

PERSPECTIVE

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by Matt Geiger, Editor



Strange days

“I think we might have puberty today...”

When I heard those words, I closed my laptop, set down my morning cup of tea, had what I believe is referred to as a mild cardiac event, and turned my full attention to the little kid standing in front of me.

“What’s this?” I asked.

“Puberty,” said my fourth grader in a tone that made it perfectly clear she thought I was an idiot. “Do you not know what puberty is?”

“Yeah, but...”

“We’re learning about it in guidance class, but I can’t remember if we have guidance today or on Friday. Today we either have puberty or orchestra, but I can’t remember. I only need my violin for the one.”

As my heart rate returned to normal, I replied: “Oh, I have no idea what your schedule is. I’ll bet that class with be good for a few laughs, whenever it is, right?”

“Dad!” she said, astonished. “We’re not *allowed* to laugh.”

“Oh,” I said. “Sorry. I hope you have a good day at school today, whatever very serious classes you have.”

And with that, she went out the door and I pondered the fact that just feels extra weird lately. Like the computer that runs the simulation we’re in is overheating, or has a bad internet connection or something.

Yesterday, I was walking on a bike trail when I

came upon a set of keys that someone had dropped. It was a LOT of keys. Car keys. House keys. Keys to a drawer where someone keeps their heart medicine. Keys to all those locks on the Pont des Arts over the River Sienne in Paris. They looked like the kinds of keys someone probably really needed.

I thought about picking them up, then decided to leave them and ask people along the trail if they had dropped any. We were a half mile from any road, so I’d leave them for someone to find, and grab them on my way home if their owner still hadn’t discovered them.

Pretty soon, a woman came riding along on her bicycle.

“Excuse me, did you drop your keys?” I asked.

“Yes!” she said as she drove by without slowing down. And then I watched her pass right by the keys.

“Mam!” I called again.

“Did you drop your keys?”

“No!” she called, and rode on.

The next person actually stopped when I asked.

“Did you lose your keys?” I asked.

“Keys?” he asked.

“Yeah, keys. Did you lose your keys? There are some on the ground over there.”

He looked at me quizzically. And that was when I realized he didn’t speak any English. So I did what all empathetic and progressive people do when confronted with someone who speaks a

different language: I said the same thing again, but much louder.

It did not work.

I know. I’ll do it in pantomime! I thought.

“Keys!” I yelled. “Keys!!!”

“House keys!” I said while making a stabbing gesture with my hand, like someone sticking a key into a lock, or, perhaps, eviscerating a stranger on a bike trail with a switchblade.

“Car keys!!” I continued, clenching my fists and moving them around as if I were turning a steering wheel, or, perhaps, beating the man in front of me to death.

“No!” the man said, “No!” as he scrambled to get back on his bike and pedaled away at approximately 8,000 miles per hour. I guess he knew one English word.

When I passed by the spot again on my way home, I saw the keys were gone. Another problem solved by Matt Geiger. You are welcome, world.

Earlier that day, I had awoken to discover a dog trying to devour one of my chickens. I saved the chicken and chased the dog away, made a jokey post about it on Instagram, got a nice apology from the owner of the dog, then watched in horror as a bunch of people on Instagram decided it was the worst thing that had ever happened and the only solution was zealous outrage (it was my chicken, folks; if I’m not upset, you shouldn’t be either). I had made a joke about the fact that chickens are far too stupid to feel longstanding emotional trauma, to which someone scolded me with a comment about the fact that chickens feel deep trauma and pain and we should all be giving them foot baths

and gift cards to the nearest haberdashery. The post was almost written by a chicken, I assume.

Two days before that, a guy I used to know nearly 20 years ago showed up relatively unannounced at our house. I hadn’t seen him in close to a decade, and the years had not been kind to him. His marriage had fallen apart, he was living with his parents, saw his kids only sometimes, and was gibbering on about things that made little or no sense. To make matters worse, he kept doing the passive aggressive Midwestern thing, where instead of asking for things, he would say that he didn’t want to be rude by asking for them. Then, after making me beg him to take them, he would.

“I don’t want to come here and eat your food/use your shower/sleep on your couch/ruin your night,” he kept repeating.

I wanted to reply: “Well, you are literally doing most of those things, so perhaps we can at least cut the charade.”

But I simply told him he could eat our food, use our shower, and sleep in our guest bedroom downstairs.

