along with hot mix wedging of Lunde Lane and Prairie Ridge Road (involving approximately 1196 tons of mix) and the ditching of shoulders on Malone, Lewis, and Town Hall Roads. Chair Rosenbaum noted that current bids for roads is twenty thousand dollars below the

budgeted amount.

The failure to comply with ordered removal of arbor vitae from land located at 1668 Liberty Street was discussed. It was noted that the owner of the property, Larry Lester, has already been fined for non-compliance and faces possible further charges of contempt of court by Dane County. The board therefore chose not to undertake any further actions.

New town employees Kathy Wilson (Deputy Elections Clerk) and Lisa Shatrawka (Treasurer) were introduced and greeted with a round of applause.

The Riley tavern was granted permission to allow amplified outdoor sound on several occasions as long as it complies with existing conditional use permit requirements governing such events in an outdoor consumption area.

Dues for membership in the Dane County Towns Association were considered.

Chair Rosenbaum cited the amount of \$,2900 and pointed out that there didn’t appear to be much value in information available through the association other than possible legal counsel and saw no need to join.

The board agreed, and will not pursue membership.

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Helin and Rathje are 2024 Student Spotlight Artists

The Mount Horeb Area Historical Society (MHAHS) and Mount Horeb High School (MHHS) Art Department are once again partnering to celebrate the talent of area youth via the fifth annual “Student Spotlight” initiative. This program provides an opportunity for young artists to gain experience producing and promoting a public art exhibit in a professional setting.

The Selection Committee met in January to consider a pool of gifted candidates, and unanimously agreed to invite MHHS Senior Anja Rathje and Junior Elizabeth “Lizzy” Helin to serve as 2024’s featured artists.

Their similarly introspective and powerful descriptions of the integral presence of art in their life indicated to the Selection Committee a potential for an easy partnership and artistic harmony.

Rathje and Helin’s applications both underscored a love for making art that stretches back to early childhood, and highlighted the positive psychological benefits they derive from the creative process. Helin noted that she finds herself doodling or sketching when stressed or unable to

sleep, simply “fill[ing] the pages with a reflection of my mind”; similarly, Rathje stated that art “shows me where the peace is” and “is the reason I can believe that I’ll be OK in the future.”

In addition, the Selection Committee was pleased that both Rathje and Helin saw the Student Spotlight program as a stepping stone towards related higher-education degrees: Lizzy is contemplating a major or minor in art, while Anja plans to pursue a BFA in Studio Art.

The Student Spotlight artists toured the Driftless Historium Community Gallery (100 S 2nd St, downtown Mount Horeb)—the site of their upcoming art show—on March 15, where they reviewed the project timeline and task list. MHHS Art Educators Anna King and Dana Showers and MHAHS Director Destinee Udelhoven will serve as project mentors, with related funding made possible by MHAHS Members and donors. Rathje and Helin’s art show (title pending) will debut Saturday, June 15 and be viewable through Tuesday, July 30.

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



MHHS Senior Anja Rathje (LEFT) and Junior Elizabeth “Lizzy” Helin. Photo contributed.

EMBRYO

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and that figure doesn’t include the many “standard” costs borne by all parents.

“Me and my husband went through three cycles,” says Wright. That math is formidable.

But she doesn’t think that only wealthy families should have the option of pursuing creative ways to start or grow a family, and that’s why this local woman founded Embryo Solutions in 2021.

When Wright was going

through her journey, she stopped to ponder an important question: What happens to all the leftover embryos that sit in storage after couples conceive through IVF?

“Many donors who went through IVF to build their own family have extra embryos they can’t use,” she says.

“There are over one million embryos in storage in the United States right now,” she explains.

Every one of those fertilized eggs holds an entire lifetime of possibilities; a first step, a first word, a

late-night clamber into their parents’ bed to find warm solace after a chilling nightmare. Every one of those embryos could potentially be a person, a member of a family that yearns to grow.

That’s where Embryo Solutions comes in. Wright’s company serves as a matchmaker, connecting available embryos with people who want to bear children. She calls it a “life-honoring” solution to two problems, the glut of embryos sitting in storage and the many families who struggle to conceive but want to start their

own families. Put simply, “embryo adoption” is when an adoptive couple or a single mother receives a donor couple’s remaining embryos after they are done with their IVF procedure(s).

“We are a matchmaking agency,” she explains. “We match donors with recipients, with people who want to grow their families.”

“Embryo donation clinics like ours are helping turn dreams into reality for those looking to start a family of their own,” says Wright.

Many international groups say that reproductive rights are fundamental human rights, but Wright says in many cases, it’s a right that genetics, money or pure luck can greatly hinder.

Each case starts with a meeting.

“We do our onboarding

meetings on Zoom, and it’s really striking the desperation and grief people are experiencing,” Wright says. “But during those meetings, I see this spark in their eyes. I see they have hope. That’s the best part of what I do.”

“I don’t even consider this a job. This is a passion project; to create out of my experience this opportunity,” she continues. “We want to help everyone, including people who are not high income, experience pregnancy. We want them to experience pregnancy, breastfeeding, the entire experience.”

Based in Mount Horeb, Embryo Solutions has helped people from all over the nation, from California to New York. Their marketing team is based out of Ukraine. It’s a local operation that pulls together a

global team.

Nothing with children is guaranteed, no matter how a family chooses to form or grow. This is something all parents learn, in time. People are their own, and each future is a dynamic mystery, no matter how someone comes into the world. But for Wright, getting people started on that path – full of possibilities, worries, joys, and the infinite little domestic moments that so often reveal themselves to be enormously meaningful through the lens of time – is the best job she can possibly imagine.

“At Christmastime I get to see photos of these families around the tree, wearing sweaters, with their dog,” she says with a smile. “This is not a job. This is something more.”

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The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its 6th Annual Awards Dinner at Martinson Hall at Buck & Honey’s.



The Academy of Little Vikings was recognized as the 2024 Business of the Year.



Amy Kellesvig accepted the George Sievers Award.



Transitions at Home – West was recognized as the Non-profit of the Year

On March 7, the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its sixth Annual Awards Dinner at Martinson Hall at Buck & Honey’s, where 130 esteemed guests gathered to celebrate “the outstanding achievements of local businesses and individuals.”

Attendees were treated to an evening of live music by local musician and small business owner Corey Mathew Hart. Buck & Honey’s, the Food and Drink Sponsor for the event, provided a delicious dinner and drinks menu.

Kara Brandemuehl, the chamber’s Board Chair, extended a warm welcome to the attendees and recognized board members, ambassadors, staff, and committee members, thanking them for their ongoing dedication to the chamber and the community.

Rachel LaCasse-Ford, the chamber’s President/CEO, delivered an annual review of the chamber’s strategic priorities, which include

advocating for the business community; developing tourism and driving economic impact; and “providing valuable services for our members.”

Her review included successful collaborations to solve community issues, such as the passing of the Mount Horeb Child Care Grant Program, as well as numbers around website traffic, foot traffic, and overnight stays in the Mount Horeb community.

She also highlighted the marketing strategies that have “effectively driven visitors to our community over the past year.”

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the prestigious awards. The Academy of Little Vikings was recognized as the 2024 Business of the Year. Steve Helwig, owner of Helwig Auto Clinic, recipient of the 2023 Business of the Year Award, presented the award to owners Brenda Fritz and Todd Fritz. They thanked the chamber for recognizing

and celebrating childcare as an important business in the Mount Horeb area. They also recognized their dedicated staff who selflessly serve the children of our community each day.

Transitions at Home – West was recognized as the Non-profit of the Year for providing vital services to our senior citizens that allow them to age at home. The award was accepted by Jacob Rathke, administrator; it was presented by Destinee Udelhoven, executive director of the Driftless Historium, the 2023 recipient of the same award.

Amy Kellesvig accepted the George Sievers Award, which recognizes individuals who are dedicated to the Mount Horeb community

and who give back in many ways to make the community a better place. Amy Mertz, the 2023 recipient, presented the award.

The event also featured a silent auction and a wine pull activity, sponsored by Small Town Wanderer and Heidi Kopras at Restaino Homes, which together brought in over \$1,700 to support the chamber’s mission. The chamber expressed heartfelt appreciation to all the generous donors who contributed to the success of the auction and wine pull.

As the evening drew to

a close, Joel Geissbuhler, the chamber board’s vice-chair, extended gratitude to all attendees, emphasizing the chamber’s commitment to serving its members for generations to come.

The chamber extends special thanks to its Trustee Members, whose support is instrumental in organizing events like the Annual Awards Dinner: Farmers

Savings Bank, Miller & Son’s Supermarket, Upland Hills Health, Lake Ridge Bank, ATC, Village of Mount Horeb, MHTC, Tyrol Basin, and JG Development.

For those eager to relive the memorable moments from the event, photos are available on the chamber’s website at mounthorebchamber.com/annual-awards-dinner.

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As an incentive, if the community collectively checks out a ton of materials during National Library Week, the library will host a celebratory event featuring a pound cake! This sweet treat will serve as a delicious reward for the community’s dedication to utilizing the resources the library provides. Keep an eye on the library website (mhpl.org) for more details.

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable contributions of libraries and librarians to communities nationwide. Through events like the “Read A Ton” challenge, Mt. Horeb Public Library aims to promote the importance of literacy, lifelong learning, and the invaluable resources and services available at the library. For more information about the library visit mhpl.org, or call 608-437-5021.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 5
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet open 9:00 to 10:30am (Seniors Preferred) ; All shoppers - 3:00-4:30pm, 102 E. Lincoln Street

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food and Clothes Closet open 10:00-11:30am, 102 E. Lincoln Street

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

MONDAY, APRIL 8
2024 Flavor of the Year Ice Cream Tasting at Mt. Horeb Driftless Historium, 6:00-8:00pm. Free Event!

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
Tai Chi, 1:00pm. Mt. Horeb Senior Center

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
Blood Pressure Check, 10:00-11:00am, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

Fink’s Cafe, serving senior meals, 11:00am-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.
We reserve the right to edit for length.



Ice cream tasters needed

The Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St) needs your help choosing the site-exclusive, can’t-get-it-anywhere-else Ice Cream 2024 Flavor of the Year. Community feedback is requested via an upcoming ice cream taste testing, to be held on-site on Monday, April 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This is a free, drop-in event; all are welcome. Our selfless volunteer tasters will sample eight unique ice cream concoctions, record their observations and rank their favorites.

The 2024 theme is “Wisconsin’s Driftless,” with students challenged to create ice creams reflecting the local foods and flavors found within our uniquely varied landscape of steep hills, forested ridges, deeply carved river valleys, tallgrass prairies, oak savannas and spring-fed streams. During the April 18 tasting, the student creators will be on hand to answer questions about inspirations, ingredients and the production process.

