



Local farmers give their account of stray voltage

Family lives near substation connected to Cardinal-Hickory Creek power line

Farmers Dylan and Bryanna Handel, along with their five children, live between Blue Mounds and Barneveld. Read the story on page 2. Photo by Matt Geiger.

Pickleball courts will officially open

By ERIN HERNDON
Mount Horeb Mail

The grand opening of the Viking Park pickleball courts is almost here. The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission met April 23 and discussed the upcoming ceremony as well as planning at Grundahl Park and potential village grant opportunities. They also approved funds for new soccer

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Italian eatery to open at former Skål

A 'supper club-ish' experience in downtown Mount Horeb

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

If you get Nathan Mergen to talk about trussing and roasting a chicken, it's plain to see that food is more than just his profession. It's his passion. He talks about the roasting bird with a glint in his eye and a smile on his face, the way a painter talks about a sunset or a songwriter talks about love or heartbreak. The same goes for salt, pepper and olive oil, or heritage breed Spanish

hogs that have been gorging themselves on acorns. You'll elicit even more joy if you bring up Italian wine. This is a chef who loves what he does. Mergen is currently hard at work preparing to open the tentatively-named Bar Manzo ("Beef Bar" in English), an Italian restaurant that will feature an authentic gourmet menu that is as approachable as it is exciting and gourmet. The kind of place where people might

find duck leg lasagna; rigatoni ala vodka, braised lamb ragu, beef and pork meatballs in rich gravy, scampi, salads, freshly-baked bread, soups, scampi, an assortment of fine cheeses, decadent sauces, and of course, an array of beef, from brisket to prime rib to sirloin. It's the type of food many Americans have to venture into metropolitan centers to taste, but that's not how it is in much of the world, and Mergen says it doesn't need

to be that way here, either. "If you go to Italy, Spain or France, many of the best restaurants are in small towns, out in the country," he explains. "A place doesn't have to be in a big city to have great food." When Nathan Mergen first saw that the space at 209 East Main Street in Mount Horeb – the former Skål Public House – was available, he couldn't quite believe his eyes. "I was like, 'This looks

too good to be true,'" he recalls. "I came out and looked, and was like, 'Okay,' but I kept looking for outs. I kept looking for excuses not to do it. I mean, we just got through [the pandemic], one of the worst periods in restaurant history." Mergen, who already runs 107 State, an upscale tavern in Madison, eventually realized the opportunity was too good, the fit too right, the events leading him here too

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FIRE DEPT. HIRES NEW DEPUTY CHIEF

THANE WESTMEYER ARRIVES WITH 20+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

Mount Horeb recently welcomed a new deputy fire chief. He comes to the community with more than 20 years of experience as a first responder. Working alongside chief Jenny Minter, Thane Westermeyer will help guide a department that serves the largest geographical district in the county. Westermeyer has experience as Assistant Fire Chief of Operations and Training Maple Bluff Fire & Rescue in Maple Bluff; Assistant Chief of Operations, EMS Services Director Sun Prairie Fire And Rescue in Sun



Thane Westermeyer, Mount Horeb's new deputy chief. Photo by Matt Geiger.

Prairie; Senior Part Time Adjunct Faculty at Madison Area Technical College; and Senior Scientist/SAP Specialist with MilliporeSigma in Madison. When asked where he grew up, he replies, "All over the world, actually. I was a Navy brat." He's not kidding. In his youth, Westermeyer lived in Hawaii, Minnesota, Virginia, Cuba, California and beyond. His family is full of people who served and continue to do so, from a father in the military to a police officer brother. "I got into this for the same reason a lot of people

do," he says. "To give back to the community." Westermeyer started his

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Farmers say they grapple with stray voltage



Above left, farmers Bryanna and Dylan Handel. Above right, the nearby substation. Photos by Matt Geiger.

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

“We started in 2014 with 16 cows and a rented barn,” says Bryanna Handel. Their family farm – and their family – have grown quite a bit since then, and they say they were thriving until they encountered a problem they believe has imperiled their livelihood: stray voltage.

Across the road sits a recently-connected power substation that is part of the Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line project and is owned and operated by Alliant Energy.

Stray voltage is a controversial topic, to say the least. Some farmers fear that it reduces milk production and can even cause severe health problems – including death – in animals. Many in the power industry say that careful, exhaustive steps are taken to avoid, mitigate and measure electricity as it’s carried from one point to another. The Handel family has ample documents showing there was stray voltage present on their farm. Those same documents show that Alliant took several steps to mitigate the problem.

The Handel family says this is what happened to them:

Today, Bryanna and Dylan Handel have 65 head of dairy cattle on 103 acres of land they own between Blue Mounds and Barneveld.

They also have five young children. They say they are living the realization of a dream they worked hard to achieve. But this farming family says what happened in mid-December was a nightmare.

It was December 14 when Bryanna says she first noticed the cows acting skittish and agitated. The problem continued and milk production dropped, she says. On Monday, December 18 they called Alliant Energy. The Handels have documents from Alliant showing that a representative for the company visited the farm on December 20 and conducted tests for three days. Among other things, those tests showed readings of .39 volts in one barn and .81 in another.

The representative for Alliant worked with Dylan Handel to remove all the farm’s waterers and installed grounding rods intended to redistribute the electricity that the farmers believe was harming their livestock and preventing them from drinking due to the risk of getting shocked. The Handel family claims the stress from electricity contributed to the deaths of at least three cows as well as several stillbirths. Alliant also installed additional ground rods along the driveway.

Bryanna said that after the ground rods were installed, one barn tested at .28 volts

while the other was at .42 volts.

The farmers believed electricity continued to adversely impact their herd. Once the Handels proved they were not the source of the issue, Alliant worked with them to isolate their farm. According to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC), a neutral isolator “is a device that is installed between the utility (primary) neutral conductor and the farm (secondary) neutral conductor, separating the two.” A neutral isolator can reduce “the effect of primary neutral voltage on the farm.”

Isolating dropped their readings significantly, from .25 and .61, to .09 and .07 respectively. But those numbers fluctuate throughout the day – sometimes higher, sometimes lower – and they worry about spikes during peak usage. While the problem is quantifiably better than it was, Bryanna says she fears the remaining voltage continues to harm her cattle, the milk they produce, and possibly her human family as well.

They say milk production dropped from 60 pounds down to 46 when the voltage was highest and has since rebounded to 55. They also say they believe the quality of the milk could be affected.

“You get paid based on the health of your milk,” she said. Their milk’s somatic cell count, which measures the health of their animals, has climbed and is a cause for concern, she added. Ac-

cording to the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board the Somatic Cell Count (SCC) is “a main indicator of milk quality.” Most somatic cells are leukocytes (white blood cells), which increase in milk with the animal’s immune response, along with epithelial cells, milk-producing cells shed from inside of the udder when an infection is present.

Handel says she wishes one of the companies behind the power line or substation would buy them out and allow them to start fresh somewhere else. But she doesn’t expect it to happen.

“They’re not going to do anything for us anymore,” she said.

Jody Lau, a spokesperson for the American Transmission Company, which is responsible for building and maintaining the Wisconsin portion of the line, told the *Mail* the substation is operated by Alliant Energy and to contact Alliant for more information.

‘A Low Level of Voltage’

Alliant Energy Corporation (NASDAQ: LNT) has an estimated 1 million electric and 425,000 natural gas customers across Iowa and Wisconsin.

Tony Palese, Alliant’s senior communications specialist, provided answers to a list of questions from the newspaper. They addressed what stray voltage is, how it’s measured and mitigated, and more. The only questions Alliant did not answer were regarding the Handel

farm specifically, citing the confidentiality of their customers.

“Stray voltage is a low level of voltage that animals may encounter in their normal activities,” wrote Palese. “Stray voltage is a naturally occurring phenomenon due to the operation of farm electrical systems and utility distribution systems. A small amount of stray voltage will be present with all properly grounded electrical systems.”

Alliant went on to explain that the sources of the current or voltage may be on-farm, off-farm or a combination of the two. In many cases, there is more than one source. Some sources may include: Equipment ground faults; Improper separation of equipment grounds and neutral wires in buildings; Excessive voltage drop on the electric system neutral wires; and Improperly installed electric fencers and trainers.

“An avoidance behavior can occur when an animal comes into contact with stray voltage at a level that it can feel,” he wrote. “At higher voltage levels, behavior changes can be severe enough to limit milk production or growth in livestock.”

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin has determined that if a voltage difference of 1.0 volt AC or more between animal contact points (measured with a 500-ohm resistor in the circuit), action should be

taken to reduce this voltage, he said.

“If a customer believes stray voltage is an issue on their farm, an Alliant Energy stray-voltage consultation can help assess the problem and find the best solutions,” offered Palese. “A stray voltage consultation includes: Spot voltage checks at animal-contact locations to pinpoint where an animal may be exposed to voltage and to determine locations for extended time recording; Voltage measurements over a minimum of at least two milkings or approximately 24 hours on the utility electrical system, the farm electrical system and at animal-contact locations.”

Alliant evaluates both on-farm and off-farm systems, and stray-voltage investigations are provided free of charge to livestock customers on a yearly basis.

“If the animal-contact voltage measured is higher than the preventative level of action, additional tests may be performed to determine the source of the voltage,” Palese continued. “If our utility system is contributing 0.5 volts or more to the animal-contact voltage level, we will modify our equipment to lower this voltage below 0.5 volts.”

He also provided the following statement from the company: “At Alliant Energy, safety is our top priority and we take all claims of stray voltage seriously. Our team of dedicated field

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First Row: Trinity Alexander, Laurel Aquino, Ava Bilse, Eirinn Carr, Clementine Christian, Saige Covert, Eli Dinh, Kyle Frischmann, Eleanor Guenther, Madeline Haack, Samantha Hanson, Kaylen Hastings

Second Row: Isaac Hefty, Anna Hofmann, Ella Kahl, Khaya Kasubaski, Barret Kreul, Aspen Laesch, Molly McCue, Siobhan Mertz, Elizabeth Mesenberg, Shayla Morin, Lily Nelson, Sophia Nelson

Third Row: Maddi Oimoen, Kajsa Peterson, Laila Rasmussen, Sophia Sadler, Anika Schaller, Jackson Schultek, Sylvia Seeliger, Anna Tranel, Elle Veech, Lillian Wahl, Aidan Ward, Anneli Wik.

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Mariachi band wows library audience

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Jason Sromovsky



Jason Sromovsky creates free-form burl bowls and photorealistic pencil drawings.

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

This week, our artist spotlight turns to Jason Sromovsky of Crescent St. Studio. Sromovsky creates free-form burl bowls, primarily out of cherry wood, as well as photorealistic pencil drawings. He recently spoke about his art, influences and creative process.

There are so many wonderful observations about

art. Picasso said it “washes from the soul the dust of everyday life.” He also said that every child is an artist, but the hard part is staying an artist when you grow up. How have you managed to STAY an artist?

Sromovsky: Not sure Picasso would agree that I’ve stayed an artist, but to the extent I may have...well, I don’t know, it’s not some-

thing I’ve ever thought about or made a concerted effort to be. It’s just a part of who I am I guess.

What/who are some of your most important influences?

Sromovsky: Nature, my senses.

What brought you to this area, and how has living here influenced your

creative process?