I kept asking standard, banal questions about his life, only to find out immediately that I had delivered the prologue to yet another tale of woe. It was like saying, “How’s the weather forecast today?” and having someone reply with: “Rainy with deadly tornadoes like the one that killed my parents, and also my wife left me and took the kids because I have a drinking problem.”

I asked him what he was doing for work, to which he replied that he was “taking care of” his parents, which I believe means living in

their basement, using their shower, eating their food, etc. He also said, when I asked again about what kind of job he has, that he “has been cutting down a lot of trees.”

“Not for money,” he added with a philosophical air. “Just, you know, cutting them down.”

“No,” I replied, nodding in bewildered agreement. “Of course.”

Then he started examining a maple in our backyard. *Please*, I thought, *leave our trees alone*.

After babbling incomprehensibly while our family tried to watch a baseball game, he said he would hate to inconvenience us by asking to camp in our backyard, and then tried to camp in our backyard. This plan was aborted when he broke his cot. There is still a broken cot in my backyard now and I have no idea how to dispose of it. It doesn’t fit in the trash bin.

Late that night, he wandered in through the back door and said, “I’m going to get out of your hair now.”

“Are you sure,” I said. “You can sleep in the guest bedroom and leave in the morning if you want.”

“No, I’m going to go. I don’t want to bother you.” And with that, he walked out to his van, got super stoned and drunk (and not in the fun way, but rather in the sad, “There but for the grace of God go I” way) and passed out on a bed of half-eaten sausages, their grease slowly staining his checkered shirt, on the dirty floor of what had been a family minivan and was now just a box of despair on wheels.

And despite his Midwestern nature, it actually was slightly inconvenient when I was awoken at 4 a.m. the

next morning by a police officer asking if I could take custody of the middle-aged lunatic who was standing on the sidewalk in front of my house, telling a dazed and nonsensical story to a second officer, the general gist of which was that he definitely couldn’t drive anywhere.

I took his van keys and asked the police how long they thought it would be before he was able to drive or make sound decisions, to which they replied, glancing at him again: “A long time. Probably several hours.”

Around midday, I gave him back his keys and he went on his way. Such a strange reminder of how terribly things can go, and how lucky I am. After he left, my wife and I reminisced about the guy. And I pondered the fact that I am very lucky my life has turned out the way it has. I get to see my daughter every single day. And my wife. And myself as part of this little family. When the days get weird, we can all gather together at dinner, tell jokes about the bad things we’ve seen or heard, and laugh. We laugh a lot as we try to ride out a storm of weird days. Because sometimes all you can do is laugh. Unless you are in guidance class, of course. There, and only there, you have to be serious. Anywhere else you find yourself, whether it’s scary, or strange, or sad, or horrible, or gross, or embarrassing, just remember it can also be funny, because funny isn’t mutually exclusive with anything. Laughter is like fine wine or a comfortable pair of blue jeans, and it can pair well with anything. It can make good days much larger, and it can make bad ones seem like grand adventures.

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model and compensation to cover for absent teachers when there isn’t a substitute available. The two previous meet and confer sessions focused on adding pay to stipends that coaches and other co-curricular activity leaders earn.

“We have asked the district to meet and confer with us many times,” said Steve Austin, a middle school Spanish teacher and union bargaining team member, “admin won’t even reply to those emails.”

At the board meeting May 20, superintendent Dr. Steve

Salerno said one of the attractions for open enrollment applicants are co- and extra-curricular programs.

MHASD explained in a memo sent before the board of education meeting on May 20 that after setting the salary schedule during bargaining and investing in co-curricular programing, there were no funds left to allocate to meet and confer issues:

“Given these significant financial commitments, there are no additional funds available for further discussion in the Meet and Confer process at this time. The district will be moving forward with step/lane advancement

for faculty on their 2024-2025 salary schedule placement.”

Members of the school board have repeatedly refused to answer any questions from the *Mail* about the process.

MHEA members have expressed frustration about the way MHASD conducts bargaining and meet and confer sessions.

The last three years in a row, bargaining has concluded, and the base wage has been set according to the school board’s definition, not that of the union. According to MHEA, every other district in Dane County conducts meet and

confer sessions in tandem with bargaining, but not Mount Horeb.

A memo written by the district’s attorney, Doug Witte states it’s illegal to discuss adding any money above the rate of inflation during a bargaining session. To ensure legal lines aren’t crossed, many districts opt to hold separate meet and confer sessions, often immediately after bargaining sessions conclude.