This is the sixth annual collaboration between the Driftless Historium and UW-Platteville’s Dr. Tera Montgomery, Director of the School of Agriculture and Professor of Dairy Sciences.

To learn more, call 608-437-6486 or email mthorebahs@gmail.com.

Community garden spots are still available

The Mt. Horeb Area Community Garden has a limited number of plots available for the upcoming growing season. Interested parties are encouraged to contact horebgarden@gmail.com. Include name and phone number so a garden member can respond regarding available plots, fees and registration information.

The community garden is preparing for its seventh growing season by providing gardening space for over 100 individuals and families, while serving our local food pantries and providing an avenue for volunteerism among the youth in our community.

Recreation Notes

Now Hiring – If you are looking for a fun summer job, look no further than the Recreation Department! We are currently seeking individuals for the following positions:

- Summer Office Assistant (min age 17)
- Kids Camp Coordinator (min age 17)
- Kids Camp Assistant (min age 14)

Join **Yoga. Mind. Body** as we explore journaling, find gratitude through poses, breathwork, community and service while learning yoga philosophy and its origins to find peace, ease and mindfulness tools you can with you off your mat. This 45-minute class is for ages 9-15 years old on Thursday mornings from 10:00-10:45 AM June 13 through August 29 (no class 6/27 or 7/4). All classes will take place at The Yoga Space – South Room (115 E Main St). All abilities are welcome. Resident fee is \$120 and non-resident fee is \$130. Registration deadline is June 6.

Are you looking to play outdoor volleyball this summer? Join our competitive **4 vs 4 volleyball** leagues for High School Advanced (varsity level players and alumni) or High School Intermediate (JV1 and JV2 players). All games in this league are played on grass at the Mount Horeb High School Practice Fields from June 13 through July 18 on Thursday nights. Two matches will be played by each team per night. Games will begin at 6:00 PM, but players will need to arrive at 5:30 PM to help set up nets. No coaches or coach instruction will be given. Rules will be given out after registration. One team captain will sign up for the team of 4 (or 5 with a sub). Resident fee for a team is \$80, and non-resident team fee is \$90. Registration deadline is June 3!

HOW TO REGISTER:
There are multiple ways to register for programs and activities.

Online (go to <https://lanc.apm.activecommunities.com/mhrd>)

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street

Place completed form and payment in 24-hour drop box

Email completed form and payment to mhrec@mounthorebwi.info

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- After School Art Class (4/8)
- Little Star Kickers -8.5 yr old (4/10)
- Spring Martial Arts (4/25)
- Introduction to Fly Fishing (4/29)

Obituaries

James C. Laundry

Nov. 27, 1944 -
March 24, 2024



MOUNT HOREB - James Christopher Laundry, age 79, of Mount Horeb, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Sunday evening, March 24, 2024. Mr. Laundry (who went by “Chris”) was a U.S. Navy Vietnam veteran (1965 - 69), former Mount Horeb Lions Club president, Boy Scout leader, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Chris was born Nov. 27, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late James Roy and Mary Jo (nee Harwood) Laundry. The family lived in Chardon,

Ohio before relocating to Racine, Wis., in 1965. Chris was introduced to the love of his life, Phyllis Mueller, by his mother, Mary Jo, at his sister Kathy’s wedding while on leave from Navy service in 1968. After honorable discharge he returned to Racine, and they married July 22, 1972. He received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from UW-Parkside in 1974.

Chris and Phyllis moved to Mount Horeb in 1976, where they raised their two children, Michael and Joan. He worked for Rayovac (Madison and Fennimore, Wis.), Placon (Madison, Wis.) and Famous Footwear distribution centers (Sun Prairie, Wis., Bakersfield, Calif., and Lebanon, Tenn.).

Chris loved animals and he enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing or any activity where he could watch wildlife. He enjoyed firing his cannon on the 4th of July and special events. Chris was devoted to his children and his grandson, Jordy. He loved to travel with the family and to share his love of

the outdoors.

Chris is survived by his wife of 52 years, Phyllis Laundry of Mount Horeb; daughter, Joan (Jeremy Kienitz) Laundry of Mount Horeb; son, Michael Laundry of Madison; sisters, Gretchen Smith of Long Island, N.Y. and Kathy Jaeck of Racine; grandson, Jordy Johnson of Mount Horeb; and many beloved nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and extended family. In addition to family, he is survived by many treasured friends.

A funeral service with military honors will be held at MOUNT HOREB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 9542 County Highway S, Mount Horeb, at 12 noon on Friday, April 5, 2024, with the Rev. Becky Rokitowski officiating. A luncheon will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the United Methodist Church, Mount Horeb, the Mount Horeb Lions Club or the Boy Scouts of America. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Thomas M. “Tom” Grundahl

Aug. 13, 1938-
March 25, 2024



Thomas M. “Tom” Grundahl, age 85, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2024. He was born on August 13, 1938 to Bennie and Verna (Martinson) Grundahl. He grew up on a dairy farm in Daleyville, WI, with his three siblings. Tom graduated from Mt. Horeb High School in 1956 and the

following year he married Ethel Jensen at Perry Lutheran Church.

Tom worked as an electrician for most of his life. He started his own electrical and refrigeration service in Waterloo. He was known to be hardworking, and dependable. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. Tom had strong hands and a tender heart. He was a man of few words with a smirk that said it all.

He was a member of the Goldwing Road Riders Club, Chapter H, for many years. Tom enjoyed playing cards, watching the Badgers, Brewers, and Packers, and being the shuffleboard champion. He and Ethel loved going on cross-country road trips with relatives and riding motorcycles with friends. They spent the last 23 winters in Arizona, escaping the cold and enjoying the sun.

Tom will be missed by his wife of 66 years, Ethel, and their six children: Mark (Deb) Grundahl, Gary (Karen) Grundahl, Randy (Cindy) Grundahl, Dan

(Carol) Grundahl, Brenda (Greg Faust) Grundahl, Mitch (Lora) Grundahl, along with 19 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren. He will also be missed by his siblings: Karolyn Carlson, Brad (Karen) Grundahl, and Alice (Jack) Graham, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie and Verna, as well as his brother-in-law; Richard Carlson.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd, from 9:30 am to 11 am at Lakeview Lutheran Church, 4001 Mandrake Road, Madison, WI 53704, directly followed by the service. Memorials can be made to Lakeview Lutheran Church.

Your battery drill has finally run out, Grandpa, so go rest easy, you deserve it.

Please share your memories of Tom by posting in his Guestbook at: www.Cress-FuneralService.com.

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Gleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- April 5, 1894

Judging from the clinking of hammers, the building season has opened up, and on quite an extensive scale in this town.

Yesterday the machinery for the mill arrived, and mechanics from Milwaukee are here to put it up. In about six weeks from now, it will be ready for operation, when flour for the first time will be ground in Mount Horeb.

The Old Town School opens next Monday, with Miss Vera Mills, Black Earth as teacher.

Knute and John Haakeness have taken the contract to grub 10 acres of land for Mr. Everett of Mt. Vernon, for \$18 an acre.

Some people are in luck, this time it is our friend Harvey Fargo who receives a wife and a town office about the same time. Miss McCaughey, of Riley, is the bride.

130 Years Ago- April 12, 1894

Jas. Gesme was down to Mazo Tuesday and bought out a bathing outfit which will be run in connection with S. Gesme’s new barber shop.

T.G. Lingard offers a reward of \$10.00 for any information that will lead to the conviction of the miserable cowards who maliciously destroyed the ornamental trees planted along the street on the south side.

Sever Lee of Vermont smokes none of your mild easy tobacco. While smoking a few days ago there was a loud report like the firing of a rifle, and his pipe bowl was shattered and blown to fragments too small to find. He was in no wise hurt.

120 Years Ago- April 7, 1904

It was “Dry” Day, the Whiskey hosts got it where the chicken got the axe. Mount Horeb, Blue Mounds and Springdale voted strongly for “no license.” The church bells also heralded the glad tidings in harmonious tones.

Muddy streets and pretty girls made quite a display in Daleyville.

The past few days have been busy ones for Dr. N.C. Evans and Dr. A. S. Thompson, they having had no less than

six operations to perform.

There has been some boasting done about heavy wood sawing, but we have yet to learn of any circle saw doing faster work than Thousand Brothers, sawing 28 cords in five hours and 30 minutes.

John Malone and wife now occupy their cozy home on 3rd street and their many friends here extend to them a welcome hand. May they live long here and enjoy happy contentment.

Mrs. David Quinn died very suddenly last Monday morning at her home in town of Vermont, of paralysis. Mrs. Quinn had not been in good health for the past winter, but was up and around. Was up at an early hour but went back to bed. It was noticed shortly after that she was breathing heavily. The family gathered around her and soon life was extinct.

110 Years Ago- April 2, 1914

Hogan, Gilbertson and Anderson received a carload of fine new 1914 model Studebaker autos among which is the first six cylinder car for their stock.

A crippled piano player was given lodging at the village barracks Saturday evening, being found locked out of his quarters at the hotel.

The rural carriers have had a hard pull the past week. Several times the carriers did not come in until after dark.

Henry Arneson’s hired man has found his horse that strayed away.

The local telephone company held its annual meeting last Saturday evening and re-elected the same set of officers and decided to finish construction work this coming year. The treasurer’s report showed that expenditures the past year amounted to over \$5,000. Cable construction comes high but it is a very necessary improvement.

The horrible news of the assault on P.A. Sletto on Monday the 23rd was a shock to the community, but greater still was the sensation in the community at around 2:00 on the following Monday, when it was made known that Paul had revealed to the authorities the name of the man who had committed the deed. The surprise and astonishment was great when it became known that the suspected man was no one else but Paul’s nephew, Arnold Sletto, who the officers brought to Madison on the next train. The district attorney not being satisfied with the evidence ordered the officers to have Paul repeat his statement in the presence of secreted

witnesses, and a different name was mentioned.

The condition of Otto Vogel is quite favorable, although adjudged insane by the doctors here it is believed that by an operation to his head may regain his usual good health,

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CHURCH NOTES

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Springdale Lutheran Church
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Rev. Robert Butz- Parish Administrator
St. Ignatius Catholic Church
109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb
608-437-5348
Mass: Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday thru Friday - 8:00 am
Sat. 5:00 pm
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
10070 Spring Valley Dr., Mount Horeb
Mass: Sunday 8:00 am

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

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

The River Arts Center Gallery

Offering Dazzling Visual and Performing Arts



The 500 seat River Arts Center theater stays busy all year round with events.

By Joe Block
Finger Publishing

The Sauk Prairie area is a vibrant growing community, with a massive housing project including affordable housing on the way, as well as talk of a partnership between the local school district and a village potentially leading to a childcare center. Sauk City and Prairie du Sac anchor a community that sprawls into neighboring townships. As the villages have grown, a local arts organization has carried out perhaps one of the most important tasks in any community—advocating for and promoting local artists while providing programs in the Arts.