Sromovsky: I moved here (Mazomanie) in 2001 when I got a job working on the preservation crew at Taliesin after graduating from the University of Wisconsin. My mom lives on some gorgeous land outside of Hollandale that we try to restore to prairie/savanna. As part of that process we cut down a fair number of cherry trees which often have burls on them. After amassing a few dozen, I finally tried making some bowls in 2018. So, the bowl-making has certainly been a direct consequence of living in this area. The drawing,

not so much.

How can people find out more about your work?

Sromovsky: I have a youtube channel (at “volitariac”) with a playlist of drawing time-lapse videos. No bowl stuff though.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Mt. Horeb Seniors shopping trip to Dodgeville. Bus leaves at 9:30am. Call Kris to reserve a seat at 608-444-7930

Mt. Horeb Farmers' Market, 315 E. Main St., lawn of Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3:00-6:30pm. Seasonal vegetables, fruit, meat, prepared foods, baked goods, eggs, honey, etc.
Renew acquaintances, make new friends, meet new and returning vendors.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Food Closet Hours: 6:00-7:30pm. Clothing Closet Hours: 6:00-7:30pm, 102 E. Lincoln Street

FRIDAY, MAY 3

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

SATURDAY, MAY 4

MOHOP Grand Opening of Pickleball & Tennis Courts, 10:00am, Viking Park, 903 E. Lincoln St.,

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

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Mt. Horeb Boy Scout Troop 62 Bike Rodeo, 1:00-3:00pm, Grundahl Park. Bring bike to get ready for the biking season!

TUESDAY, MAY 7

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Fink's Cafe, serving senior meals, 11:00am-1:00pm

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

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.

Donald Dash is Saturday

The 12th Donald Dash is coming up on Saturday, May 4 at Donald Park. Races (5 km & 15 km) start at 9 a.m. with 400 people registered. This is the biggest annual fundraiser for the Friends of Donald Park with net donations exceeding \$10,000 annually.

Pickleball

courts to open

MOHOP invites you to the Grand Opening of the Pickleball and Tennis Courts at Viking Park, 903 E. Lincoln Street at 10:00am, Saturday, May 4, 2024. Come for the ribbon cutting, stay to play!

Local Farmers Market is back

The 2024 Mount Horeb Farmers' Market will open on Thursday, May 2, on the lawn of the Evangelical Lutheran Church from 3:00-6:30pm and will run through October 10, 2024. Seasonal fruits and vegetables, meat, poultry, dairy, cheese, plants, prepared foods, baked goods, dressings, jams, piles sauces, seasonings, eggs, honey, pumpkins, soap, syrup, fiber products, miscellaneous products will also be available throughout the season.

Come and renew acquaintances with returning vendors and meet new ones. It is also a wonderful time to renew friendships and meet new neighbors and enjoy a wonderful afternoon on Mount Horeb's Main Street. Questions at mthorebfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Boy Scout Bike Rodeo

The Mount Horeb Boy Scout Troop 62 is sponsoring a bike rodeo on Sunday, May 5th from 1:00-3:00pm at Grundahl Park.

Bring your bike for a free bike safety check, receive a new bike helmet (while supplies last) and take a ride through the safety course learning bike road rules and safety tips.

Spring concerts!

The Mt. Horeb school musicians are thrilled to present their upcoming spring concerts. For middle school and high school students involved in band, choir, and orchestra, the spring season comes with various musical opportunities, giving stu-

dents several exciting things to look forward to.

"The last concerts of the season are one final hurrah for our music department and a nice send-off for our seniors," says junior Nathanael Hufton.

The orchestras present their spring performances on Thursday, May 2; grades 4-5 perform at 7:00 p.m., and grades 6-12 perform at 7:45 p.m.

The High School Chamber strings, along with 10 other Wisconsin schools commissioned a new piece of music, this year. The Forest's Call, by Jessica Meyer, is inspired by a walk in a dark forest, gone wrong. The 7th and 8th grade orchestras have studied the culture and music of the Squamish First Nation, and will be performing The Gathering of Eagles.

The annual grades 6-12 "band-o-rama" concert will occur on Thursday, May 9. Due to the number of spectators, the concert will happen twice, with performances at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

For band teacher Dominic Leising, the spring band concert is a chance for students to explore their past and future through music.

"This concert is a great opportunity for our students to experience music that they and other grade levels and ensembles have prepared. Younger students get to see a glimpse into their future as musicians, and older students get to see what younger musicians have been preparing on their journey. It's a cool moment students can share as part of an event and activity that is bigger than any individual."

The high school choirs perform Monday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. The middle school choirs perform Thursday, May 16, with the 6th grade performing at 7:00 p.m. and grades 7-8 performing at 7:30 p.m.

For high school choir teacher Mat Anderson, this concert is a favorite.

"This is a great time of year to see the results of students' work across the year."

"Our last concerts of the year are heavily anticipated because they're both the last concert of the season and the last concert ever for seniors," says junior Hattie Wood.

Middle school choir teacher Calli Ingebritsen adds that this time of year allows students to learn from each other, and allows older students to mentor younger

students.

"It's a great chance for our musicians to work together. Several songs will combine singers from different grades on stage performing together."

The school will stream these concerts live via the Mt. Horeb Music Department channel on YouTube. All performances are free and open to the public and take place in the high school auditorium, except the band concert which takes place in the high school main gym.

PFLAG to host Vicki Shaffer

Join PFLAG Mt. Horeb on Monday, May 6 from 6-8:00. Speaker Vicki Shaffer will attend in person at the Mt. Horeb Public Library. Shaffer retired from Clark Street Community School in June 2022. She is a founding member of GSAFE, a non-profit organization dedicated to creating "just schools for LGBT students and staff." Shaffer also helped found Middleton's first GSA (gender and sexuality alliances). In 2021, she won the Legacy Award from the Gay-Straight Alliance for Safe Schools (GSAFE) for "transforming the lives of countless students and staff members."

She will share her story from 6-7 p.m. The remaining hour is reserved for sharing and support. People do not need to RSVP to join them in person, but those who prefer to attend via Zoom should RSVP and organizers will email a link the evening before the event. This is not a library sponsored event.

Nourish your neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is thrilled to invite the community to its upcoming event, "Nourish Our Neighbors," hosted by the Norsk Golf Club. Join them between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, for an evening of community, delicious food and meaningful impact, said organizers.

During this special event, 10 percent of the proceeds from each meal will be donated to Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Community support will directly contribute to our mission of providing essential resources and relief services to individuals and families in need within Mt. Horeb and the surrounding rural areas.

"At Neighbors Helping Neighbors, we believe in the power of community to

uplift and support one another," said Janna Hansen. "Through initiatives like 'Nourish Our Neighbors,' we aim to foster connections and make a tangible difference in the lives of those facing hardship."

MoHo Utilities offers grants

Mount Horeb Utilities is again offering grants to local non-profit organizations. Three \$500 grants are available in 2024 for any non-profit organization located in Mount Horeb that serves the Mount Horeb community at large. Applications are due Friday, September 20, 2024 and will be considered by the Mount Horeb Utilities Commission at their October 8, 2024 meeting. Application forms are available at the utility office in the Municipal Building, 138 E Main St, or on the Mount Horeb Utilities website, mounthorebutilities.com.

FFA has plants

The Mt. Horeb FFA/Ag Sciences students are holding a Plant Sale starting on Wednesday, May 8 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The sale will continue at the same time on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10 and continuing after school the following week until the plants are gone. Enter the school parking lot from Highway 92 and park near the greenhouse.

Measles exposure

Public Health Madison & Dane County continues to investigate the confirmed case of measles in Dane County. The investigation identified the following locations where people may have been exposed to measles:

uBreakiFix 2810 E. Washington Ave. Madison, WI, Monday, April 22 between (5:00p-7:30p);

Noodles & Company 110 Limestone Pass Cottage Grove, WI, Monday, April 22 between (5:15p - 7:45p).

For these locations, there is not a list of specific people exposed, so direct outreach is not possible. Anyone at these locations during the dates and times should monitor themselves for symptoms of measles and check their vaccination status as soon as possible. Wisconsin residents can find their immunization records using the Wisconsin Immunization

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COMMUNITY

OBITUARIES

Jeffrey “Jeff” Jon Flint

Oct. 30, 1962-
April 16, 2024



Madison - Jeffrey “Jeff” Jon Flint, age 61, passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. He was born on October 30, 1962, in Monroe, WI to parents Carol (Putnam) and Melvin (Dutch) Flint. Jeff attended school in Cuba City and graduated from Cuba City High School in 1981. After high school he attended Southwest Tech, graduating in 1983 with a degree in Cosmetology. Jeff practiced in the field of Cosmetology for over 25 years. Making a career change in 2008, he trained to become a Sterile Processing Technician, being employed at UW Health an SSM Health respectively.

Happily married to Melissa (Moore) Flint for almost 30 years (December 3, 1994), beginning their lives together at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, WI. The family are current members at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, in Madison, WI.

Jeff is survived by his wife Melissa and daughter Lilianna; father Ken McWilliams; sister Lynette Sutter (Joel); sister-in-law Bev Flint (Alan); brothers Kendall McWilliams (Kristin) and Dennis McWilliams (Amanda); nieces and nephews Jared, Laura, Nikki, Jessi, Carlye, Brooke, Jacob, Kennedy, Jase, great niece and nephew Abby and Miles, and his beloved pups Apollo and Loki.

Jeff is preceded in death

by his parents and two brothers, Rick and Alan Flint.

A special thank you to Jeff’s family and friends for all their support during the time of his illness and after, that has lovingly been provided. Jeff’s wife and laughter wish to thank Agrace Hospice Care, the ALS Association, UW Health ALS Clinical Team and the UW Hospital D4/4 nurses, doctors, and entire staff for the compassionate care they provided to Jeff over the last nine weeks while battling ALS.

A celebration of Jeff’s life was held at the 5th Quarter Bar & Grill, 161 Horizon Dr., #110, Verona, WI on Friday, April 26, 2024.

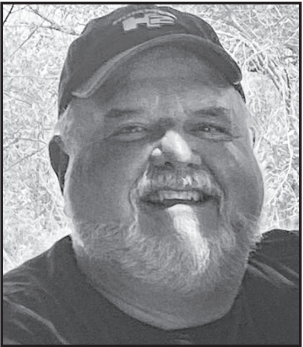
In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorial donations be made to Jeff’s family.

To view and sign this guestbook, please visit www.ryanfuneralservice.com

Ryan Funeral Home
& Creation Services
Verona Chapel
220 Enterprise Drive
608-845-6625

Robert William “Bob” Prochaska

Jan. 25, 1960 -
April 22, 2024



BLUE MOUNDS - Robert William “Bob” Prochaska, age 64, of Blue Mounds, passed away on Monday, April 22, 2024, at home. He was born on Jan. 25, 1960, in Dodgeville, the son of John “Jack” and Patricia

(Scullion) Prochaska.

Bob graduated from Mount Horeb High School, where he excelled at sports and pranks. He was an accomplished trumpeter and won many state titles and awards.

Following high school, Bob worked for Cub Foods as a manager, and after graduating from Madison College as a journeyman plumber, he worked for Mount Horeb Plumbing for over 20 years. He also owned Prochaska Trucking. He particularly enjoyed working at Tellurian Ucan, where he was much loved by staff and patients.