“We do not know why MHASD is the only district that insists on not holding having meet and confer at the same time as bargaining,” Austin said. “Even when their lawyer has writ-

ten a memo saying it is completely legal. It is just another example of how we are being treated differently than every comparable district.”

The board continues to define base wage as last year’s base wage plus inflation. This puts the base wage at \$46,900, while the lowest possible teacher salary is \$50,000.

“Districts all around MHASD use teachers’ real salaries as the base wage,” MHEA stated in a written statement. “MHASD insists on using a base wage number that is even lower than the lowest teacher’s salary.”

MHEA said the board im-

posed and bargaining was concluded when the increase of 4.12 percent, which is the rate of inflation, was added to the base wage they defined. However, if the base wage were adjusted to the lowest teacher salary, the increase is 2.8 percent.

“How will our schedule remain competitive with a 2.8 percent increase when cost of living would be 4.12 percent?” asks Brooke Running, K-2 school counselor and union bargaining team member. Since the district has opted to end meet and confer sessions for now, Austin said MHEA plans to try to open discussions again in the fall.

GLEANINGS

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- May 24, 1894

The 17th of May was celebrated here, when people began to come to town at 8 o'clock, and the morning freight had an extra coach with people from Madison and other points east to bring an estimated total crowd of about 800.

Miss Engelsjon, Chicago, who answered an advertisement for a helper in a creamery, came out last week, but on learning that her services were wanted as housekeeper, she stayed but a few days. It was Mr. Kjostrup who was in charge of the Elvers Creamery that had advertised for help, having two children to care for, his wife being at an asylum in Iowa County.

Thore T. Spaanem, who came over from Norway a year ago, left here Tuesday on the return trip to his mother country.

120 Years Ago- May 19, 1904

Lawrence Keller of Perry sustained about \$35 loss in a smoke house fire one day last week.

Mr. J.T. Dahle and Miss Julia Johnson were married at Woodstock, Ill., Tuesday evening. Mr. Dahle is the junior member of the firm of Dahle Bros. and manager of the clothing department, is a member of the village school board, a man of unimpeachable character and integrity and counts his friends by his acquaintances. Miss Johnson is youngest daughter of Hon. Michael Johnson, a lady of high attainments, graduate from the Mt. Horeb Academy, is of pleasant personality, and had gained a host of

friends. May they live long together in happiness, and each year look back with pleasure upon this event.

Confirmation suits for sale at Hoff's Store. We need say but a few words about the wearing qualities of our clothes, as they are "BOY PROOF," and we know what that means.

The Mt. Horeb Fire Department held its annual meeting last Monday evening, and the membership was well represented. Good feelings and harmony prevailed.

Our business thoroughfare about the opera block is assuming the appearance of an up-to-date metropolitan city, and it's the cement walks that makes the change.

110 Years Ago- May 21, 1914

The celebration at Perry Saturday was largely attended. It is estimated that 1500 people were present. About 100 autos were parked about the church and other rigs innumerable. The climax of the day's doings was when the Mount Horeb choir spread glory not only over themselves but thrilled the large audience with a couple of numbers that did them honor and much credit to their proficient leader, Prof. Berg.

Work is progressing in cutting down the hill between Tasher's and Ole Lee's in Primrose, which will be a great improvement.

Andrew Jacobson became the investor in a new Overland automobile last Friday and has been very apt in the arduous task of acquiring the knowledge of how to manipulate the levers and the wheel.

Frank Heuser is finding sometime to motor throughout this vicinity and write storm insurance.

Remember the library booster ice cream sociable Monday evening on A.M. Johnson's lawn, given by the Thimble Club.

The telephone team took fright from an approaching

auto with flaring headlights Tuesday evening coming home from a trip to Iowa County with a load of poles. The driver, Banford Dahlen, came out of the mix-up without a scratch, the horses also, and coming into town driverless created considerable excitement.

100 Years Ago- May 20, 1924

These are busy days at the High School, as the years work is being closed up. There are thirty-five young men and women who will graduate this year.

The Brattrud Filling Station has again proven its self a leader in the field of service to motorists. He has his plans made for and will start work at once on a greasing stand. He will have a high pressure Allemitte Oiling system and there will be no squeaks and bumps in the joints and spring of your car after he has oiled and grease it up.

Joe Buechner was in Madison Friday having some of his cement blocks tested at the University of Wisconsin. We are glad to say that the blocks tested very good running 30% over the standard necessary. Joe is a young man who seems to understand the cement business and deserves the patronage of all who are in need of cement, sand, gravel, cement blocks or silos.