River Arts, Inc., grew out of something that is all too common today in Wisconsin—failed school district referenda to fund

the building of a performing arts center. But a simple conversation between two community members eventually led to the construction of the River Arts Center and the creation of River Arts itself. What began as a fundraising arm for the construction of the performing arts center turned in to Sauk Prairie’s premiere cultural center.

River Arts features its namesake auditorium—a 500-seat theater—as well as 1700 square foot gallery attached. In 2011 River Arts on Water opened on the banks of the Wisconsin River in Prairie du Sac. The space is “devoted to the cultural and ecological vitality of the community” and is a retail gallery, concert and gathering place. The newly completed Leola Hall, a multipurpose back box the-

ater space, rounds out the infrastructure.

River Arts offers visual and performing arts programming for the whole community, at all ages. Over halfway through their season, they still have 13 adult studio classes, nine youth studio classes, five performances, two community-wide music and arts events and two major art exhibits coming up in the next few months.

Studio classes range from drawing and painting the birds of Prairie du Sac and the Wisconsin River with Theo Howard, a weekend class in May, to an introduction to poetry with Steven Espada Dawson. River Arts features performances like Steely Dane, as well as local events like this year’s “Sauk Prairie Spectacular” Chamber Awards Show.



The River Arts on Water gallery is located at 590 Water St., Prairie du Sac, WI. Hours: Sunday-Monday, closed; Tuesday-Thursday, Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Arts exhibits include, at the River Arts Center gallery, the upcoming Wisconsin Regional Art Program exhibition, as well as the ever-present student art. At River Arts on Water in the Powder Room Gallery you can find the paintings of Samira Gdisis in an exhibit called “It’s a Good Day: Abstractions of Sunrise on the Lake,” and in the regular gallery you can find the works of painter and mixed media artist Brit Borchert and ceramicist Olivia Gallenberger during February, March, and April of 2024.

River Arts hosts over 75 programs a year, keeping the Sauk Prairie community and the surrounding region entertained and skilled in

the arts. The retail gallery—The River Arts Gallery on Water—features 38 artists that live within 40 miles of Sauk Prairie and is open five days a week. In addition, the space overlooking the Wisconsin River, nestled in downtown Prairie du Sac, is available for private rentals too.

“River Arts Inc. develops inclusive annual programming that advocates for and promotes local artists and musicians, while simultaneously including artists from outside Sauk Prairie, to broaden communal horizons and champion The Arts,” explains Executive Director Lydia Park.

For more information on River Arts Inc., go to: <https://www.riverartsinc.org>

The River Arts Center Gallery is located at 105 9th St., Prairie du Sac, WI, adjacent to Sauk Prairie High School. Enter through doors E-7, the Garden Entrance, which is located down a sidewalk to the right of the River Arts Center main doors. Hours: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday and weekends during special events. Closed when Sauk Prairie Schools are closed. The Gallery is wheelchair accessible, including all doorways and restrooms.

The River Arts on Water gallery is located at 590 Water St., Prairie du Sac, WI. Hours: Sunday-Monday, closed; Tuesday-Thursday, Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Taliesin in Spring Green is a World Treasure

Frank Lloyd Wright’s Vision in Spring Green

By **Linda Schwanke**
Finger Publishing

Frank Lloyd Wright could have lived anywhere on Earth. He chose Spring Green in the Driftless area of southwestern Wisconsin. As a preeminent architect of the 20th century, Wright’s name is synonymous iconic design, perhaps most notably as the creator of organic architecture, the phrase he used to describe that his buildings harmonize with the people and the environment they inhabit. Globally, Wright’s buildings have been the subject of accolades for decades. In Spring Green, his home and studio, Taliesin, and the only restaurant he ever designed, the Spring Green Restaurant, are receiving the recognition they so richly deserve.

In 2021, Taliesin Preservation and the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation unveiled a new plaque at the architect’s 800-acre estate in the rural Driftless Hills near Spring Green that celebrated Taliesin’s inclusion on the UNESCO World Heritage list. UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) recognizes landmarks or sites for cultural, historical, or scientific relevance.

The Wisconsin Historical Society announced the listing of the Spring Green Restaurant in the Town of Wyoming in Iowa County on the State Register of Historic Places last November and the property was added to the National Register in February. The building now serves as the Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center for Taliesin. The Visitor Center includes the Taliesin Gift Shop, the starting point for tours of Taliesin, and a Café.

The Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, based in Chicago, Illinois, spearheaded the serial nomination of eight major works by Wright, including Taliesin. The inscription for Wright’s works was announced on July 7, 2019, during the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee. Wright’s buildings are the first US Modern Architecture to be included on the United Nations’ list of the world’s most significant cultural and natural sites, representing American design for the first time on a global stage. Taliesin was chosen to be a part of this honor as a great example of an organic connection to the surrounding landscape of the driftless region. The inscription is an honorary distinction that provides additional protection of the

properties. “As a UNESCO World Heritage Site we are now officially recognized worldwide for bringing outstanding cultural and natural heritage to humanity—and we pledge to continue this as a laboratory for living in the 21st century,” said Carrie Rodamaker, executive director of Taliesin Preservation, Inc.

Taliesin Preservation produces innovative cultural and educational programming at Taliesin. Taliesin has served as a living laboratory for over 100 years, exploring and advancing organic principles in everyday life, where home, community, farm, the arts, education and the environment are deeply connected and work as an integrated whole.

The serial UNESCO inscription also includes Unity Temple, the Frederick C. Robie House, Hollyhock House, Fallingwater, the Herbert and Katherine Jacobs House, Taliesin West and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, and brings greater awareness to and appreciation of Wright’s complete body of work.

Following the naming of the Spring Green Restaurant to the registers of historic places, Rodamaker stated, “This building has such a fascinating history. The driving force behind it was for Wright to give back to the community and valley where he lived for the majority of his life. We are thrilled about its recognition at the state level—and now nationally.”

Wright purchased the land overlooking the Wisconsin River at the intersection of Highway 23 and County C with the intention of building a restaurant as a gateway to Taliesin. In 1953, he designed a seasonal restaurant called “Riverview Terrace.” By 1954, his concept changed to a year-round restaurant, and he continued to work on the design until 1957, when construction commenced. At that time, Frank Lloyd Wright was at the height of his career and as a result, the building progressed slowly, as he focused on large-scale projects that demanded his attention away from Taliesin.

In 1959, at the age of 92, Wright passed away, and construction halted until 1966 when the building was purchased by the Wisconsin River Land Development Corporation. Taliesin Associate Architects (TAA) was hired to complete the building with slight modifications to Wright’s original design. TAA was

established after Wright’s death by his former associates and led by William Wesley Peters, who was also Wright’s son-in-law.

The building was completed and opened in 1967 as the Spring Green Restaurant. The official opening featured a gala that coincided with First Lady Lady Bird Johnson’s visit to Taliesin to meet with Wright’s widow Olgivanna Lloyd Wright.

The building was modified for subsequent owners by Taliesin Associated Architects, the firm that continued Wright’s practice after his death. Nonetheless, Wright’s design forms the physical core of the present-day building. Clad in masonry and stucco, the building has a low profile and a massive chimney. The main dining area of the restaurant still occupies a bridge-like structure that commands wide views of the Wisconsin River.

The midsection of the building connects two hills to form a bridge-like structure. The metal truss that spans the length of the building was salvaged from the collapsed Highway 23 bridge that connected the Wyoming Valley to Spring Green. It overlooks County C and the Wisconsin River, blending harmoniously into the landscape as Wright intended. The interior boasts a vaulted ceiling, expansive windows, red oak paneling, and a fireplace. Olgivanna Lloyd Wright was responsible for selecting the furnishings and various elements of the décor.

The Spring Green Restaurant operated independently for 25 years, from 1967 to 1992, until Taliesin Preservation acquired it in 1993.

Taliesin Preservation welcomes visitors to Spring Green to explore Wright’s extraordinary home. Taliesin, Wright’s home, studio, school and 800-acre estate, includes buildings from nearly every decade of the architect’s career, from the 1890s to the 1950s.

Wright appropriately named his Wisconsin residence Taliesin, “shining brow,” in honor of his Welsh heritage. Taking inspiration from the surrounding hills and valley, he constructed a laboratory in harmony with nature. Multiple wings and terraces frame the landscape to embrace the site from which Taliesin stands as “brow.”

Guests will experience a stunning home, gardens, surrounding buildings, and landscapes that helped shape 20th Century architecture while discovering



Taliesin is located on Highway 23 south of Spring Green in Iowa County. (Photo courtesy of Taliesin Preservation with photo by Tim Long)



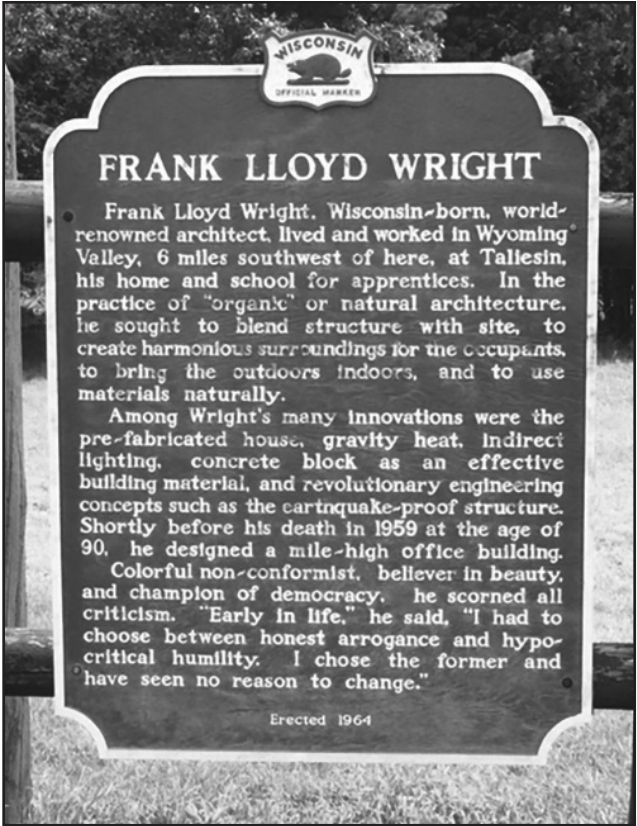
The Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center pictured from across the Wisconsin River. (Emilene Leone drone photo)

the contemporary relevancy of Wright’s ideas.

In addition to multiple tours that vary in length and scope, guests have the opportunity to experience Taliesin on a more immersive level through adult workshops and summer camps. Adult workshops invite visionaries in the fields of nature, architecture, culture, and agriculture to engage in meaningful discussions and shared learning. Dynamic youth summer camps empower the next generation of change-makers by providing skills to re-imagine the future.