Bob took very good care of his trucks and taught his children to do so as well. “A clean car is a happy car.” He had an epic sense of humor and told lots of “dad jokes.” Bob loved his dogs, was a gun collector, and liked hunting and target shooting. Camping, which eventually became “glamping,” was something that brought him joy. He was a lover of music across genres ranging from classics to reggae. Bob was a member of the NRA, a supporter of St. Jude Children’s Hospital and a member of various plumber’s unions over the years.

Bob is survived by his son, Jacob (Emily Martin) Prochaska; two daughters, Rebecca (Jason Disch) Prochaska and Tania Prochaska; brother, Tom “Pud” Prochaska; sister, Lynn Prochaska; nephew, Scott Prochaska; and two nieces, Tara Prochaska and Sara Paulson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John “Jack” and Patricia Prochaska; brother, John Prochaska; grandparents, Emmett and Evelyn Scullion; and nephew, Jason Friske.

A visitation will be held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth

St., Mount Horeb, from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2024.

Memorials may be made to Tellurian Ucan or the Iowa County Humane Society.

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

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

Troy Schoonover

Oct. 5, 1962 –
April 24, 2024



BLUE MOUNDS - Troy Schoonover, 61, of Blue Mounds, Wis., died peacefully at home on April 24, 2024, after showing amazing strength following his colon cancer diagnosis in 2020.

Troy was born in Fond du Lac on Oct. 5, 1962, to Sandra Franson (nee Williams) and Allan Schoonover. He spent his childhood in North Dakota where he enjoyed playing sports and taking part in some daring outdoor adventures. He moved back to Wisconsin and graduated from Oregon High School and worked at Certco Inc., for 34 years before retiring in 2021.

Everyone who knew Troy knew how much he loved sports, fantasy football, fishing, sci-fi, and music by Rush. He could talk for days about any of those topics. Gerbs had many memorable fishing trips with his brother,

Seth, and other fishing buddies and was an avid musky hunter with numerous trophy fish to his credit. He especially had good luck in the fall, sometimes referring to himself as Mr. November.

Troy and Heather (nee Steele) were married on June 26, 1993, and have two amazing daughters, Sierra and Mia. Even though his daughters didn’t share his love of sports, you could find him cheering them on at their numerous music and theater events.

In addition to his parents, wife and daughters, he is also survived by his stepmother, De Schoonover; siblings/step siblings, Seth (Laura) Schoonover, Hope Hefty, Cyd (Pat) Davidson, David (Amy) Franson, and Paul (Deb) Franson; as well as beloved nephews, nieces, cousins, in-laws, and dear friends.

Troy was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jay and Clara Schoonover and Hank and Belva Williams; stepfather, Dale Franson; and stepbrothers, Steve Davidson and Peter Franson.

We will miss Troy every day and his memory will live on in the hearts of all

those who loved him.

Special thanks to Dr. Dustin Deming and team from UW Carbone Cancer Center and to the Heartland Hospice team for providing care which allowed him to remain at home these last few weeks.

A memorial service will be held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth St., Mount Horeb, at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the UW Carbone Cancer Center for research (<https://cancer.wisc.edu/giving/>) or directly to the family for Mia’s college fund.

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

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CHURCH NOTES

**Perry Lutheran Church
ELCA**
1057 Hwy 78 S, Mt. Horeb
608-437-5294
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
www.perrylutheranchurchelca.org

**Mt. Horeb Evangelical
Lutheran Church – ELC**
315 E. Main St. 608-437-5012
www.elcmthoreb.org
5 pm Saturday Worship
9 am Sunday Worship

Mt. Horeb United Methodist
Corner of Hwy. S & Hwy. 78
Sunday Worship: 9am online
and in person
umcmh.org
Celebrating God's Inclusive Love

**New Hope Evangelical Free
Church**
639 S. Eighth St., Mt. Horeb
Phone: 608-437-3273
www.newhopeefc.org
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Good News Lutheran Church
- WELS**
NEW LOCATION:
9975 Pepper Dr
Pastor Jonathan Bauer
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
(in person and online)
Sunday School and Bible Study 10:15 am
608-437-4646 visit
GoodNewsLC.org/location
for details & directions

Immanuel Lutheran Church
www.immanuelmh.org
Sunday 10:00 service
310 W. Main St. Mount Horeb

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

Springdale Lutheran Church
2752 Town Hall Rd. 608-437-3493
Vicar: James Ranney
Worship: 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays of the month at 10am
twosteeple.org

**St. Michael The Archangel
Parish**
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

MEASLES

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Registry (WIR), or call your health care provider.

Measles is a very contagious virus that spreads easily and rapidly through coughing and sneezing. Simply being in the same room with someone who has

measles is enough to get infected if unvaccinated with the measles vaccine.

Measles symptoms appear seven to 14 days after exposure to the virus, beginning with a fever, cough, runny nose, and watery eyes, followed by a rash that usually spread from the head to the rest of the body. If you

develop any of these symptoms, stay home (do not go to work, school, shopping, or use public transportation) and call your doctor’s office or clinic before visiting so they can take precautions so that other patients are not exposed to the virus.

Measles can be prevented by the MMR (measles,

mumps, rubella) immunization. The MMR vaccine can protect you from serious illness. Most people got the measles vaccination since two doses are required for school entry.

Public Health offers free vaccines to uninsured adults and children, and children with Medical Assistance.

GLEANINGS

By **Barb Johnson**
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- May 3, 1894

Thomas Ayen, road overseer, requests that business men, do not allow paper to be swept out into the street as it is a great danger in scaring horses, besides its no ornament to the streets.

Peter Maanem is very low and has made his will of his estate, to his wife and children.

Sam Gesme came out from Madison Tuesday and will soon be at work in his new quarters here, dressed in his white barber apron. By all appearances, he will have one to assist him.

M.C. Webber is drawing lumber for a barn on his place. Mr. W. believes in using plenty of horsepower on his wagon. He also believes in wide tire wagons and thinks if farmers would adopt their use, the roads would be a great deal better than they are.

120 Years Ago- May 5, 1904

Theodore Nelson passed away last Sunday morning at his home here after a couple of years untold suffering from sickness which developed into cirrhosis of the liver. All was done that kind hands could accomplish to make his suffering as light as possible. Mr. Nelson was a quiet, unassuming man, industrious and honest, at

peace with his fellow man, a good neighbor, husband and father.

Prof. and Mrs. Thompson and youthful son spent last Sabbath here.

Thos. Ayen and crew of men are at Verona loading gravel on cars, to be shipped here for the construction of cement sidewalks.

Mrs. Christ Ankaltrude of Daleyville is taken with a severe attack of nervous prostration.

Knute Olson of Daleville is reported very low and not expected to live. The ranks of our grand army heroes are thinning out wonderful fast.

Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Bakken have again been called upon to part with one of their family. Their baby girl, seven weeks old, passed away Tuesday, having been sick for some time. This makes the third death in the family in eight weeks.

110 Years Ago- April 30, 1914

Walter Evans was relieved from jury duty, the judge granted his request for an excuse.

Henry Witte is putting up several outbuildings on his building site opposite C.A. Finke's residence, and will soon have his new residence erected.

Geo. Bowers has bought a couple of fine residence lots on the Lake Park Drive. This looks as if George likes Mount Horeb and may

strike root for good.

The sad circumstance of a home being called to part with two of their near and dear ones at one time came to the lot of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bilse and family last week, Laura, aged 18 years, 3 months and 1 day, was taken sick on Monday and on Thursday death had claimed her. On Tuesday little Alice, the youngest of the family, aged 5 years, 5 months and 25 days was taken sick and died ten hours after her older sister and the cases proved to be diphtheria. Undertaker Gesme said it was one of the saddest yet most beautiful obsequies he had ever attended.

Another sensation in the Sletto case was caused Tuesday when Under Sheriff Klausman came out and placed under arrest Andrew Sanderson as being suspected of having molested Mr. Sletto. Mr. Sanderson has been an invalid for several years, is unable to walk without the aid of a cane, besides having the reputation of being a very honorable and peaceable citizen. An indignation meeting was held in the evening, the sheriff was called up by telephone and asked to give Mr. Sanderson the best of treatment owning to his feeble condition and quite certain innocence.

100 Years Ago- April 28, 1924

Adry Brattrud has made an improvement to his filling station that meet the approval of the traveling public. He has added another stand for air and water, and

now two cars can fill their tires with air and the radiators with water at one time.

W.L. Myrland and Son have resumed their truck operations, again after being idle due to the snow blockade the past two months. They will be running to and from Madison every day soon. The local merchants find the truck an economical and quick way to get goods from Madison.

The town of Primrose has purchased a new road drag from R. G. Sebentahl. The new equipment is an improved type and should be a great help in keeping the township's roads in first class condition. the drag was delivered on Friday.

The Mt. Horeb Creamery must have a good reputation with the government officials, as it has been picked by the government as a good place to finish the vocational training one of our exservice men is getting from Uncle Sam. The man receiving this training is C. H. Wenzek, formerly with the 501st Ref. Unit, of the U. S. Army, during the recent scrap with Germany.

A large number of the younger boys were playing in the halls of one of the buildings up town Saturday until a late hour, turning out lights in the stairways and annoying people. It is doubtful if the parents would choose the boy who leads this group as the leader for their boys if they were there to see them.

Evan's Drug Store is planning a big treat for Mt. Horeb buyers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. On these dates 60 dif-

ferent items will be placed on sale at the special price of two items for the price of one. All particulars next week.

About one hundred and fifty people visited the library last Saturday and more than a hundred books and magazines were loaned.

The A. H. Mellott Sales Co. of Madison have decided to open a branch in Mt. Horeb in the near future with Mr. T. C. Fallen in charge. This company sells the famous Maytag washing machine.

80 Years Ago- April 27, 1944

The Mt. Horeb C of C is advertising our village as the "The Portal to Wonderland" at the Milwaukee Auditorium this week.

Charles Thomas, Mount Horeb High School's No. 1 right-handed pitcher, joined the mythical hall of baseball fame by setting down Black Earth without a hit.

Burnette Severson of Black Earth had the misfortune to fracture his arm while cranking his tractor last week.

50 Years Ago- May 2, 1974

Harold Trehey, who transferred here from Seneca, recently, is the new Postmaster in Mount Horeb.

Patricia M. Kahl and Philip H. Helland exchanged marriage vows in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, April 20 in Springdale Lutheran Church.

Ron's Barber Shop has added a new stylist, Miss Kristy Smith, Blanchard-

ville, to his staff.

40 Years Ago- May 3, 1984

Dr. Albert B. (Bud) Grove, age 59, Mount Horeb, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 25, 1984 while on retreat at Unity Village, Mo.

The Mount Horeb Board of Education with new members Jan Schwenn and Paul Hodgson dealt with a wide range of issues in a marathon three and a half hour session in April. The board re-elected Erwin Zweifel as president and Harold Schlinggen as vice-president.

Mr. and Mrs. Isie Buechner will observe their 50th wedding anniversary. Buechner and the former Adeline Bohle were married May 14, 1934 in Freeport, Ill.

20 Years Ago- April 29, 2004

Now that the dust has settled on the creation of a TIF district, a business park, and commercial and residential areas in the east side's North Cape Commons development, the village is concentrating on the creation of the best plan for a nine-acre village park there.