Dr. H. M. Buckner installed a new x-ray machine in his hospital on Monday. The doctor informs us that it is the very latest type and will be a great help to him in his hospital work.

A box of Norwegian books was received at the library last week.

90 Years Ago- May 17, 1934

Stonemasons are at work putting up the new gasoline service station being built by Sidney Wallen and Hjalmer Forsmo. The building is being built of stone on the east end of town on U.S. Highway 18.

J.N. Dahlen leaves today for Peshtigo where he formerly published a newspaper, which he sold. He still owns the building and will have repairs done.

A daughter was born to Rev. and Mrs. Hector Gunderson Monday, May 14, at Madison General Hospital.

A.G. Bloland, who contracted to build several culverts near Fond du Lac, spent the weekend here with his family.

Junior Frederickson Oimoen, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Oimoen Mt. Horeb, died at a Madison hospital Monday, May 14, as a result of a ruptured appendix.

80 Years Ago- May 18, 1944

On Monday evening a coin shower was given in honor of Maxine Berloit and Alvin Brager at Haig & Haig's.

Mrs. Leonard Locke received a beautiful bouquet of roses by wire from her son, Sgt. Arthur Kahl, from somewhere in the Aleutians for Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zwettler received from their son, Cpl. John Zwettler, who is stationed somewhere in Italy, an ash tray made from a German shell that is decorated with the U.S. Infantry and Medical Corps insignia and weighed between 8 and 10 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Austin, formerly of Oregon, are now living in the Julia Dahle house, which they recently purchased.

Mesdames Stacy Collins, Edwin Oimoen, Mel-

vin Komplin, attended the W.M.F. at East Blue Mounds Tuesday of last week.

70 Years Ago- May 20, 1954

Three new teachers have been contracted to teach in the local high school. Fred Schwierske, Dorchester, will teach social studies; Betty Mercer, Wausau, girls' physical education, biology and general science; and Ray Javenkoski, who will teach boys' physical education and general science and be head basketball coach.

Ray Cunneen was elected commander of the Frank E. Malone Post 113, American Legion, for the coming year at the meeting held May 12 at the Legion Hall.

A. R. Sorenson, a veteran of 42 years in the railroad telegraph and station service, has been appointed station agent at Mt. Horeb to succeed F. J. Wagner, who retired. Mr. Wagner retired after 50 years with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, serving 23 years in the Mount Horeb station. He will be honored at the Chamber of Commerce dinner tonight.

60 Years Ago- May 21, 1964

Aqua daisies and white lilacs decorated the church Saturday, May 16, for the wedding of Miss Cheryl Leone Greve and Terrance Daniel Swingen. For "something old" the bride wore a gold engraved locket that her maternal grandmother wore on her wedding day.

On Sunday, Rudy Rettenmund underwent emergency

treatment at Madison General Hospital for a severely injured ankle after being kicked by a cow during milking.

Jon Mostrom underwent an emergency appendectomy Friday night at the hospital in Northfield, Minn.

Joan Schurch was among 90 women students of the University of Wisconsin who were honored at the 44th annual Senior Swing-out ceremony held on campus, May 17. At the colorful ceremony, the University bids farewell to the senior women of its graduating class and honors outstanding women students.

30 Years Ago- May 26, 1994

Larry Dangerfield was named 1994 Teacher of the Year at the high school. This is Dangerfield's last year as a Phy. Ed teacher. He is retiring at the end of the year after a 33-year teaching career.

A son, Joshua Charles, was born to Chuck and Theresa Bollig on Tuesday, May 17 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Kimberly Blevins, Mount Horeb, received a special service award for outstanding service to the college and to fellow students at Madison Area Technical College's graduation ceremony. Blevins is in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Kevin and Angie Hefty announce the birth of a son, Peter Lawrence, born on Thursday, May 19 at Meriter Hospital.



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Regional Locales Make Field Trips List

Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin 2024 List



Guests take a walk through Donald County Park. Two outings are planned at the park as part of this year’s Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin’s Field Trips series. (Photo provided by Dane County Land and Water Resources Department)



Monarch butterflies feed in Silverwood County Park. The location is featured in this year’s Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin’s Field Trips. (Photo courtesy of Dane County Land and Water Resources Department)

By **HEATHER STANEK**
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Once again, several spots in Sauk and other surrounding counties have earned spot on the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin’s Field Trips roster.