All tours and programming begin at the Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center, open seven days per week through October 31 and on weekends in November. Taliesin Preservation strongly recommends booking in advance, as tours often sell out. Walk-ins are accommodated with space permitting. Inside, guests can learn about local artisans in the Gift Shop and enjoy Grab & Stay meals at the Riverview Terrace Café. Designed initially as Wright’s vision of a “gateway” to Taliesin, The Riverview Terrace Café, demonstrates the connection between food, land, and responsibility to place. Visit taliesinpreservation.org for more information.

Taliesin Preservation was founded to preserve



A historical marker on Highway 14 east of Spring Green is dedicated to Frank Lloyd Wright. (Home News photo by Linda Schwanke)

Taliesin’s natural, built, and cultural environments standing of Wright’s architecture and ideas. Since its founding in 1993, over half a million people have experienced Taliesin.

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Hauge named Pollinator Pathway

The Town of Perry’s Hauge Historic District Park has been designated as a “pollinator pathway” by the International Pollinator Pathway Project.

A pollinator pathway is a migration route for pollinators such as bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies. Some of the routes like those of the monarch butterfly extend across entire continents.

For example, every Fall, millions of monarch butterflies leave their summer breeding grounds in the Northeastern U.S. and Canada. These hardy little insects travel over 3,000 miles to reach their Winter breeding grounds in Southwestern Mexico. The routes flown by these millions of butterflies are often referred to as “pollinator pathways.” (See photo.)

Unlike birds that also migrate long distances, these individual butterflies will never return. After waiting out the Winter in Mexico, they head part way back North, stopping in the Southern U.S. where they mate, lay eggs on milkweed plants and die.

Then caterpillars hatch and consume the milkweed plants before forming a

chrysalis. And in one of nature’s miraculous mysteries, they somehow transform into adult butterflies.

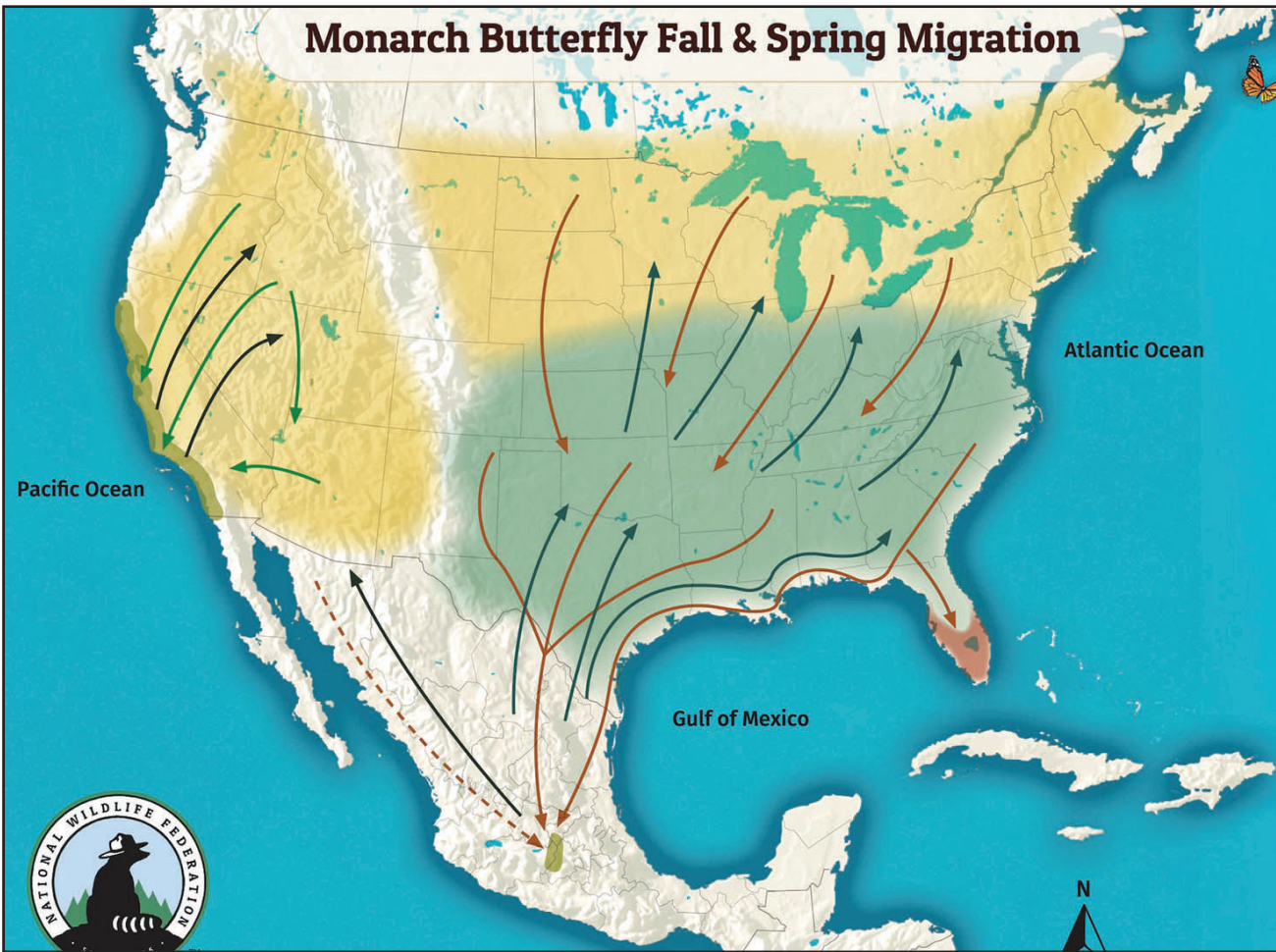
At this point in the cycle, the new butterflies take to the skies and fly another few hundred miles North before finding another patch of milkweed and repeat the process all over again.

It takes the monarchs as many as four to five generations to complete their 3,000-mile journey all the way back up to Canada. Then, as adults, the butterflies pollinate millions of wildflowers as they look for nectar.

When Fall comes around again, the monarchs fly in the air currents all the way back to Mexico. A seemingly impossible feat.

The waves of monarchs that head North complete their entire life cycles in about five to seven weeks. But the monarchs that head back South again in the Fall are a special generation that can live up to eight months. Which makes them unique since they are the same species, but live so much longer. No one knows why.

Key to the survival of the butterflies are stopover



A pollinator pathway is a migration route for pollinators such as bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies.

places to feed, rest and be safe along their amazing journey. Places like the wildflower prairies in the Town of Perry’s Hauge Historic District Park.

If the conditions in such prairies are right, and if the prairies are in the right locations, and if the prairies are maintained and sustained, they can become reliable stopovers for the monarchs. When that happens, the prairies are eligible for designation as pollinator pathways.

The Pollinator Pathway Project seeks to connect fragments of scattered habitat like prairies across the country and the world together into pathways by working with local communities to preserve them so they can serve the pollinators as continuous migration routes.

The project evaluates nominations of public and private property from indi-

viduals, businesses, schools, towns and municipalities ranging from yards, gardens and neighborhoods to farms and parks. The nominations are then evaluated and certified for meeting a set of criteria for designation as pollinator pathways. Then the locations are mapped to create sustainable pathways across the country and around the world.

The Town of Perry’s Hauge Historic District Park located just Southwest of Mount Horeb is now one of them. The park’s official pathway designation can be seen on the Pollinator Pathway website at: <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/town-of-perry>. More information about the park can be found at: <http://www.haugehistorichistoricdistrictpark.org>.

The park has also been designated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural

Resources as a Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Area Natural Resource Site. The 30-acre park is protected in perpetuity by a Conservation Easement from the Wisconsin Groundswell Conservancy. The Conservancy has also designated the park as “an ideal ground nesting bird and pollinator prairie habitat.”

The prairie restorations in the park were developed over the last 20 years by volunteers from the Friends of the Parks of Perry Township. The Friends continue to maintain and improve the prairies with native plantings for wildlife, birds, bees, and of course tired little butterflies looking for a rest stop. For more information about the Friends, see: <http://www.friendsofperrytownship.org>.

While monarchs may seem just a tiny and delicate marvel, they play a crucial role in nature. As adults, they visit millions of wildflowers each year looking for nectar. While doing that, they transfer pollen from

one plant to another, assisting in their reproduction.

Scientists estimate that around 75 percent of the different crops grown for food around the world depend on pollinators. And they are rapidly disappearing. It is a global crisis. For example, monarch butterfly populations have declined over 90 percent in the last 20 years and North American bumblebee populations have declined 96 percent in that period.

As for how the monarchs know where to go while flying 3,000 miles for weeks on end, some scientists suggest they navigate based on their position relative to the sun. No one is really sure exactly how that works for them.

But something that does work for them on their epic journeys is a rest in the prairies of the Town of Perry’s Hauge Historic District Park on the pollinator pathway.

-Submitted by Doug King



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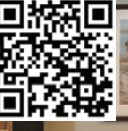
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There’s Nothing Bland About It!

By HUMA SIDDIQUI-SEITZ
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Greetings!

I have been reminiscing about some of the traditional dishes which are prepared during the month of Ramadan. Ramadan is the holiest month for Muslims around the world. The Muslim calendar is a Lunar calendar which means that everything moves by ten days each year. This year the month of Ramadan started on March 10th and perhaps next year it will be March 1st or February 28th.

One of the desserts which were made often during this time was Sooji Halwa. Sooji is the semolina, and it is cooked with green carda-

moms in a sugar syrup and topped with almonds and raisins. It is delicious and easy to create.

Hope you get a chance make this and to enjoy with your family and friends!

Sooji Halwa

- 2 cups semolina
- 2 tablespoons vegetable/canola oil
- 3 green cardamoms
- 3 whole cloves
- 1 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 1/2 cup black raisins

In a pan add sugar and water and place it on medium heat to make the



simple syrup. Make sure that the syrup stays runny and does thicken. Once the sugar is melted, switch off the heat.

In a separate pan add the oil, once it is warm, add the cloves. Add the semolina and roast it on medium heat while constantly stirring, until it starts to get golden brown. It happens fast, so make sure that it doesn't burn. Open the green cardamoms and add the seeds. Lower the heat.

Add the sugar syrup to the semolina while it is on low heat and cover it right away to avoid any splashing. Let the sugar syrup get absorbed in the semolina. Switch off the heat and serve in a beautiful bowl topped with raisins and almonds.

GLEANINGS

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as the injuries received last summer in a runaway accident may be the cause of the ailment.

100 Years Ago- April 1, 1924

Alfred Peterson informs us that work has started today on the new movie building. The Bolander bricklayers from Blanchardville are going to put up the walls, which will be of tile and brick construction. Movies should be running by the middle of the summer.