Nathan Vergin of Inner Light Computer solution is the newest member of the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce.

A video, entitled '2004 Road Construction,' made by Mount Horeb High School seniors Brooke Gorman and Lindsey Heuser will appear several times on the village cable TV access channels.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Bike team sponsors free clinic for girls and women

The Madison West/Verona/Memorial/Westside/Driftless Composite (Mount Horeb) Mountain Bike Teams are sponsoring a free clinic for girls and women to try out mountain biking and ride with others at the amazing Blackhawk trails in Middleton. A limited number of free demo mountain bikes will be provided by DreamBikes. If you do not have a trail-ready mountain bike, no worries. They will provide one for you.

This event is part of the "Girls Riding Together (GRiT)" program. The Girls Riding Together (GRiT) initiative is an effort by the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) to recruit and retain more girls and women coaches in NICA's youth mountain biking programs. The goal of the NICA GRiT initiative is to increase the overall participation rate to 35 percent female riders (coaches and student-athletes each) by 2033. NICA was founded in 2009 and develops in-

terscholastic mountain biking programs for student-athletes across the United States. NICA is about having amazing adventures with teammates while tackling both small and epic challenges.

The event is open to girls entering 6th through 12th grade, and women who want to learn more and who might consider coaching. No experience required! We can train you in riding and coaching skills. You just need to have a passion for supporting girls

and getting more girls outside, on bikes!

If you have never tried mountain biking, or if you have your own mountain bike but never ridden it on singletrack before, sign up for one of two sessions on Saturday, May 11th for a fun day of games, prizes, girl power, and riding bikes in the woods.

May 11th 10:00 -12:00 OR 1:00 - 3:00
Blackhawk Ski Club East Chalet (10118 Blackhawk Rd, Middleton, WI 53562)
Register at bit.ly/GRITMSN

AT THE LIBRARY

A closer look at the local library's strategic plan

By **Jessica Gretzinger**
Library Director

At the end of 2023, the Library Board approved the 2024 – 2028 Strategic Plan. You can view the document on our website under the *About* menu. Over the course of the year, you will see your librarians embark-

ing on many initiatives as we work together to achieve the goals outlined. Listed below are a few initiatives we've already undertaken that may benefit you!

Visit our website to see a list of new materials (one for youth, one for adults) that we've recently added to our

collection. If you see something you'd like, just click to order it! Keep an eye on our website to get on the list early!

Planning a trip to the library and not sure what to expect? Check out the library's social narratives found on the home page,

which will walk you through the basics including notes and images.

We've created a *Welcome to the Library* starter packet for new library users. You will get the packet when you sign up for a library card. Missed the packet? Don't worry! Much of this

information is also available on our website (www.mhpl.org) covering such topics as: -How to get a library card; -Print from anywhere!; -Stream/Download Books & Audiobooks; -Reserve the Meeting Room.

All in all, it's shaping up to be a busy year at the li-

brary. These are just a few of the recent changes we've made and we look forward to implementing more ideas in line with our strategic goals. Stay tuned as we continue to improve upon the work already being done. We look forward to serving our community!

POLITICS

Lawmakers slam post office for poor service and rate hikes

WASHINGTON, D.C.—As Americans learn of another rate increase for postage stamps, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) led Senators Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Rob Wyden (D-OR), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and Peter Welch (D-VT) in pushing for change at the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to protect the jobs, businesses, and Americans who rely on the Postal Service. In a letter to the USPS Board of Governors, the Senators questioned Postmaster General Louis DeJoy’s leadership which has resulted in higher prices for Americans and poor service. USPS announced earlier this month that in July, the cost of First-Class Mail Forever stamps would increase to 73 cents.

In 2020, Postmaster Louis DeJoy announced the Delivering for America (DFA) plan to address the operational and financial strains the USPS was confronting. However, instead of seeing improvements to the Postal Service, the plan has resulted in diminished quality of customer service, unsustainable postage increases, and drastic declines in the postal industry, which employs nearly eight million people and produces \$1.9 trillion of annual economic activity.

“We have a vested interest in seeing USPS succeed. Our constituents rely on it for their daily correspondence, bills, lifesaving medications, and sometimes, their livelihood. The U.S. Postal Service is, by law, a fundamental service provided to the people by our government,” wrote the Sen-

ators. “It has become clear that under the DFA, USPS is continuing to implement changes that are harmful to Americans and the American businesses that rely on the service. As the Board of Governors, you must step in before further harm is caused.”

Despite Congress passing bipartisan legislation and appropriating additional funds that took USPS from \$9.2 billion in losses in 2020 to a one-time spike in net income to \$57 billion in 2022, leadership at USPS has continued to increase postage rates. Since 2022, the price of First-Class stamps increased from 60 cents to 68 cents, with an additional five-cent increase announced for this July. From 2022 to 2023, USPS saw the largest drop in First-Class mail in 10 years, greater even than during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The full letter reads:

Dear Chairman Martinez and Members of the Board of Governors:

We write to express our concerns regarding the Delivering for America plan (DFA) and the future of the United States Postal Service (USPS). While it was a step forward to produce a transformative plan, the policies to date have led to diminished quality of customer service, unsustainable postage increases, and drastic declines in businesses whose commerce relies on USPS. USPS relies on both mail and packages for its revenues, yet since 2020, USPS has delivered 12 billion fewer pieces of mail, bringing volume to its lowest level in 40 years, while seeing no offsetting increase in package volume. We ask

that the Board of Governors take decisive action to halt these changes and prevent further consequences for American families and businesses who depend on USPS to meet their needs.

Congress enacted the bipartisan Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 that saved USPS nearly \$60 billion, and will continue to save USPS billions in the future. We also delivered \$10 billion in direct appropriations to USPS in 2020. Primarily as a result of Congressional assistance, it appeared that from 2020 to 2022, USPS finances had improved. USPS reported a \$9.2 billion loss in 2020, a \$4.9 billion loss in 2021, and a one-time spike in net income to \$57 billion in 2022. After the implementation of a new postage rate-setting framework that enabled much higher rate increases, we began to see the disastrous effects in 2023. Following the implementation, USPS mail volume dropped dramatically, losing 11 billion pieces of mail, and reporting a net loss of \$6.5 billion in 2023. Instead of connecting the two issues, USPS blamed inflation, despite mail prices nearly doubling inflation in that time period.

The sudden loss of mail caused by Postmaster General DeJoy’s new postage rate-setting framework foreshadows a destructive and repetitive cycle for both business and regular mail users. As USPS increases rates, mailers predictably reduce their mail volume and, in turn, USPS is forced to increase rates again to replace the lost revenue from volume reduction. In 2022, USPS marketing mail rev-

enue increased \$1.4 billion and volume grew by 894 million pieces. After two rate increases in 2023, marketing mail revenue decreased by \$920 million and volume fell by 7.7 billion pieces. In addition, since 2022, we have seen the price of First-Class stamps increase from 60 cents to 68 cents, and heard from our constituents about the financial burden of these increases. From 2022 to 2023, we saw the largest drop in First-Class mail in 10 years, greater even than during the COVID-19 pandemic. Together, First-Class Mail and Marketing Mail made up more than half of USPS’s total revenue for 2023. USPS financial stability will not be achieved through raising rates twice annually and threatening the potential elimination of two major areas of USPS revenue. USPS is already struggling financially; it cannot replace billions more in lost revenue.

The postal industry employs nearly 8 million people and produces \$1.9 trillion of annual economic activity. It is vitally important that USPS understand the critical role it plays in helping to grow and support the American economy. For example, a marketing firm engaging in a 100,000-piece mail prospecting campaign with an anticipated one percent response rate can expect to yield 1,000 new customers. In addition, this success also results in an average of 24,000 additional pieces of mail generated. If USPS continues to increase postage rates, prompting businesses to scale back on prospecting mail, the repercussions will

extend beyond the USPS and its own activities. In such a scenario, businesses risk losing customers if they can no longer rely on USPS for cost-effective mail delivery. These rate increases, and by extension, the DFA, have failed to meet the objective and promises that Postmaster General DeJoy put forth in 2020. To make matters worse, the economic impact of these rate increases and the subsequent loss of mail volume has already resulted in a plant closure that cost nearly 500 jobs. At the time the DFA was proposed by the Postmaster General and approved by the Board of Governors, we were assured that this plan would impact the financial situation of the Postal Service for the better. Instead, we have seen closures of plants, decreased

quality of service, and despite Congressional assistance, loss of USPS revenue. We have a vested interest in seeing USPS succeed. Our constituents rely on it for their daily correspondence, bills, lifesaving medications, and sometimes, their livelihood. The U.S. Postal Service is, by law, a fundamental service provided to the people by our government. It has become clear that under the DFA, USPS is continuing to implement changes that are harmful to Americans and the American businesses that rely on the service. As the Board of Governors, you must step in before further harm is caused.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this urgent request.



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REC NOTES

Welcome to the Korean Martial Art of **Tae Kwon Do!** Join Master Miles while he teaches students about basic kicking and punching combinations, as well as increase strength and flexibility. Tae Kwon Do promotes self-esteem and confidence, along with improvement of focus and concentration. Master Miles is our new instructor this summer, and is 6th Dan Master Instructor with the Kukkiwon in Seoul, South Korea. Belt testing will be held 3 times per year, which is an additional fee. Summer 1 session is June 3 through June 24 on Mondays. Beginner Level (first timers through yellow belt) will be from 4:30-5:30 PM and Intermediate Level (rank of green belt and beyond) will be from 5:30-6:30 PM. All classes will be held at the Rec Department Multipurpose Room. Resi-

dent fee is \$50 and non-resident fee is \$60. Registration deadline is May 28.

Speedball is a fast-paced game of baseball with all wasted time removed. Join Coach Finley where there will be three teams of 4-5 players and will rotate from hitting to the outfield to the infield. Players will rotate all positions, which will allow everyone to get the maximum number of repetitions which allows for maximum number of opportunities to learn! Coach Finley will pitch to all players to speed up play. Program runs Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from June 10 through June 26. Session 1 is for 9-10 year olds from 10:00-10:50 AM and Session 2 is for 11-12 year olds from 11:00-11:50 AM. Session 3 is for 13-14 year olds 1:00-1:50 PM. Resident fee is \$90 and

non-resident fee is \$100. Registration deadline is June 3rd.

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

Online (go to <https://anc.apm.active-communities.com/mhrcd>)

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**

T-ball (5/9)

Coach Pitch (5/9)

Martial Arts (5/28)



Multigenerational Living on the Rise: Grandparents as Landlords and Roommates

Navigating the Complexities and Benefits of Grandparent-Grandchild Co-Living Arrangements in Today’s Socioeconomic Landscape

By Joe Block
Finger Publishing

About 4,500 families in Dane and Sauk Counties are considered multi-generational, meaning households with three or more generations under one roof, according to the latest data from Axios. While having three generations living together is relatively rare, in the wake of the pandemic and economic downturn there’s been an increase in two generations living under the same roof, with 2021 data from Pew showing “59.7 million U.S. residents who live with multiple generations under one roof.” According to the study, “The share of the U.S. population living in multigenerational households in 2021 was 18 percent.”