Every spring, the organization compiles a schedule of members-only trips to noteworthy locations. Last year, the region had several stops on the tour, and this year is no exception.

The gatherings include naturalists and are designed to both educate participants and introduce them to some of the many wonders of Wisconsin’s natural areas.

Numerous topics are covered in the series. Some examples include mammals, pollinators, farming, gardening, biking, photography, boating, and edible plants.

The nearly 275 trips will traverse the state and portions of eastern Minnesota.

Here’s a roundup of some of the trips in our reader-

ship regions. Registration is required for all trips, and spots fill quickly. For further details, visit wisconsinconservation.org.

University of Wisconsin-Arboretum, May 18, July 8 and Sept. 20 in Madison

On May 18, discover how monarchs are monitored in this butterfly-centric session.

The July 8 session will cover bumble bees, including identification of the different species.

On Sept. 20, check out the country’s first ecological restoration and delve into how this former farmland was restored to native grassland.

Edna Taylor Conservation Park, May 23 in Madison

Learn how to identify frogs by their breeding calls.

Silverwood County Park, May 25 in Edgerton

Paddle and hike to find out how volunteers are fighting back invasive spe-

cies.

Festge County Park, May 25, June 8 and Sept. 7 in Cross Plains

Learn the basics of foraging for wild food.

Baraboo Hills, May 25 and Sept. 28 in Sauk County

This caravan tour will include some challenging hiking of Baraboo’s scenic hills. Stops will include Van Hise Rock, Abelman’s Gorge, Parfrey’s Glen and Devil’s Lake.

Devil’s Lake State Park, May 31, Sept. 15 and Oct. 6 in Baraboo

On May 31, hike with the park superintendent to learn what it takes to maintain Wisconsin’s largest State Park.

The Sept. 15 tour is designed for hikers and climbers (including beginners), and will be centered on getting a higher-than-usual view of the park.

The Oct. 6 outing will feature a tour to learn about migrating turkey vultures.



Natural Bridge State Park, June 5 in Leland
Hike through the Baraboo Hills and see how Mother Nature makes her own bridges.
Upper Sugar River, June 5 in Verona
This trip is for experienced canoeists only, as it involves traversing tight curves and strong currents. Participants will meet at the historic Davidson House and paddle from Verona to Paoli.
Dane County Landfill and Trash Lab, June 6 and 8 in Madison
Take a bus tour of the grounds to discover how the facility is trying to reduce, reuse and recycle.
Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center, June 7, July 19 and Aug. 16 in Wisconsin Dells
Paddle the Blackhawk Island SNA before exploring the island’s shores and crags.

June 8 in Madison
Participants will make a shiitake mushroom log to take home.
Discover Native Shrubs, June 12 in Middleton
Find out how native shrubs can bring pollinators to your backyard.
The Farley Center, June 14 in Verona
Explore the Natural Path Sanctuary and learn about “green burial.”
Owen Conservation Park, June 16 in Madison
Learn the basics of field sketching and receive a sketch supply kit to take home.
Sugar River, June 18 in Mount Horeb
See how nature-based farming has been used in the area.
Epic Campus, June 19 in Verona
Attend an indoor presentation then take walking tour to see the facility’s

The Pheasant Branch Conservancy is one of the stops on this year’s Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin’s Field Trips. (Photo by Michael Knapstein, provided by Dane County Land and Water Resources Department)

June 22 in Verona
The Madison Mycological Society will lead a hiking tour to find and identify mushrooms.
Purple Martins, June 27 in Oregon
Visit a purple martin colony and discover how to create your own.
Hook Lake Bog SNA, June 28 in Oregon
Paddle one of Dane County’s highest-quality wetlands.
International Crane Foundation, July 20 in Baraboo
Tour the grounds and check out the new \$10 million expansion.

Madison Children’s Museum, July 26
Take a guided tour to see the museum’s green roof-continued on next page

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top, as well as learn about its sustainability practices. There will also be the chance to meet some native animals.

Agroforestry, July 27 in Spring Green

This tour of a Driftless Area farm will demonstrate how hazelnuts, chestnuts, elderberries, vegetable and other produce are grown in the alley cropping system.

How to Make Your Yard a Wildlife Haven, Aug. 3 in Madison

Visit a suburban yard to discover how even town dwellers can make their yards appealing to pollinators and other animals.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Aug. 3 and 10 and Oct. 12

Aug. 3 and 10 will be bug-centric visits that showcase the campus’s collection of three million curated specimens. You’ll also get the chance to help prep, label and digitize.