Mrs. Belle Luder returned home Tuesday from Madison General Hospital where she had undergone a slight operation.

Witte Bros. who have decided to build a filling station on North Eighth and Springdale streets, expect to start building operations at once. Eli informs us that they have a good location as it is at the junction of the through State Trunk Highway.

Thomas Ayen and men who commenced work last week preparatory to moving

the Lewis Peterson house, to a lot on Washington Street on the west side, is moving steadily along all this week and has nearly reached its destination. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are living in the house as it is being moved.

90 Years Ago- April 5, 1934

Walter Evans is having a well drilled at his creamery.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Fosshage Tuesday of this week but only lived a few hours. The little body was laid to rest in the Mount Horeb cemetery yesterday morning.

Ed Thousand, Blue Mounds, had the misfortune to get his arm in a saw. He is under the care of Dr. H.M. Buckner.

Mrs. James Barlow, whose husband preceded her into the Great Beyond 26 years ago, was ushered into this world 88 years ago last September and passed away on Thursday of last week at her home in Cross Plains.

80 Years Ago- April 6, 1944

Rosemary Buechner,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buechner, left Monday morning for New River, N.C., where she will receive her boot training in the U.S. Marines.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Knudtson are the parents of a son, Roland Leonard, born Sunday, April 2.

Captain Robert Daley, U.S. Marines, has been assigned to the USS Idaho as commander of the Marine detachment on the battleship.

Knudt B. Skuldt, 85, pioneer of the Town of Primrose and Mount Horeb, died suddenly Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Witte, Milwaukee, where he made his home the last two years.

NOTICE TO ALL SERVICE MEN: When home on your furlough you are invited to attend the Strand Theatre as our guest. Come as often as you like. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Albert.

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We regret to inform the Red Cross workers that the Mount Horeb branch received an emergency quota

of 3,600 4x4 dressings to be completed as quickly as possible.

40 Years Ago- April 5, 1984

Merlin Jacobson, an employee of Hoff's for 15 years, has opened "Jacobson's"—a men's wear store in the Viking Plaza. Jacobson's carries dress, casual and work clothes.

Harley Powell, 81, Richland Center, a former Mount Horeb School Administrator for a number of years, died on Saturday, March 31, 1984.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gilbertson, Mount Horeb celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 8. Eleven nieces and nephews sponsored the dinner and reception at Marbella Condominium recreational center. The couple owned and operated the Gilbertson Hardware, Appliance and Gift store.

20 Years Ago- April 1, 2004

Jean M. Ellestad Sale, 54, of Cross Plains township, passed away on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at home surrounded by family.

Mick Schulenberg, Amanda Hefty, and Megan Miller participated in basketball in the State Special Olympics competition.

Countryside News



This male robin appears to have had too many fermented crabapples, or maybe it just wanted to see the underside of the crabapple fruit.

By JERRY DAVIS
Countryside News

The American Robin is worth watching beyond saying the first one has returned. Male Robins generally return a few days to several weeks before female Robins. Once here, males do all sorts of maneuvering to attract attention, send other males away and find food even though the soil may still be frozen. Birds fan their tails as turkeys, grouse and pheasants do. They run or hop; most birds only do one or the other, maybe to frustrate the competition. Some even become a bit inebriated after being forced to eat fermenting crabapples when night crawlers become scarce.

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Valley of Our Lady Monastery opens in Hollandale



Sister Christina Marie helped volunteers Pat and Shelly Leonard of Blanchardville install curtains in preparation for the arrival of the nuns from Prairie du Sac.



An artist's rendering of the new monastery shows the buildings from the west.

By Jim Massey
Special to the Mail

HOLLANDALE – After more than 10 years of planning and fundraising, the nuns at Valley of Our Lady Monastery have moved from Prairie du Sac to a new monastery near Hollandale.

The majority of the move took place during the first full week of March, when a group of more than 40 volunteers worked with a moving company and with the nuns in moving items from the previous monastery just north of Prairie du Sac to the new monastery on Urness Road, just off of County Road K, between Hollandale and Barneveld.

Groundbreaking at the 229-acre site was in early 2022, as the building site

was prepared for construction of the 54,000-square-foot monastery. Actual construction began in August of 2022 and is still in its final stages. Completion is scheduled for May of this year.

Day Host-Jablonski of Madison, who was project manager for the move, said 22 Cistercian sisters will live in the monastery, which was built to house up to 30 women. The nuns come from all over the world – interestingly none are originally from Wisconsin – and range in age from 27 to 92. Their primary source of income is producing communion wafers for churches across the country.

Mike Ashmore, a member of the Ridgeway/Barneveld

Knights of Columbus, worked closely with Host-Jablonski to coordinate the move and seek out local volunteers to help. Michelle Lancaster, a member of St. Bernadette Parish from Barneveld, developed an online signup form that resulted in volunteers coming from Barneveld, Ridgeway, Hollandale, Blanchardville, Dodgeville, Mt. Horeb, Mineral Point and Madison.

Members of the Blackhawk Knights of Columbus Council in Sauk City helped with the move at the site of the previous monastery, while members of the St. Patrick Knights of Columbus of Hollandale, the Knights of Columbus Council in Mt. Horeb, the Father Samuel Mazzuchelli Coun-



After a full week of items being moved from their previous home in Prairie du Sac to the new monastery near Hollandale, Sister Stephanie (in wheelchair) and Sister Roberta were happy to find their rooms in their new home on March 8.

cil in Mineral Point and the Ridgeway/Barneveld KC Council were involved on the Hollandale end.

The new Valley of Our Lady Monastery includes a chapel for nuns and guests; quarters and parking for guests; living, working and other liturgical and ceremonial spaces for the nuns; an altar bread-production building; a garage and other outbuildings.

The bread-production machine – which last year produced 13 million wafers – originated in France. In January a crew came from France to move the machine, known as the Communion Wafer Workshop, from Prairie du Sac to Hollandale. The nuns were able to resume production on March 11 after the machine was moved and reassembled.

The residential moving

committee included Reverend Mother Anne Marie and Sister Mary Benedicta. The Communion Wafer Workshop move was coordinated by Sister Christina Marie.

Host-Jablonski said the move would have been difficult without the large group of volunteers.

“The nuns are hugely grateful for the help of the volunteers and their neighbors, new and old, for their friendship and ongoing support,” she said.

The volunteers helped move items from the trucks to the various rooms, provided snacks, assembled furniture, put up curtains and cleaned the building when the move was complete.

Host-Jablonski said once construction on the chapel is finished in May, regular Masses at the monastery will be open to the public.

According to the Valley of Our Lady website, in 1098, a small group of Benedictine monks in France founded a new monastery where they could live their vows more fervently. As they grew, they founded many more monasteries throughout Europe. The Cistercian Order now has houses all over the world in which monks and nuns continue to embrace a simple but intense life liturgy, manual labor and the search for God through deep contemplative prayer.

In 1957, Bishop William O'Connor asked the Cistercians to send contemplative nuns to the newly formed Diocese of Madison. Six nuns answered the call, establishing the Valley of Our Lady Monastery in Prairie du Sac.

The nuns plan to plant a garden and raise animals on their property to be as self-sustaining as possible.

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SPORTS

Great expectations for soccer Vikings

MoHo moves from D2 to D3

by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Reporter

It will be a welcome season of change for Mount Horeb's girls soccer team.

After three years in Division 2, the Vikings return to postseason play in Division 3, where they had back-to-back state tournament appearances in 2014 and 2015.

Mount Horeb also welcomes a new conference when it moves into the Badger Small Conference after spending the past two years in the now defunct Badger West Conference.

With nine returning starters from a squad that finished 12-7 overall a year ago, including 7-5 and in fourth place in league play, the Vikings have high aspirations this season.

"We move back to Division 3, which will be a big switch," Mount Horeb coach Mark Newman said. "The last two years, we were the smallest team in Division 2. With the section we're in, it's been tough.

"The section we're in now is one I'm familiar with. It's one we were in when we were in Division 3 before. Edgewood, Sugar



Rowan Severson (9) and Mount Horeb's girls soccer team have great expectations this season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

River and McFarland are always going to be tough. Evansville has some good players as well. But we're looking forward to the challenge."

The one-two punch of

seniors Anya McKay and Rowan Severson, who both earned Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association All-State honorable mention recognition last season, will provide the Vikings

with a pair of difference-makers.

"We return a lot of the starting lineup," Newman said. "There is a certain level of continuity that helps."

That includes the team's top four scorers and six of the top seven from a year ago.

But Newman said experience isn't the only strength the Vikings pos-

sess.

"The biggest change from last year is our depth, which is a little bit stronger," Newman said. "We've got a pretty good freshman class in addition to some good returning varsity players. The freshmen are distributed in areas of need. Some play wing, some play forward, some play midfield in addition to Addison Motl in goal."

Newman said it all starts on defense where McKay, a University of Nebraska recruit, will anchor a veteran unit.

McKay, who was second on the team in scoring with 16 goals and four assists for 36 points, is a returning three-year starter, whose versatility will be counted on all over the pitch.

"Her main position on her club team and at Nebraska will be a central defender," Newman said. "For us, she will be there. But she can be a goal scorer.

"She can be a difference maker at midfield. Depending on the matchups and who we're playing, she can move around a little bit. That's something we did last year and the year before."

The defense will be se-

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Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

Off and running

Ryan Skogen (pitching) and Mount Horeb's baseball team spent last week competing in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mount Horeb defeated Rosemount High School (Minn.), 3-2, in a scrimmage on March 26.

"We were told it would be a game," Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said. "But when I got to home plate for the line-ups with the umpires, the Rosemount coach said Minnesota teams can only scrimmage away from Minnesota."

The Vikings then dropped a 12-5 decision to Fairfax (Va.) in a game stopped in the sixth inning due to rain.

"We did not play good defense or pitch well," Finley said. "It was a combination of things, but I feel we will be able to correct those mistakes sooner than later."

Mount Horeb was also able to practice several times.



BADGER CONFERENCE BASEBALL PREVIEW

Vikings picked to finish fifth

Editor's Note: The Badger Small Conference preview was compiled by Wissports.net.

2023 RECAP: Last season, the Badger Conference was constructed with East and West divisions as opposed to the newly minted Large and Small for this year.

In the East, Monona Grove won the conference by four games. Watertown and Waunakee tied for second in the league.

Monona Grove, Watertown, and Beaver Dam all won a regional title, but no team from the conference advanced beyond sectional play.

Conference Notes: The Badger Conference has re-configured again this year. It was split into North and South in 2022, East and West in 2023, and now the Large and Small in 2024.

Most of the East teams will be in the new look Large division, with the exception of Stoughton who moves to the Small. Oregon is new to the "Large" after being in the West division last year.