The Pew study continues, “Multigenerational households are defined as

including ... a ‘skipped generation,’ which consists of grandparents and their grandchildren younger than 25.” In particular, “Older Americans are less likely to live alone than they were several decades ago...” It’s this particular demographic—grandparents living with a grandchild—that are perhaps one of the most interesting dynamics.

A grandchild can choose to live with their grandparents for any number of reasons; likewise, grandparents have several motivating factors to house a grandchild.

Connecting to a growing crisis in the U.S. today, sometimes the role of a grandchild in that situation is that of caretaker. To varying degrees, the living situation may present itself as ranging from elderly parents acknowledging they could use occasional help to full-time medical caretaker. Of

interest is the former, where the grandchild isn’t taking on the primary role of caretaker. Instead, the grandparents take on the unique role of landlord, or roommate.

This particular living situation could come about for any number of reasons; but there are a few common ones. With sky-high rents in major cities and suburbs, sometimes a grandparent’s house in the suburbs—which they, like many in their generation, bought in the 1970s at a cheap price and now sit on an investment—offers a critical place to live. The rental crisis is real in U.S. cities today. On top of that, what young adult, post-college, wouldn’t be helped by free or reduced rent? Grandparents offer a valuable resource for their grandkids to access opportunities not normally available.

It’s important to structure this kind of living arrange-

ment properly, though. Family will always be family but nevertheless having legal documents—like a rental agreement—and expectations and rules clearly laid out so both parties are protected and informed is important. For a grandchild directly out of college or even high school, grandparents can provide a critical “first” for them: first time signing a lease, first time living on their own as an adult, first time being financially independent. These experiences can build a solid financial foundation for the grandchild. Other things come in to play here as well, as building their credit history, establishing a history of being a good renter, and simply providing the assurance of housing.

On that front a stay with grandparents can play a special role in their grandchild’s life. A safe place to stay, to start their life, where they can figure things out, make plans, and at least sketch out a roadmap of their future. Not everyone is ready

to face life and adulthood full-on in those critical post-high school years. Grandparents can provide a harbor in the proverbial storm. But even for the most mundane and uneventful life a stay with grandparents provides countless opportunities.

Setting up rules and expectations is always a good idea. With things involving family it’s tempting to just keep arrangements informal. That, however, helps no one. One of the biggest problems young adults face—ranging from resumes to rental history to credit rating—is gaps or a lack of history. That stay with grandparents is a great time to start that history with a formal lease. It’s something a 22-year-old can show a potential landlord as evidence of being a good tenant. Without anything written down, the grandchild is left with, at best, word of mouth about their reliability.

Having a lease and expectations as well as rules also gives grandparents a chance to set rules. In retirement, offering their house to

a grandchild, grandparents have earned the right to have things done the way they want. They are landlords. They should take advantage of that to make sure they are comfortable. These living situations shouldn’t inconvenience grandparents.

Family dynamics also must be taken into consideration with such a living situation. On top of that, simple personal reasons are equally important. It’s important not to put pressure on grandparents to simply house grandchildren. It’s a decision that involves several factors, ranging from financial concern to how well personalities mesh. The decision to house a grandchild is one deserving of careful consideration. It is a living situation, however, that can benefit both parties to an amazing degree. It’s important not to forget to do the groundwork of the situation and think about the realities and practicalities. Once that’s done, it’s an extension of the concept of the family that makes everyone better.



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by Matt Geiger, Editor



Want to Improve your Mental Health? Try Deleting Facebook

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the average man these days lives to be about 74, and the average woman lives to be nearly 80.

I'll turn 45 this year, so that makes me feel pretty good. Like I generally have some time left to do all the things I want to do. What's shocking, however, is to think that if I lived in the year 1900, I would be only two years from death, statistically speaking. That's right. According to Harvard, the average life expectancy in 1900 was just 47 years. That's how old Tom Brady is. Heck, that's only a quarter the age of the average presidential candidate these days.

Sadly, many people in the 21st century will technically live to a very old age but will waste 30 or 40 years of the time they are gifted mindlessly scrolling on their phones, reading things on Facebook that are usually not true, and are nearly always banal and uninteresting.

"Someone left their trash barrel out on Second Street and people feel strongly about it."

"War has broken out in a place I have never been and

people feel strongly about it."

"Taylor Swift ate a sandwich today and people feel strongly about it."

"Oh, look, it turns out every movie/song/book/person that gave me great joy is now anathema."

And so on, and so forth.

Several years ago, I realized that I had probably spent hundreds of hours looking at Facebook over the prior year, and I had not seen a single interesting thing. I hadn't learned anything. I hadn't laughed or cried. I had only tapped a button on my phone, scrolled through a series of things that didn't interest me in the slightest; gossip and political rants and out-of-focus photos, sermons about which foods I should or (more often) should not be eating and various other things. And ads, my god, the ads.

It all started innocently enough, right about the time I was finishing college. People my age all started using MySpace, so of course I did too. I remember arguing about Charles Dickens with a stranger in the middle of the night from my apartment in New Jersey and thinking, "Gee, this is fun!"

I said I loved Dickens' books, but I did feel his rigid dichotomy of good versus bad characters was a little simplistic. The stranger I was conversing with said he disagreed and hoped I would die of venereal disease. Ah, the dawn of social media was a fascinating time to be alive!

Eventually, we all migrated over to Facebook, which was basically the exact same thing as MySpace except it was invented by an alien. But gradually, things changed. All our aunts and uncles joined, using the platform to spread as much disinformation and as many emojis as possible. And then, after a few years of real people engaging with one another, the businesses showed up. It felt like overnight, every social media platform was overrun by three things: politicians that wanted to mislead you, businesses that wanted to sell you things you didn't need, and distant relatives who were having a heck of a hard time deciphering which obvious scams they should give their money to, and which obvious scams they should give their money to right away.

That morning, as I scrolled down and saw that my entire feed was comfortable middle-class Americans complaining that a world of 8 billion diverse people was not adequately catered to their own exact needs (and their needs alone), I decided to delete the application and cancel my account.

There is a brilliant saying that, "If you are not paying for it, you're not the cus-

tomers; you're the product being sold." I grew tired of being a product being bought and sold. Facebook didn't add anything of value to my life – in fact, it was eating up countless hours of time I could have been spending reading books or adventuring outdoors or playing with my daughter – and they were making a handsome profit from me for which I got nothing in return.

They got everyone hooked the same way drug dealers operate, with a free taste of something and the understanding that they would get people sucked in and then makes loads of money off their addiction.

As I jumped through a million hoops to cancel my Facebook account, I was amazed by how difficult the company made it. "Yes, I do really want to cancel my account," I selected in a menu. And then Facebook told me they didn't really trust that I was in my right mind, so they wouldn't delete it right away. Instead, they could "suspend" my account for a great length of time and all I needed to do was click a single button to get it up and running again. There was no way to immediately cancel anything. They only allowed a break, after which time we would reassess our relationship. They wouldn't even let me quit.

As is so often the case when a romance sours, the breakup itself, while painful, offered all the proof I needed that I didn't want to spend any more time with this particular partner. Eventually, after the re-

quired waiting period had elapsed – I wish to reiterate that I was trying to delete my Facebook account and not buy a machine gun – my profile finally went away. I think.

Getting rid of it felt better than quitting smoking. Better than a new mattress. Better than most things. Because I no longer had to waste several hours per day looking at boring things. I no longer had to read how upset uninteresting people were about unimportant events totally outside of their control. I was no longer a product, being bought and sold by sinister corporations.

I was free.

It's been many years now, and I've noticed something fascinating; most of my thoughtful friends don't use Facebook. It's just something interesting people gradually realized wasn't worth their time. A waste of the many extra years the 21st Century has gifted so many of us. Technology is not all bad. I still have an Instagram account through which I share and look at beautiful images from various lives, but I don't look at it very often, and I don't follow anyone who rants about politics or spreads scams. Not all social media is inherently bad. But Facebook is. Using it will make you dumber, less interesting and less happy. It will make you less mentally healthy, and there is a ton of data proving this to be the case.

Shortly after I started writing this article, the satirical website Clickhole.com posted a hilarious article in

which they pointed out that the "typical Facebook newsfeed is composed almost exclusively of targeted ads for products you recently purchased online, posts about weight loss scams from high school friends whose accounts have been hacked, and sporadic updates from a former coworker you haven't spoken to in seven years complaining about companies they feel have wronged them in some way."

"Any way you slice it, the people who still use Facebook are not living healthy, well-adjusted lives..." the joke continued.

I hope to live to a ripe old age. I certainly hope I live longer than the average guy 100 years ago. But no matter what the life expectancy is these days, I often think of something David Sedaris once said, about how he lets smokers skip to the front of the line at his book signings because he figures they have less time left, and to them, moments are more dear, more precious. I think about the fact that as we live our lives, and as we pass from the immortality of youth to the angst of middle age and the wisdom (hopefully) of senior living, our time does become more precious to us. The older you get, the more meaning and urgency are packed into every second you get to walk the Earth. The closer you get to the finish line, the more your steps matter.

As we age, time gives us this strange gift, which is simply that our time is important. It matters what we do with this gift. It matters that we do not waste it with rage or banality or mindless scrolling.

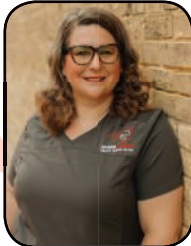
As Gandalf the wizard once aptly pointed out, "all we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." I'm not sure I'll use my remaining time wisely, but I know I won't waste it on Facebook, and that's a gift I gave to myself, and a gift I hope you give to yourself, too.

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The screening tool does not diagnose Alzheimer’s Disease or other types of dementia. It identifies how your brain is functioning in a single moment. There are many reasons a screen may show concerns, including experiencing depression, stress, medical issues, sleep imbalances, chronic pain, medication side effects – the list goes on and on. If your brain changes result from one of these conditions, diagnosis and treatment may improve your quality of life. At your request, the screening results can be shared with your doctor.

Early detection does matter. If the results from the memory screen are shared with your doctor and it is determined that you may have some type of dementia, you can plan for your future. You can take steps now to develop a support system to maintain independence and/or become involved in early intervention programs that may slow the disease. Knowing your baseline also allows you to monitor for any future changes.

There is no charge for a memory screen. Check with your local office on Aging and Disability to make an appointment for a memory screen with a trained Dementia Care Specialist. The ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin may be contacted by telephone at (800) 514-0066 or by email at adrcswwi@adrcswwi.org.

Celebrating Older Americans Month: Powered by Connection
Empowering Older Americans: Fostering Meaningful Connections in May and Beyond



Older Americans Month (OAM) is a time to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of older Americans.

Established in 1963, Older Americans Month (OAM) is celebrated each May. Led by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), OAM is a time to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of older Americans, highlight important trends, and strengthen our commitment to honoring our older citizens.

The theme for 2024 is Powered by Connection, which recognizes the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on our health and well-being. We will explore the vital role that connectedness plays in supporting independence and aging in place by combatting isolation, loneliness, and other issues.

Join us in promoting the benefits of connecting with others. Here are some ways you can participate:

- Share facts about the mental, physical, and emotional health benefits of social connection and how it contributes to overall well-being.
- Promote resources that help older adults engage, like community events, social clubs, and volunteer opportunities.
- Connect older adults with local services, such as transportation, that can help them overcome obstacles to achieving or maintaining meaningful relationships.
- Encourage partners to host a connection-centric event or program focused on older adult mentors to youth, peer-to-peer support, or similar efforts.
- Challenge professional and personal networks to prioritize meaningful social connections and share the benefits.

Inspire older adults to share what connection means to them on social media using the hashtag #PoweredByConnection.

What can individuals do to connect?

Invite more connection into your life by finding a new passion, joining a social club, taking a class, or trying new activities in your community. Stay engaged in your community by giving back through volunteering, working, teaching, or mentoring. Invest time with people to build new relationships and discover deeper connections with your family, friends, colleagues, or neighbors.

For more information, visit the OAM website.

Healthcare Decisions
Understanding your options on Healthcare

In Wisconsin, there are several different types of decision-making assistance available to support persons that are unable to do so independently. The more common include POAs, guardians, representative payees, and supported decision-makers.

Supported Decision-Makers

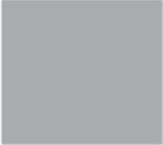
This option is a way for people to get help from trusted family members, friends and professionals, to help them to understand the situations and choices that they face so that they can make their own decisions. The supported decision-making agreement allows a trusted person (supporter) to help gather and understand information, compare options, and communicate their decisions to others. It does not restrict or remove the individual’s right to make their own decisions, or allow the supporter to make decisions on their behalf.

POA – Power of Attorney

The Power of Attorney is the role that most persons believe they understand and will work on filling out “when they need to do them.” However, it is important to thoroughly read, understand and complete these documents prior to a crisis, when you may feel pressured to sign or no longer understand the forms that you are signing.

There are two different power of attorney (POA) documents that can be completed in Wisconsin: POA of Finances and POA of Health Care. The state forms are free and can be completed without legal assistance. Power of Attorney of both finances and health care allow a designated person to make decisions on behalf of the individual, while legally respecting the best wishes of the individual. The individual can revoke POAs even

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after incapacity. POAs can also relinquish their duties if necessary, without the cumbersome court processes of guardianship, as long as the individual can still vocalize who they would like as an alternate.

POA of Finances (POA-F) documentation allows you to determine who you want to manage your money, property, income, assets and general finances. The powers of the POA-F can be as specific or broad as you specify. A POA-F becomes active immediately upon executing and notarizing the document – unless otherwise specified in the special instructions section of the document.

POA of Health Care (POA-HC) documentation allows you to determine who you want to be able to make healthcare decisions on your behalf in the event of incapacity, either temporary or permanent. In Wisconsin, a POA-HC is not active upon signing. The allows a person to designate a POA-HC proactively, but not give up decision-making power unless determined incapacitated by two physicians.

Representative Payees

A representative payee is assigned through social security to manage social security funds. A doctor must fill out documentation stating that an individual is unable to manage their own finances and this must be sent to social security prior to applying to be their representative payee. A representative payee cannot manage income from employment, pensions or other sources outside of social security.

Guardianships

Guardians of Person and Guardians of Estate are the most restrictive options for decision-making assistance. They involve restricting most rights of the individual and going to court in order to be appointed. If a guardian wishes to resign, they must go to court in order for guardianship to be changed prior to resignation. Having POA documentation in place can mitigate the need for guardianship in the event of a medical emergency.

No matter what your age, it is important to discuss with your loved ones about your health care wishes and documenting those wishes. If you have questions, consider consulting an attorney.

Pickleball is Taking Over
Tips to prevent pickleball injuries



Most ER visits due to pickleball involve people over the age of 60.

Pickleball has inspired millions of devotees. According to the Association of Pickleball Professionals, roughly 36.5 million individuals played pickleball in 2022, and 45 percent of players who participated in a YouGov study conducted between August 2021 and August 2022 indicated they planned to play more pickleball in the coming six months than they had in the previous six months.

Pickleball is thriving, and that's great news for those who love the game. Unfortunately, pickleball also has proven beneficial to orthopedic practices. A 2023 analysis from UBS estimated pickleball injuries could cost Americans nearly \$400 million in 2023. Seniors are especially vulnerable to pickleball injuries, as a 2021 study published in the journal Injury Epidemiology found that 86 percent of

emergency room visits related to pickleball injuries affected individuals 60 and older.

Injuries are a part of any sport, and pickleball is no different. Though there's no foolproof method to guarantee pickleball players don't get hurt playing the game they love, the following are some tips that can reduce injury risk.

- Gear up. Pickleball is a competitive sport, but there's a tendency among some players, particularly novices, to take a casual approach to the game. Veteran players may know better, but anyone new to the game should be sure to wear the appropriate gear when playing. Athletic shoes with ample traction can reduce the likelihood that players will slip or fall. The right racket also can reduce risk for elbow injuries. The sporting goods experts at

Dick's Sporting Goods note that paddles should feature a light to medium weight, comfortable grip and a large sweet spot. The right paddle will be different for everyone, so novices are urged to speak to veteran players for advice on which paddle might be best for them.

- Embrace physical activity. Pickleball can be a great workout, and players can reduce their injury risk by embracing physical activity even when they are not playing. Leg exercises can help build lower body strength, but strength exercises that focus on the upper body also can reduce injury risk.

- Loosen up before playing. Taking the court right after getting out of the car is a recipe for injury. Arrive five to 10 minutes before a game and use that time to loosen up. A short walk and some subsequent stretches

can help players make sure their bodies are not too tight to play. Some brief warm-up exercises and stretching can reduce muscle tension and make the body less vulnerable to injury.

- Hydrate before, during and after a game. The experts at Johns Hopkins Medicine note that water cushions the joints, which helps athletes maintain their flexibility. Flexibility can reduce injury risk, particularly in a sport like pickleball. The 2021 study published in Injury Epidemiology noted that 60 percent of pickleball injuries are sprains, strains or fractures. Remaining flexible can reduce athletes' risk for sprains and strains. Johns Hopkins recommends adults consume between six and 12 ounces of water for every 20 minutes of sports play and to drink between 16 and 24 ounces afterward.

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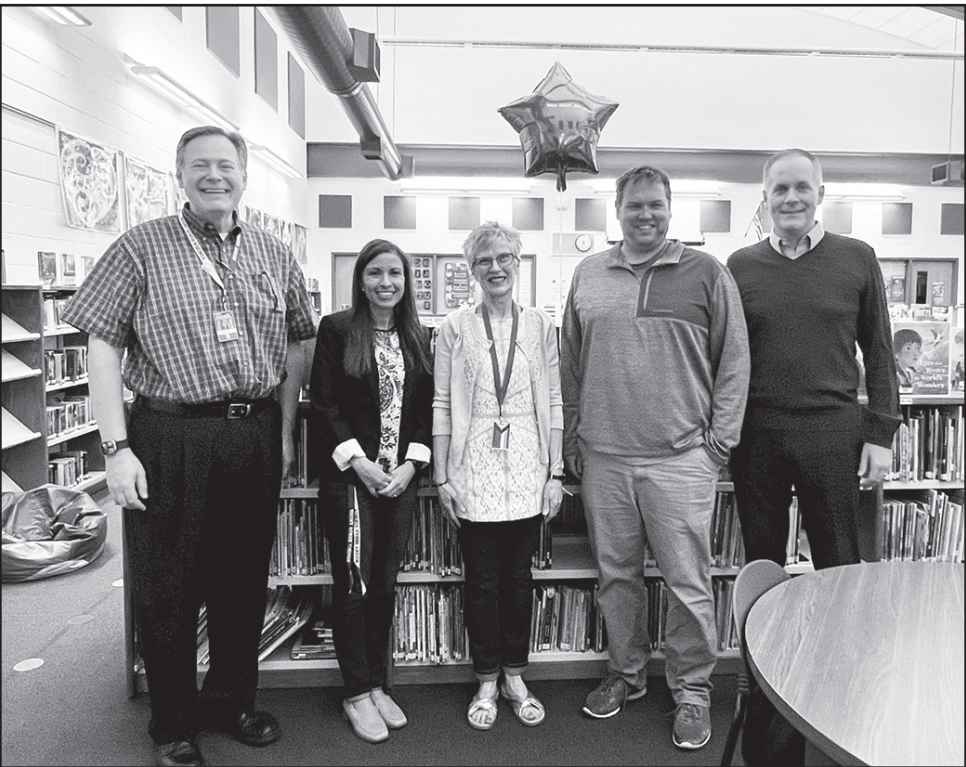
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Countryside News



By JERRY DAVIS
Countryside News

Wild turkeys vocalize in numerous tones, as do other birds. We may guess but fail to understand the attitudes many of these sounds relate to and can only wonder what a yelp, kee kee run, purr, gobble, cackle, whine, spit and drum, tree call, cutting call, assembly call, and

fly down cackle say to other turkeys in a raft. While the names may suggest an activity, some names are quite misleading. The spit and drum has nothing to do with saliva or percussion instruments but folks say it sounds more like a car stuck in the mud; vrrrrrrymmmph, and is usually associated a tail-fanned display of a gob-

bler. Talking turkey is done to imitate these sounds using diaphragm calls, box and push pin calls, boat paddles, pot calls, and wing bone calls.

A while back a call-making company introduced a turkey call they dubbed dead silence. Birders and hunters have yet to hear this call make a sound.

Banned Books



Local PFLAG chapter celebrates banned books

PFLAG Mt. Horeb held a Banned Book Reading event at Brix Cider on Sunday, April 14. Three frequently challenged or banned children’s books were read. In addition, local author Alex Bledsoe, and the Founder and Executive Director of Madison’s Reading Project spoke. Madison’s Reading Project provided free books to children and teachers who attended the event. Over 75 community members were in attendance. Pictured above, author Alex Bledsoe reads during the event. Photo contributed.

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serendipitous to ignore. So, he decided to open a new restaurant in the heart of downtown Mount Horeb.

He’s fairly certain he will call it Bar Manzo, although he always adds the caveat that the menu and name are both works in progress as the new restaurant finds its best identity.

“I really want it to be musical, warm, inviting,” he says. “107 State has a very feminine energy, and I’m thinking this could have a more masculine one. That’s just what I’m thinking right now, at least. An Italian supper club, supper club-ish as a friend of mine put it. A place where the staff is knowledgeable, and people can get great food.”

There are two types of restaurants that often fail: those opened by people who only love to cook but know nothing of business, and those opened by people who merely want to make money and don’t love to cook. The ones that thrive usually have a rare amalgamation of personal passion, technical culinary proficiency, and business savvy. Mergen, who is 52, has traveled a long and winding path to get here, and he has both ingredients in spades. He grew up in Madison and got his first job in a kitchen at the age of 19.

“I got a job in a restaurant, a fabled one at this point because it was so long ago, and then in 2004 I went to Manhattan to study at the French Culinary Institute [subsequently renamed the International Culinary Center],” he says.

After finishing his formal education there, Mergen opened two restaurants with Saks 5th Avenue. He later worked with Lidia and Joe Bastianich at Becco in the heart of the theater district, then opened the first Eataly in the United States on 23rd Street and 5th Avenue, a 40,000 square foot homage to Italian cuisine. Along the way, Mergen also worked at The Edgewater Hotel and The Hilton at Monona Terrace.