2024 PREVIEW

1. MADISON EDGEWOOD

Head Coach: Richard Newton (20th at Edgewood, 21st overall); 320-177 overall record

2023 Record: 19-8

Returning Letter Winners: 14

Returning Starters: Bennett Cagle (jr.), Brady Livelli (sr.), Steffen Mello (sr.), Henry Bishop (sr.), Preston Yaucher (jr.), Carson Jesberger (jr.), Seth Myers (jr.), Henry Gill (jr.).

Forecast: Edgewood finished second in the conference standings last year, but is the favorite to take home the crown in the newly created Badger Small division in 2024.

Head coach Richard Newton will put out a squad that features four players committed to play at the collegiate level; junior Preston Yaucher (Penn State), seniors Steffen Mello (UW-Oshkosh), Brady Livelli (Hamline University), and Henry Bishop (DePauw University).

Bishop, Mello, and Yaucher give the Crusaders an excellent top of the rotation trio of arms. Edgewood is ranked 15th in the WBCA Division 2 Pre-season Coaches Poll and is poised to challenge for a conference title and make a deep playoff run.

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2. REEDSBURG

Head Coach: Chris Hahn (5th at Reedsburg, 8th overall)

2023 Record: 19-4

Returning Letter Winners: 7

Returning Starters: Winston Alonso (soph.), Aden Edwards (sr.), Jack Fenwick (jr.), Mark Othmer (sr.), Alec Southworth (jr.), Brogan Honer (sr.), Clint Harms (jr.).

Forecast: Reedsburg won the Badger West Conference and came up one game short of the state tournament last season. The 2024 Beavers return their senior ace Aden Edwards after he went 6-0 with a 1.55 ERA last year.

Also, sophomore Winston Alonso was terrific as a freshman, hitting .338 and earning first-team All-Conference honors with Edwards. Jack Fenwick and Marth Othmer were honorable mention all-

conference pitchers last year and give head coach Chris Hahn a solid top end rotation.

The key to the Beavers pushing Edgewood at the top of the conference is seeing who will fill the holes in the batting lineup as the season progresses.

3. SAUK PRAIRIE

Head Coach: Darin Pape (8th at Sauk Prairie, 25th with the program); 74-74 record

2023 Record: 13-13

Returning Starters: Austin Pagel (sr.), Brason Ballweg (sr.), Boden Frosch (jr.), Mason Kaufman (sr.), Evan Tucker (sr.), Jackson Breunig (sr.), Marty Hanna (soph.).

Forecast: Sauk Prairie joined Reedsburg as the only conference teams to win regional titles last year. An almost complete pitching rotation returns for head coach Darin Pape in Brason Ballweg, Austin Pagel, Boden Frosch, and Jackson Breunig.

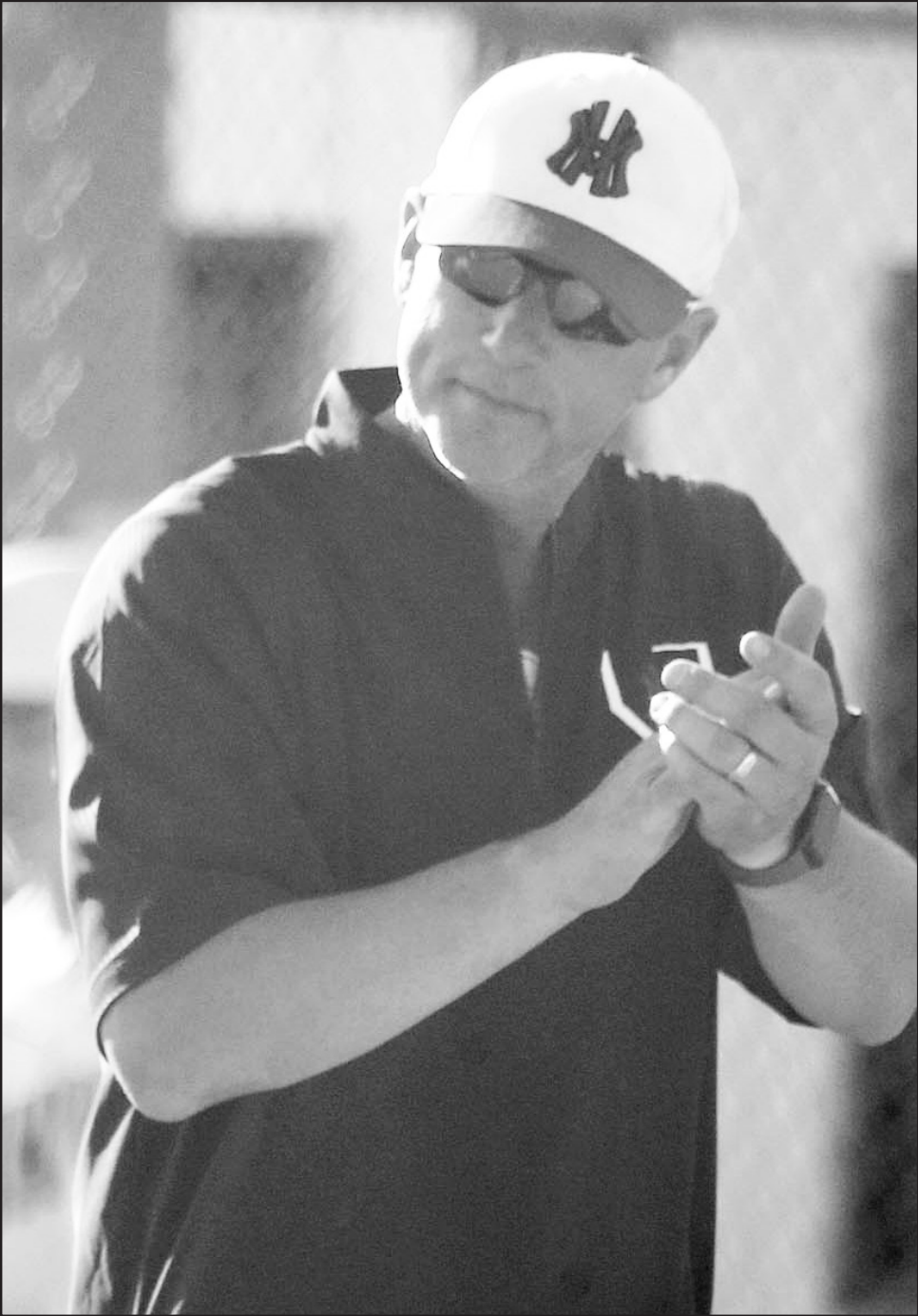
The Eagles clicked when it mattered last season and



Josh Manchester (top) and Drew Preimesberger (above) are two of Mount Horeb's 11 returning letterwinners this season. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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BADGER CONFERENCE BASEBALL PREVIEW



Hayden Anderson (left), Ryan Finley (above) and Mount Horeb’s baseball team are picked to finish in fifth place in the Badger Small Conference. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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have momentum coming into this year. Developing the bottom of the batting lineup is a big determining factor in how competitive Sauk Prairie can be.

4. MC FARLAND
Head Coach: John Feldner (48th at McFarland, 49th overall); 455-476 overall record
2023 Record: 19-8
Returning Starters: Dylan Schaefer (Sr.), Adam Stephany (sr.), Mason Roe (jr.), Nick Cappozzo (sr.), Braylan Roder (sr.), Aiden Chandre (sr.), Will Steinke (jr.), Hayden Harrison (jr.), Caden Komro (sr.)

Forecast: McFarland competed in the Rock Valley Conference last season and finished 19-8 overall and third in the conference standings. The Spartans, led by WBCA Hall of Fame coach John Feldner, move to the Badger Small this season and should factor in to how the standings shake out.

Senior catcher Braylan Roder is heading to UW-

Whitewater next season, but will direct a pitching staff that returns almost all of its arms. Expect the Spartans to compete in the top half of their new conference.

5. MOUNT HOREB
Head Coach: Ryan Finley (15th year at Mount Horeb, 15th overall); 151-143 record at Mount Horeb
2023 Record: 13-13
2023 JV Record: 14-6
2023 Freshman Record: 2-9
Returning Letter Winners: 11
Returning Starters: Colin Larson (jr.), Josh Manchester (soph.), Josh Kuntz (soph.), Talon Stoenner (jr.), Hayden Anderson (soph.), Ryan Skogen (jr.), Drew Preimesberger (sr.)

Forecast: Mount Horeb had a strong mix of young and old last year, but returns a pitching staff that gained some great experience last year. Sophomore Josh Manchester, a Division 1 basketball prospect, had a 3.41 ERA and hit at a .357 clip last season while earning second team all-

conference honors.

Fellow sophomore Josh Kuntz and junior Colin Larson were both all-conference hitters and give head coach Ryan Finley proven bats to go along with his still young pitching staff.

6. STOUGHTON
Head Coach: Jeremy Dunnihoo (12th at Stoughton, 13th overall); 93-167 overall record
2023 Record: 6-20
Returning Starters: Casey Quam (jr.) Evan Muchka (sr.), Kasen Sperle (sr.), Ian Westerberg (sr.), Beckett Spilde (sr.), Alex Bailey (sr.), Charlie McClure (sr.), Thor Armstrong (sr.)

Forecast: Stoughton won just six games last year, but did compete in a half with most of the bigger schools in the Badger. Moving to the Small Division, the Vikings may fair better as almost the entire roster returns in 2024.

Casey Quam, Kasen Sperle, and Evan Muchka all made second team or honorable mention all-conference in the East last

year and give head coach Jeremy Dunnihoo a trio to lean on. Though Stoughton may not compete at the top of the conference, it should improve upon its six-win season.

7. BARABOO
Head Coach: Dan Pavlue (5th year at Baraboo, 13th overall); 137-115 overall record
2023 Record: 14-15
Returning Letter Winners: 8
Returning Starters: Talan Pichler (sr.), Burke Schweda (sr.), Peyton Poker (soph.), Jackson Puttkamer (jr.), Luke Vitengl (sr.), Jacob Gaffney (sr.), Trayton Lapacek (sr.)
Forecast: Baraboo finished a game under .500 last year, but was one run

short of a regional title.

Head coach Dan Pavlue returns all-conference selections Peyton Poker, Talan Pichler, Luke Vitengl, and Burke Schweda to a lineup that scored plenty of runs last season. The issue for the Thunderbirds will be keeping other teams from crossing home plate.

8. PORTAGE
Coach: Mike Hemming (24th year at Portage, 25th overall); 301-229 overall record
2023 Record: 6-16
2023 JV Record: 15-7

2023 Freshman Record: 8-3
Returning Letter Winners: 9
Returning Starters: Keagan Hooker (sr.), Haakon Johnson (sr.), Trevor Brouette (jr.), Griffin Garrigan (sr.), Jack Stevenson (sr.)
Forecast: Portage struggled to a 2-12 conference record and 6-16 overall. Fortunately for long-time head coach Mike Hemming, he returns a majority of his roster including all-conference hitters Keagan Hooker, Haakon Johnson, and Trevor Brouette.