At one point, he was even a private chef for a family living in the Bahamas. “It’s honestly one of the hardest things I’ve ever done,” he says with a laugh. “With a restaurant you can kind of set the menu, but imagine having to come up with something totally new every single day.”

He opened 107 State in



Nathan Mergen with his daughter, Beatrice. Photo by Matt Geiger.

2019, somehow managing to guide it through the unprecedented economic catastrophe of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through all those experiences, he says he learned that the stereotype of the raging chef is neither accurate nor helpful when it comes to making great food.

“I think the days of the chef as screamer are over,” he says in an aptly calm voice. “I think the top chefs these days are, really, quiet communicators. People yearn for constructive criticism, and you don’t have to be aggressive or difficult to give it to them.”

He says working in a kitchen and eating in a restaurant have one thing in common; they both allow people to learn, and they both allow them to find new

things they love.

“When you start learning to cook, you discover these weird things and you wonder what else there is to discover,” he says of his early days in the kitchen. He has learned a lot, but that sense of discovery remains a constant companion in the kitchen.

He’s busy designing the interior of the restaurant and the menu, which will include an assortment of the aforementioned fine wine.

“I’m a huge Italian wine aficionado, but I really do think it should be approachable,” he says. “I understand some people are snooty about it, but I really don’t think that’s necessary.”

He says the warm welcome he has received from people in the community so far has felt like an auspicious harbinger of things to come.

“I was really looking forward to connecting with the community, and to be honest the reaction so far has been borderline overwhelming,” he says. “It’s been touching, actually.”

Mergen has already hired his primary chef for Bar Manzo, someone he knows and respects from his culinary circle. He signed a three-year lease and hopes to be there far longer than that. He plans to open before the end of the school year.

Brian LaDow, who opened Skål there in 2018 before closing its doors this year, said his plans are “spending more time with my family and to continue fighting for the rights and representation of our downtown business.”

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Softball Vikings stay atop conference

Mount Horeb leads league by two games

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls softball team hasn’t cracked the statewide rankings just yet. The way the Vikings have played the past month, though, that seems like just a matter of time. Mount Horeb won all three of its games last week and pushed its winning streak to eight games. The Vikings are now 9-2 overall and are 7-0 in the Badger Small Conference, good for a two-game lead over second place Reedsburg. Here’s a recap of another big week for the Vikings:

- **Mount Horeb 9, Reedsburg 5** — Center fielder Maddie Swiggum went 3-for-4 and drove in three runs to help power the visiting Vikings past the Beavers on April 22. Shortstop Ruby Dahlk added three hits and scored three runs, while pitcher Jayse Holman had

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Maddie Swiggum and Mount Horeb’s girls softball team won all three of their games last week. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Ready for stretch run

Mount Horeb’s baseball team in hunt for conference title

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

They’re in the perfect position to achieve one of their goals. Now, it’s up to Mount Horeb’s baseball team to take advantage. The Vikings won two of three games last week and have positioned themselves to make a run at the Badger Small Conference championship. Mount Horeb is 9-2 overall and 6-1 in the league, just ½-game behind first place Reedsburg (11-1, 7-1). McFarland (10-4, 6-1) is also tied for second place in the conference. Mount Horeb was scheduled to face Reedsburg twice this week in a pair of games that will go a long way to determining the eventual conference champ.

Here’s a recap of Mount Horeb’s week:

- **Mount Horeb 9, Stoughton 5** — Freshman Alex Chapman threw a solid game and Mount Horeb’s offense was clicking in a win over Stoughton on April 22. Chapman made his first career start, threw six innings, scattered 11 hits and allowed four earned runs to pick up the win. Chapman also struck out nine hitters and walked two. Jaxen Finley pitched the final inning, allowing no runs and striking out two. “Chappy pitched a great game for us,” Mount Horeb manager Ryan Finley said. “His first start came under some challenging conditions to pitch with the wind blowing out at 25 miles per hour. He had some key strike outs for us to keep

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Colin Larson and Mount Horeb’s baseball team won two out of three games last week. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

MoHo golfers continue to make strides

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s boys golf team continues to improve. And with the second season approaching quickly, the Vikings feel pretty good about the direction they’re trending.

For just the second time this season, Mount Horeb had four players shoot in the 80s during last Thursday’s Badger Small Conference mini-meet at Yahara Hills. And while the Vikings eventually settled for fifth place, they’re continuing to make gains.

Madison Edgewood won the meet with a 324-team score. And even though Mount Horeb was fifth overall, it was just 11 shots off the lead with a 335.

“Our conference is extremely competitive this season with only 12 strokes separating the top six teams at Yahara Hills,” Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. “With Edgewood winning, we have had three different teams win each of our mini-meets so far this year. We have one more mini-meet before the conference tournament, so hopefully we continue to improve and be in the mix to make it a fourth different winner in as many events this season.”

Senior Jack Vesperman led the Vikings with an 81 and tied for seventh place individually in the 40-player field.

Vesperman shot a 41 on the front nine when he birdied the par-five, sixth

hole and added four pars. On the back nine, Vesperman shot a team-low 40, parring six more holes.

Sophomore Nick Ibinger added an 83, highlighted by a 41 on the back nine. Ibinger’s second nine included a birdie on the 18th hole, as well as pars at No. 10, 12, 13 and 15. Ibinger also birdied the par-four, fifth hole on the front nine.

Sophomore Jude Young shot an 83 that included a 39 on the front nine. Young recorded pars on six of his first nine holes on the front, then carded a 44 on the back nine.

Junior Cole Cunningham also shot an 88 with 44s on both the front and back nine.

“We were able to post our best score of the season,” Krentz said. “While we were a bit disappointed in our fifth-place finish on the day, we were only 11 strokes out of first place. For only the second time all season, we had four scores in the 80’s including three in the low 80’s which was nice to see.”

What Krentz wants to see next from his team is better play around the greens.

“I thought we hit the ball quite well at Yahara Hills, but the greens gave us some trouble with their size,” he said. “Yahara Hills has arguably the biggest greens in the area, which is its biggest defense. And we left too many strokes out there around the greens.”



Nick Ibinger shot an 83 at a Badger Small Conference mini-meet held at Yahara Hills on April 25. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

NOTICE
TOWN OF PERRY

Recycling Center
Additional Opening Hours
2024
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
of each month
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Beginning Tuesday, May 7
and ending Tuesday,
September 3, 2024

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TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose Board of Supervisors meeting for May will be held on Monday, May 6th, 2024 at 8468 County Road A, Verona, WI beginning at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website. A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.

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TOWN OF PERRY
BOARD OF REVIEW
Perry Town Garage
1386 State Highway 78
Teleconference - 425-585-6272 access - 394-722-206
Thursday, May 9, 2024
7:30PM

The Board of Review of the Town of Perry, Dane County, will hold its first meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7:30PM at the Perry Town Garage, 1386 State Highway 78, pursuant to WI §Sec. 70.47(1). It is anticipated that this meeting will be recessed and then reconvened at a later date as the 2024 Assessment Roll is not completed.

Mary L. Price, Clerk

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NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
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Mile Bluff Med. Ctr.
FDBA Hess Mem. Hosp. Inc.
1050 Division St.
Mauston, WI 53948
Plaintiff(s)

Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)
Case No. 24 SC 159

vs.
Riley S. Dupee
200 E. Garfield St. Apt. 5
Mount Horeb, WI 53572
Defendant(s)

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You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.
The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims Court: Juneau County Courthouse, Telephone Number of clerk of court: 608-847-9355, Juneau County Justice Center, 200 Oak St., Mauston, WI 53948, on 5-20-24 at 12:30 p.m.
If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become alien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
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/s/ Vytas P. Salna
4-15-2024

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2023 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT DATA MT HOREB WATERWORKS, PWS ID: 11302478				SMCLs do not represent health standards.				
Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda. Dlaim ntawv tshaabzu nuav muaj lug tseemceeb heev nyob rua huv kws has txug cov dlej mej haus. Kuas ib tug paab txhais rua koj, los nrug ib tug kws paub lug thaam.				TCR TT Total Coliform Rule Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.				
Detected Contaminants Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.								
Disinfection Byproducts								
Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	D2	60	60	1	1		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D2	80	0	5.3	5.3		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Inorganic Contaminants								
Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2		0.029	0.005 - 0.029		No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4		1.0	0.6 - 1.0		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)	10	10		4.09	0.00 - 4.09		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)	n/a	n/a		38.90	1.99 - 38.90		No	n/a
Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant	
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.7260	1 of 20 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives	
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	3.00	1 of 20 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
PFAS Contaminants with a Recommended Health Advisory Level				Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950. The following table list PFAS contaminants which were detected in your water and that have a Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standard (RPHGS) or Health Advisory Level (HAL). There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed the RPHGS or HAL. The RPHGS are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk and are based on guidance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.				
Typical Source of Contaminant				Drinking water is one way that people can be exposed to PFAS. In Wisconsin, two-thirds of people use groundwater as their drinking water source. PFAS can get in groundwater from places that make or use PFAS and release from consumer products in landfills.				
Contaminant (units)	Site	RPHGS or HAL (PPT)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)			
PFBS (ppt)		450000	0.51	0.00 - 0.51				
PFHXS (ppt)		40	3.37	0.00 - 3.37				
PFHXA (ppt)		150000	2.82	0.00 - 2.82				
PFOS (ppt)		20	0.52	0.00 - 0.52				
PFOA (ppt)		20	1.20	0.00 - 1.20				
PFOA AND PFOS TOTAL (ppt)		20	1.72	0.00 - 1.72				
Radioactive Contaminants								
Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2023)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY (pCi/l)	n/a	n/a		6.5	0.0 - 6.5		No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. MCL units are in millirem/year. Calculation for compliance with MCL is not possible unless level found is greater than 50 pCi/l.
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)	15	0		5.7	5.0 - 5.7		No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)	5	0		3.4	0.7 - 3.4		No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a)	n/a	n/a		5.7	5.0 - 5.7		No	Erosion of natural deposits
Additional Health Information								
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Mt Horeb Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead .								
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Stoughton from having any big innings offensively.”

Mount Horeb had several offensive standouts, as well.

Drew Preimesberger had a huge day at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a home run, a double, three RBI and a run scored. Josh Kuntz went 2-for-3 with three runs scored, two RBI and a double, while Finley was 2-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored and both Josh Manchester and Logan Ford had doubles.

Preimesberger belted a two-run, first inning home run to jump start Mount Horeb. Then after Stoughton put up three runs in the bottom of the first, Mount Horeb answered with a five-run second.

Kuntz had a two-run double in the second and Finley had a two-run single. Preimesberger later had a run-scoring double to make it 7-3.

The closest Stoughton came from there was within 8-5 after five innings.

“It was a great team effort and a big road win for us in the conference,” Ryan Finley said.

• **Baraboo 7, Mount Horeb 2** — The Vikings managed just five hits and starter Hayden Anderson struggled in a loss to the visiting Thunderbirds on April 23.

Baraboo struck for four runs in the first two frames and knocked Anderson from the game. Terek Isely threw five innings of solid relief for Mount Horeb, but the Vikings could never get

their offense going.

“Baraboo played a great game and we have to give them credit,” Ryan Finley said. “They jumped on us early with a 4-0 lead and every time we started to gain momentum with our rally, they made some key plays defensively to stop us.”