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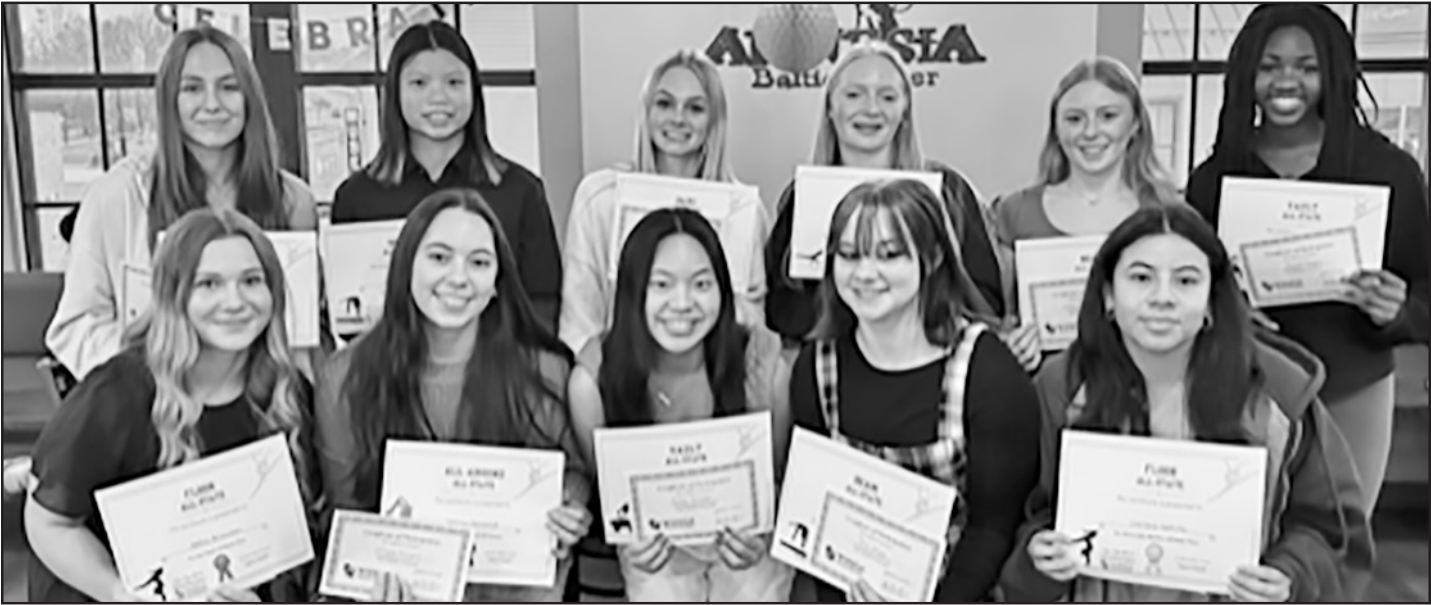
All-state gymnasts

Mount Horeb's girls gymnastics team had several athletes named all state following a season where they finished third at the WIAA Division 2 state meet.

"Each one of our gymnasts who was either a competitor or an alternate on our Sectional and State team earned the honor of Division 2 All-State," Mount Horeb coach Martha Koller Faust said. "What a terrific accomplishment."

"Their dedication, determination and motivation to get better every day definitely proved to be keys in their success."

In front (from left) are: Abbey Brummer (2nd Team Floor Exercise), Athena Ouradnik (1st Team All-Around), Edie Balster (2nd Team Vault), Tess Angle, (Honorable Mention Balance Beam) and Carmen Oglesby (Honorable Mention Floor Exercise).



In back (from left) are: Reece Olinger (2nd Team Balance Beam), Sylvia Seeliger (1st Team Balance Beam), Marit Barsness (Honorable Mention Uneven Bars), Tessa Soppe (Honorable Mention Uneven Bars), Harper Hendrickson (2nd Team Balance Beam) and Avena Meyers (Honorable Mention Vault).

- Sylvia Seeliger finished second in the all-around competition and earned a trip to the individual state meet.
- Tessa Soppe competed on the floor exercise at the Mount Horeb Sectional.
- Harper Hendrickson competed on the vault and beam at sectionals.



Academic all-state gymnasts

Mount Horeb had 13 gymnasts earn academic all-state honors.

"They work hard in the gym as well as in the classroom and earning this recognition proves they have also learned the valuable skill of time management," Mount Horeb coach Martha Koller Faust said.

In front (from left) are Abbey Brummer, Athena Ouradnik, Edie Balster, Tess Angle, Carmen Oglesby and Harper Hendrickson.

In back (from left) are Reece Olinger, Sylvia Seeliger, Tessa Soppe, Marit Barsness, Avena Meyers, Ava Bilse and Kate Van Gorden.



All-Badger Conference gymnasts

Three Mount Horeb gymnasts earned all-Badger Conference honors.

In front (from left) are Edie Balster (Honorable Mention Vault), Athena Ouradnik (1st Team Balance Beam, Floor Exercise and All-Around; 2nd Team Vault), and Sylvia Seeliger (2nd Team Balance Beam).

"The Badger Conference is very competitive with numerous talented gymnasts," Mount Horeb coach Martha Koller Faust said. "For this recognition, only six gymnasts per event plus in the all-around are awarded All-Conference. So to have Edie, Athena and Sylvia be in the top six is very impressive."

Ouradnik was also named the conference's Gymnast of the Year.

"This is the inaugural year for this honor in our sport and Athena is so deserving," Koller Faust said. "Yes, she had a fantastic season, but what makes her stand out is her ability to handle pressure along with her humbleness in victory and graciousness in defeat."



Team award winners

Mount Horeb handed out several team awards. From left are:

Abbey Brummer — Spirit of Dave Koller Award and Team Captain Award.

Ava Dyreson — Coaches' Award.

Tessa Soppe — Most Improved Gymnast Award.

Athena Ouradnik — Most Valuable Gymnast Award.



A terrific team

The Mount Horeb gymnastics team recently concluded its successful season with an awards banquet at The Grumpy Troll.

In front (from left) are Abbey Brummer, Athena Ouradnik, Edie Balster, Tess Angle, Harper Hendrickson, Carmen Oglesby and Grace Yerges.

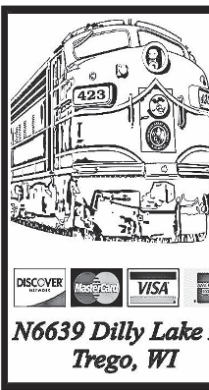
In back (from left) are Reece Olinger, Meredith Cowden, Sylvia Seeliger, Tessa Soppe, Marit Barsness, Ava Bilse, Ava Dyreson, Kate Van Gorden and Avena Meyers.



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Manchester earns all-state honors

Mount Horeb star enjoyed banner year

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb sophomore guard Josh Manchester was named honorable-mention all-state in Division 2 by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association.

Manchester averaged a whopping 24.6 points per game and is on pace to become the school’s all-time leading scorer during his junior season.

Manchester knocked down 80 3-pointers this season, shot 79.8% from the free throw line, was the Vikings’ second-leading rebounder (5.0) and also finished second in steals (2.0).

Manchester led Mount Horeb to a 21-6 overall record and a second place finish in the Badger Small Conference with a 12-2 mark.

The Vikings also reached the sectional semifinals before falling to Stoughton.

“I would expect Josh to be the favorite to win the (conference) player of the year in the league the next two years,” Mount Horeb coach Todd Nesheim said. “He’s a guard that can score at all three levels. He really put up some impressive numbers.”

The rest of the team included:

WBCA All-State Team

- Evan Anderson, Sr., Onalaska
- Joey Butz, Sr., River Falls
- Ty Fernholz, Sr., Stoughton
- Davion Hannah, Jr., Nicolet
- Tamarrein Henderson, Sr., West Salem
- Nick Janowski, Sr., Pewaukee
- Jaquan Johnson, Sr., Pius XI Catholic
- Kon Knueppel, Sr., Wisconsin Lutheran
- Adam Loberger, Sr., Fox Valley Lutheran
- Michael McNabb Jr., Sr., Grafton
- Kai Rogers, Jr., Wauwatosa West

Honorable Mention

- Josh Manchester, Soph., Mount Horeb
- Isaiah Allen, Sr., Milwaukee Lutheran



Mount Horeb’s Josh Manchester was named honorable-mention all-state. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



Lucky 13

Mount Horeb’s girls JV basketball team recently completed a perfect 22-0 season.

The Vikings won 19 of their 22 games by double figures.

The team consisted of Maddie Niemetscheck, Julia Straka, Courtney Monroe, Magali Forlines, Nalia Craven, Delaina Nicewander, Avery Monroe, Sammy Johnson and Mikayla Holler.

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Gwen Motl (20), Phoebe Aburomia (6) and Mount Horeb’s girls soccer team are hoping for a big year. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



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nior laden with the return of starters Olivia Droessler, Rowan Johnson (2 goals, 1 assist) and Ella Fager. Also back is sophomore Eleanor Guenther (3 assists), who started as a freshman.

“That experience gives us a lot of versatility if we move Anya out or switch up formations. We should be solid in that regard,” Newman said.

Mount Horeb will have a new starter in goal with freshman Addison Motl slated to take over for graduated three-year starter Allie Frischman, who earned second-team all-league honors last season.

“Addi played at a high club level and is very skilled,” Newman said. “She isn’t shy about talking with the team in the back. Any time you are starting a freshman there, there is a level of uncertainty, but she’s played well. We have faith in her.”

Newman said the offense will be a work in progress early on as the Vikings determine a winning combination.

“We normally play a 4-3-2-1, which is our standard formation,” Newman said. “It’s flexible. With

the wings, you can pull them back. If we’re playing a team that is pressing us offensively, we can play a 4-5-1 out of it. In a game where we’re very much more attack minded, we can play a 4-3-3 and get our backs forward.

“I’m looking at doing a little 3-5-2 as well. Having a two-forward look is something that we really didn’t do last year. That would be a change for us.”

Newman said the team’s much improved depth leads to a welcome dilemma.

“The first few weeks, we will be trying to figure a few things out,” Newman said. “I haven’t had many years where I’ve had this much uncertainty in terms of who is playing where, but that is more a function of having more depth and having more versatility than not having answers.

“We need to be outside more, too. There is only so much you can do in a gym.”

Newman said the Vikings return many options on offense, led by McKay and Rowan Severson, who led the team in scoring with 16 goals and 17 assists for 49 points.

“Anya and Rowan will be the first names on the sheet when teams are

scouting us,” Newman said. “For us to go as far as we want to go, they need to be difference makers. They need to improve and really continue to get better at making the game simpler for their teammates and making their teammates better.”

Joining Rowan Severson in the midfield are junior Mikayla Holler (10 goals, 3 assists) and senior Olivia Schrank (6 goals, 4 assists), who might see additional time at forward this season.

Newman said returning junior starter Gwen Motl (2 goals, 4 assists) will also provide scoring help.

Newman said while McKay is a stellar defender, she will also play forward and as a midfielder due to her game-breaking ability.

McKay, who enters her senior season with 48 goals in 48 career games, has high expectations this season.

“I think this year, we have the potential to be really good,” McKay said. “We lost some good seniors, but we have a strong freshman class coming in that will be a good group. I’ve seen them at the contact practices and over the summer and in the winter. It looks like a really, good

group.”

Newman said McKay made an immediate impact on the program as a freshman and hasn’t stopped improving.

“Right from the start, as a freshman, it was that weird, shortened COVID season (spring 2021). We played 14 games, and she scored 11 goals playing almost exclusively as a center back,” he said. “Most of those goals were off corner kicks and set pieces.

“She organizes the defense well. That’s the position she is most familiar with. But with her athleticism and technique, as well, she is very difficult to defeat one-on-one. The mental aspect, her passing and keeping possession

skills, all those things have improved year after year.”

Newman said he is looking forward to improved play from several other returning letterwinners.

“We now have some players who can step in and play some minutes so we can rest our starters,” Newman said. “Junior Phoebe Aburomia (1 goal,

2 assists) can give us some help. She has some versatility. She plays midfield and defense. Sophomore Madeline Ryan is a left-footed attacker. We called her up from the JV last year midseason. She can provide some help.”

The Vikings also have a strong freshman class

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VILLAGE OF MT. HOREB RESIDENTS
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Horeb, Dane County, Wisconsin adopted the following ordinance amendment at the Village Board meeting on March 27, 2024.

Ordinance 2024-04, “AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM R-2 TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCELS 0606-123-7611-5, 0606-123-7622-2, and 0606-123-7633-9”.

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

Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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STATE OF
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Pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. stats. the Town of Vermont assessment roll for the year 2023 assessment will be open for examination on the 23rd day of April, 2024 at Vermont Town Hall, 4017 County Road JJ from 4:00 pm. to 6:00 pm. Instructional material about the assessment, on how to file an objection, and board of review procedures under Wisconsin law will be available at that time.

Katie Zelle, Town Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
APRIL 24, 2024

The Plan Commission of the Village of Mount Horeb will hold a public hearing on the above date at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. The purpose of the hearing is to consider proposed revisions to Chapter 17 Zoning Code and Chart 1 height limitations. No accessory building in any district shall exceed the height limits set forth in Chart 1 of this chapter, as measured from the floor to the midpoint between the eaves and the peak, unless a conditional use permit is granted. The accessory building will not be allowed to exceed the elevation of the principal structure on the lot.

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Anya McKay and Mount Horeb’s girls soccer team has great expectations this season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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with six first-year players expected to play some key roles as the season progresses.

“Jadyn Schellpfeffer is a likely starter for us,” Newman said. “She has been very productive the first week of practice and watching her play with her club team in the fall. Kolbie Severson is also someone who can provide some help for us at midfielder. Freshman Maren Johnson, Rowan’s younger sister, will also contribute.”

Newman said the addition of the newcomers hopefully will solve a problem that plagued the Vikings last season.

“If you look back at our results last year, we had a tendency to fade in games, certainly in our game against Westosha Central,” Newman said of the Vikings’ season-ending 3-2 loss in the regional semifinals. “We gave up a goal with a minute to go against Monona Grove which was 1-0. We had to really lean on our starters and sometimes started to lose our legs at the end.”

Also looking to challenge for playing time are senior midfielder Katie Smith, junior forward/

midfielder Emma Ringgenberg, sophomore defender Shayla Morin and freshman midfielder/defender Jaina Czyzewski.

Newman said the Badger Small Conference will provide solid competition, but won’t include a true nemesis in Oregon, which moves into the Badger Large Conference.

“The big change is that it gets us away from Oregon,” Newman said. “But it’s not like it’s an easy conference. Edgewood is good. Sauk Prairie also went to state last year. McFarland, it’s been a while since we’ve been in the same division as them, but they aren’t far removed from a state title. Stoughton beat us last year, too. We’re going to be challenged. We hope we can get better results.”

Newman said he looked for the toughest teams he could find to open the Vikings’ season, including Division 3 power Sugar River and defending Big Eight Conference champion Verona.

“I wanted to make sure we were tested right away,” he said. “Any sort of illusions of where we’re at, it’s good to play someone who can let you know exactly where you’re at. If we do well, great. If we

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No.	Name	Year	Position
3	Eleanor Guenther	Fr.	D
4	Emma Ringgenberg	Soph.	F/M
5	Elvira Bergenser	Jr.	F/M
6	Phoebe Aburomia	Soph.	M
7	Olivia Schrank	Jr.	M
8	Ella Fager	Jr.	D
9	Rowan Severson*	Jr.	M
10	Kayla Mullendore	Sr.	F/M
15	Rowan Johnson	Jr.	D/M
16	Olivia Droessler	Jr.	D
18	Jenna Steiner	Sr.	D
20	Gwen Motl	Soph.	M
21	Eva Cunningham	Jr.	D
23	Maddie Conrad	Sr.	F
25	Delaney Duckett	Sr.	F/M
26	Anya McKay*	Jr.	D
34	Mikayla Holler	Soph.	F
99	Ally Frischmann*	12	GK
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Assistant coach: Luke Steel & Megan Lemire			
Head JV coach:Joe Handrick			
Manager: Payton Almquist and Nola Gilmore			

don’t, we’ll learn from it.”

Newman said he is confident that his group of seven seniors are ready to take the Vikings to new heights this season.

“The seniors came in during that half COVID season,” Newman said. “They’ve been in Division 2 the whole time. I know they’re hungry. They’ve

talked about having loftier goals than they have in the past. They have a renewed commitment.

“It’s a good group. To make a good run, you want your seniors to be a strong class. Bringing in some freshmen where we have some holes to fill, they will provide depth and options. I’m hopeful.”

PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
APRIL 24, 2024

The Plan Commission of the Village of Mount Horeb will hold a public hearing on the above date at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a Conditional Use Permit application from Symdon Motors to allow an accessory building in excess of 15 feet in height at 2011 Springdale Street, parcel 0607-074-9621-1.

Be it further notified that the Plan Commission will hear all persons concerning all matters and/or objections written or oral pertaining thereto at that time.

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 24, 2024

The Plan Commission of the Village of Mount Horeb will hold a public hearing on the above date at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application from Rick North for a zoning change from R-3 Multi-Family to PD-General Plan Development for three proposed townhouse buildings located in Mount Horeb, WI at:

0606-123-7633-9 109 Valley Dr.

0606-123-7622-2 113 Valley Dr.

0606-123-7611-5 302 Adams St.

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VILLAGE OF MT. HOREB RESIDENTS
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Horeb, Dane County, Wisconsin adopted the following ordinance amendment at the Village Board meeting on March 27, 2024.

Ordinance 2024-03. “AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB, WISCONSIN”. This ordinance changes the future land use categories for parcels 0606-123-7611-5, 0606-123-7622-2, and 0606-123-7633-9 from “Single-Family Residential (Sewered)” to Multi-Family Residential.

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

Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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TOWN OF PERRY
TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 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. Roads, Equipment, Facilities –
 - a. Open 2024 Road Repair contract bids.
 - b. 2024-2025 Road Salt contract.
 - c. Dane Co. Bridge Inventory – Inventory Collection form.
 - d. WI DOT – Hwy. 78 resurfacing project – response, transfer option.
 - e. Solar options, grants, quotes – Town garage.
 - f. Tractor repairs – McFarlane invoice.
 5. Land Use:
 - a. Jeff and Michelle Gorman, 1573 STH 78 – replace existing access. bldg.
 - b. Jason and Christine Grundahl, 11083 CTH A – replace existing driveway.
 6. Recycling Center operation. Review tire collection rates; Add'l opening hours.
 7. Town Hall Renovation report.
 - a. Dane Co. Rezone Petition 12051 – Town Hall zoning update.
 - b. Town Hall Renovation site plan, bldg. addition.
 8. SBA Cell Tower Lease - Certificate of Insurance.
 9. Treasurer's Report.
 10. Friends of the Parks of Perry report –
 11. Parks and Open Space Committee – report and recommendations.
 - a. Hauge Park gravel parking lot – DNR grant – Town application.
 - b. Hauge Park access update.
 - c. Broadband service – TDS commitment to high speed internet service.
 12. Dane Co. Towns Association discussions,
 13. Minutes of Previous Meetings – March 11, March 12 and March 21, 2024 meeting. Election report.
 14. Pay Bills due.
 15. 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.
 16. 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, www.perry-wi.gov

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Healthcare Employment Opportunities

- **Occupational & Physical Therapist** – full or part-time positions, **Up to a \$5,000 Employment Bonus, prorated based on FTE!**
- **Athletic Trainer** – full-time position.
- **Director of Marketing** – full-time management position
- **Director of Quality Improvement** – .8 FTE management position
- **Clinic CMA/LPN** – .8 to 1.0 FTE positions working in our Specialty and Family Practice clinics
- **Clinic Triage Nurse (RN/LPN)** – full-time day shift position
- **Patient Benefit Specialist** – 1.0 FTE day shift position
- **RN Informatics Specialist** – .6 FTE day shift position
- **RN Skilled Nursing Care** – .6 FTE p.m. shift position. **\$3,000 Employment Bonus eligible!**
- **RN Float** – .75 FTE p.m./night shift position. **\$3,750 Employment Bonus eligible!**
- **RN Med/Surg Unit** – .75 FTE evening/night shift position. **\$3,750 Employment Bonus! eligible!**
- **MRI Technologist** – .5 to a 1.0 FTE day shift position. **Up to a \$5,000 Employment Bonus, prorated based on FTE!**
- **Imaging Technologist** – day or night shift position in the hospital & day shift in the clinics available. **Up to a \$5,000 Employment Bonus, prorated based on FTE!**
- **Respiratory Therapist** – part-time day or night position & a .6 FTE weekender position
- **Certified Nursing Assistants** – part-time positions available in our Nursing & Rehab Center day, evening and night shifts available, **\$3,000 Employment Bonus included!**
- **Environmental Services** – part-time evening and night shift positions. **\$1,000 Employment Bonus!**
- **Grant Writing Coordinator** – half time position

To find out more detailed information about all open positions and to apply, go to our website at: www.uplandhillshealth.org.

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