“We had some hard hit baseballs with guys in scoring position in a couple of innings that would have tied the game up, but they were right at their infielders. That’s part of the game and hopefully we respond with a better effort when we travel to Baraboo on Thursday for the rematch.”

• **Mount Horeb 9, Baraboo 1** — Josh Manchester pitched six terrific innings for the Vikings and led them past the Thunderbirds on April 25.

Manchester scattered five hits, allowed one unearned run, walked one and struck out six. Jaxen Finley pitched the seventh, struck out two and didn’t allow a hit.

“I really like how we responded today after a tough loss on Tuesday,” Ryan Finley said. “Manchester was great on the mound and in command all day long keeping Baraboo’s hitters off-balance. Offensively it was a great team effort with contributions from everyone.”

Jaxen Finley led the offense going 2-for-4 with three RBI, while Colin Larson was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and two doubles.

Mount Horeb held a 2-0 lead when it broke things open with a five-run fifth and surged to a 7-0 advantage.



Alex Chapman and Mount Horeb’s baseball team is 9-2 on the year. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

“We have a lot more balance up and down our line-up this season and it’s showing up with a lot of big innings this year,” Ryan Finley said. “We’ve been coming at teams in waves and Baraboo through the first 11 innings of playing them this year did a great job of containing us. But we were finally able to break through in the fifth against them and added two more insurance runs in the sixth. Defensively we only allowed three freebies. Our goal is five or less. When

we play well defensively like that, we are a tough team to beat.”

TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on Monday, May 6th, 2024, beginning at 7 pm at 8468 County Road A, Verona WI. The agenda for this meeting will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website. A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.

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NOTICE OF MEETING TO ADJOURN
BOARD OF REVIEW TO LATER DATE
VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUNDS, DANE COUNTY

Board of Review will meet on the 13th day of May 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at 11011 Brigham Ave., Blue Mounds, WI. for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session during the 45-day period beginning on the 4th Monday of April, pursuant to Sec. 70.47 (1) of Wis. Statutes.

Due to the fact the assessment roll is not completed at this time, it is anticipated that the Board of Review will be adjourned until the 3rd day of October 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Mary Jo Michek, Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Blue Mounds

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 22, 2024

The Plan Commission/Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of Mount Horeb will hold a public hearing on the above date at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider a Conditional Use Permit Application from Erica & Paul BORMANN to allow a proposed Tourist Rooming House (Airbnb/VRBO) in the residential house at 1833 Danny Drive, Parcel 0607-073-6747-1.

Be it further notified that the Village Board, by its Plan Commission/Historic Preservation Commission, will hear all persons concerning all matters and/or objections written or oral at that time.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF PERRY TIRE COLLECTION DAY

The Town of Perry will hold two tire collection days – Saturday, May 4 and Saturday, May 11, 2024.

Tires will be accepted from 8:00 AM until noon at the Town Recycling Center, 10832 CTH A, Daleyville.

Fees will be charged as follows:

Car Tire	\$ 6.00
Small truck or implement tire	\$ 7.00
Large truck tire	\$ 17.00
Small tractor tire	\$ 29.00
Large tractor tire	\$ 35.00

Residents are encouraged to participate in this semi-annual opportunity to dispose of tires properly and to contribute to the Town of Perry’s recycling efforts.

Mary L. Price, Clerk

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TOWN OF PERRY
LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Perry Town Garage, 1386 State Highway 78
8:00 PM

Teleconference: 425-585-6272 access: 394-722-206 #

Agenda

1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – March 6, 2024.
3. Porter Martin, 9714 E Perry Center Rd. – accessory building. *
4. Pending applications – review and discussion.
5. Schedule meetings.
6. Adjourn.

Stephanie Zwettler, Deputy Clerk
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A quorum of the Town Board may be present at this meeting.

*A site view will be conducted at the Martin site on Saturday, May 4, 2024, beginning at 8:30 AM.

Posted: Town Hall, Town Garage, Daleyville signpost, Town website – 5/2/24.

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LEGAL NOTICE DEADLINES

EFFECTIVE ON ALL LEGAL NOTICES PUBLISHED IN THESE PUBLICATIONS

Adams Friendship Times-Reporter.....	Noon Wednesday, the week prior to publication
Post Messenger Recorder.....	11 am Thursday, the week prior to publication
Star News	Noon Thursday, the week prior to publication
Mount Horeb Mail	1 pm Thursday, the week prior to publication
Times-Tribune.....	2 pm Thursday, the week prior to publication
Home News	10 am Friday, the week prior to publication
Marquette County Tribune	10 am Friday, the week prior to publication
Reedsburg Independent.....	10 am Friday, the week prior to publication

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three hits and drove in a pair of runs.

“Reedsburg only had one loss coming into the contest, so we knew it was going to be a tough game and it was,” Mount Horeb manager Jeramie Holman said. “It was the closest conference game of the year.”

Mount Horeb pounded out 16 hits during its impressive win. Catcher JoJo Murray and third baseman Morgan Monroe each added two hits, while Gina Rhiner and Delania Nicewander had two RBI.

“The top and bottom of the order kept getting on consistently,” Jeramie Holman said. “And the middle of the order kept driving in tons of runs.”

Jayse Holman went the distance and earned the win, scattering seven hits and allowing four earned runs.

Mount Horeb struck for three runs in the first inning. The key blow was a two-run single by Nicewander.

The Vikings then added three more in the fourth and pushed their lead to 7-2. Rhiner’s two-run single drove home Hallie Klein and Dahlk, then Swiggum followed with an RBI double.

Mount Horeb added two more in the sixth when Swiggum had a two-run single.

• Mount Horeb 10, Portage 0 (6) — Jozie Clifton threw a three-hit shutout to power the host Vikings to a win over the Warriors on April 23. The game was stopped after six innings due to the mercy rule.

Clifton struck out four and didn’t walk a batter. She

also threw strikes on 52 of 76 pitches (68.4%).

“Jozie Clifton gave up only three hits,” Jeramie Holman said.

Mount Horeb had another big day at the plate, collecting 15 hits, including four extra base hits.

Center fielder Maddie Swiggum had a huge day, going 3-for-4 with a home run and a double. Swiggum drove in two runs and scored twice.

Shortstop Ruby Dahlk was 3-for-4 and scored three runs, while first baseman Jayse Holman was 3-for-4 with three RBI.

Catcher JoJo Murray was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and an RBI, while left fielder Gina Rhiner was 2-for-4 with two RBI. Second baseman Hallie Klein added two hits and scored a pair of runs.

• **Mount Horeb 10, Baraboo 3** — The Vikings used a five-run fifth to break a 2-2 tie and pull away from the host Thunderbirds on April 25.

Mount Horeb finished the game with 15 hits and four extra base hits.

“All nine girls got hits, which is awesome,” Jeramie Holman said.

Gina Rhiner led the offense with two doubles, three hits and three runs scored. First baseman De-

laina Nicewander went 2-for-4 and scored two runs, while shortstop Ruby Dahlk and center fielder JoJo Murray each had two hits and scored a run.

Pitcher Jayse Holman added two hits and had an RBI, while left fielder Jozie Clifton drove in two runs.

Jayse Holman picked up the win, allowing five hits and one earned run in six innings. She also struck out nine and walked three.

Clifton then threw the seventh, allowing one hit and an unearned run.

With the game tied, 2-2, in the fifth, Swiggum’s double scored both Murray and Rhiner to give Mount Horeb a lead it wouldn’t relinquish. Nicewander followed with a run-scoring single, and later Clifton had an RBI ground-out that made it 7-2.

Mount Horeb tacked on two more runs in the sixth when Rhiner had an RBI double and Jayse Holman had a run-scoring single. Murray’s sacrifice fly in the seventh made it 10-2.

• **On deck:** The Vikings were at Sauk Prairie Tuesday, then head to Stoughton Thursday at 4 p.m. and are at McFarland Friday at 5 p.m. Mount Horeb then hosts Reedsburg Monday at 5 p.m. and hosts Stoughton May 7 at 5 p.m.



Ruby Dahlk and Mount Horeb’s girls softball team continues to lead the Badger Small Conference. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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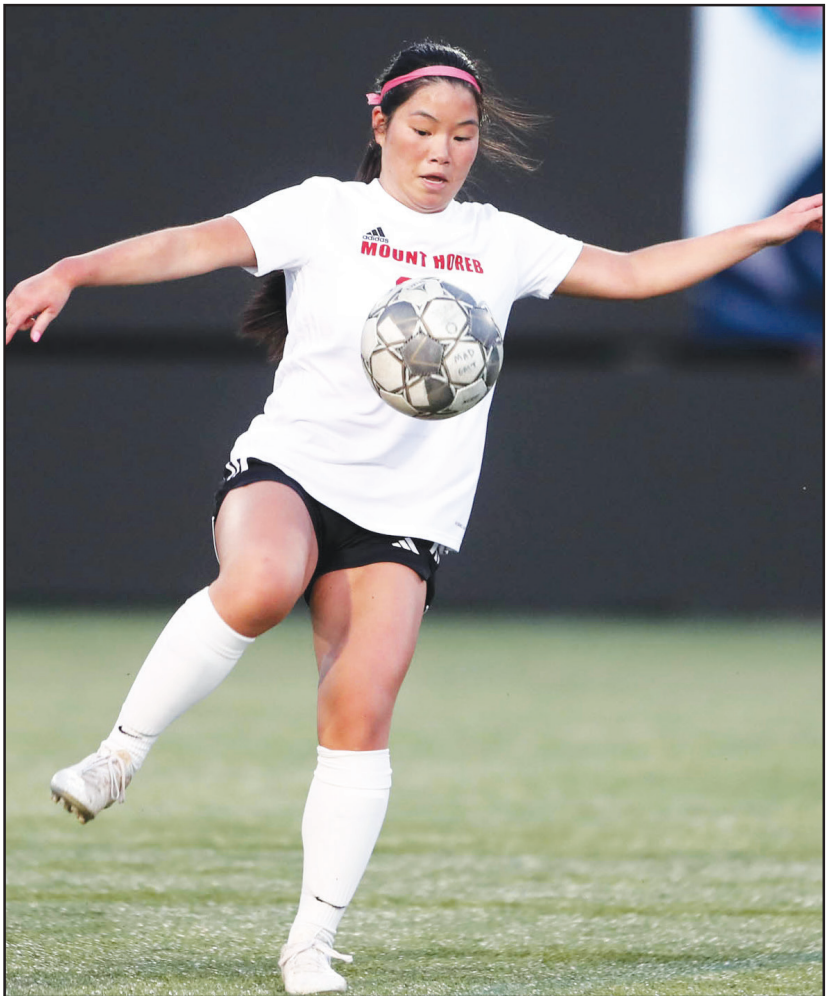
Fit to be tied

Jadyn Schellpfeffer (12), Katie Smith (far right) and Mount Horeb's girls soccer team battled to a 1-1 tie with Stoughton on April 23.

Schellpfeffer scored for Mount Horeb in the 17th minute, but Stoughton answered just 58 seconds later.

That marked the first goal Mount Horeb (5-0-2) has given up in seven games this year

This week, Mount Horeb was at Portage/Poynette Monday and hosted McFarland Tuesday. The Vikings then host Fort Atkinson Friday at 7 p.m.



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