The Oct. 12 stop will take place in the Wisconsin State Herbarium, which has the world’s largest collection of plants, algae, lichens and fungi.

Upper Yahara River, Aug. 7 in Madison

Take a twilight canoe or kayak tour to see natural features and learn how the

lotus was introduced.
UW Zoological Museum, Aug. 9 and Sept. 15 and 22 in Madison

On Aug. 9, go behind the scenes to learn about mammal identification, including how to spot animals based on skulls, tracks and field markings.

The Sept. 15 and 22 sessions will focus on sketching birds and mammals. Supplies will be provided and all skill levels are welcome.

Waubesa Wetlands SNA, Sept. 6 in Fitchburg

Take a challenging off-field hike through soggy terrain to explore natural scenery.

Gardening for Hummingbirds, Sept. 17 in Madison

See hummingbirds up close and hear how you can attract them to your yard.

Nevin State Fish Hatchery, Sept. 28 in Fitchburg

See where fish are born and nurtured to be released in many of the state’s waterways.

Gotham Jack Pine Barrens SNA, Oct. 12 in Lone Rock

Hike sandy soils and dense brush in one of the largest oak-pine barrens in southern Wisconsin.

Deansville Wildlife



Festge County Park is seen here. The location is featured in this year’s Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin’s Field Trips. (Photo courtesy of Dane County Land and Water Resources Department)

Area, Oct. 12 in Marshall

Traverse the upland forest, open marsh and sedge meadow of the state’s first public hunting grounds.

Washburn Observatory, Oct. 12 and 13 in Madison

Tour the facility and take a close look at the night sky.

Hoyt Park, Oct. 13 in Madison

Find out how to participate in forest bathing, as well as foraging.

Cross Plains State Park, Nov. 4

Spot how the rock formations and other geological features reveal the area’s history.



The Necedah National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center is seen here. The Refuge is one of many stops for this year’s Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin’s Field Trips. (Katie Goodwin/USFWS photo)

BABY BOOM

Young squirrels start arriving in Wisconsin

By HEATHER STANEK
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If some squirrels are looking a little scruffy in your area, it may be because they are feeding babies or tending nests.

It’s that time when squirrels have their first litter of the year. The second typically comes in mid- to late summer.

Females will pull out fur to line their nests. They may also appear thinner than usual due to nursing.

A litter typically has two to four babies, according to the Dane County Humane Society Wildlife Center. Babies are usually weaned at 10 weeks and leave the nest at 12 weeks.

Due to it being baby season, it’s a good idea to carefully assess any trees or tree limbs you plan to cut down.

Make sure there are no nests within the trunk or interiors.

Otherwise, squirrel nests are pretty easy to spot. Just look for clusters of leaves and twigs in treetops. Resist the urge to cut down limbs or trees with these nests this time of year due it being nesting season.

If you do find a nest, just leave it alone. Don’t disturb it to check for babies or take pictures.

If you find a baby and it appears to be healthy, place it somewhere safe, warm and dry where the mother can retrieve it. Squirrels carry their babies much like cats and dogs: By the scruff of the neck.

If the baby appears to be injured, sick or infested with parasites, call a wildlife rehabilitator. The Dane County Humane Society

Wildlife Center is one source for information or possible help.

To help Mama, consider putting out food and fresh water. Squirrels are voracious scavengers and will eat many things, including processed foods for humans. However, this isn’t the kind of nutrition a nursing mother needs. Instead, opt for nuts. According to the Motley Zoo Animal Rescue, almonds, walnuts, hazelnuts and pecans are a great choice for squirrels. Acorns and hickory nuts are a favorite, too, of Wisconsin squirrels. Nuts in the shell are especially prized; just make sure they aren’t salted or dusted with any flavorings or seasonings. Avoid Brazil nuts and chestnuts and go easy on the peanuts. Be especially careful to not put out anything that’s moldy. Fungal infections can sicken and kill squirrels.

Barring no predators, illnesses or nest destruction, the litter could appear this summer. If you’re lucky, you could catch a glimpse of the young squirrels exploring and playing before they move on to find and build homes of their own.



This female black squirrel, which is actually a mutation of the gray squirrel, is a common sight at a Reedsburg home. Her hair and tail look a bit thinner than usual, most likely due to her having babies in a nest, which is located near this tree. In the past, she has brought her litters to local backyards to feed. She is just one of the many squirrels that further add to Reedsburg’s impressive population of the black coloring. (Photos by Heather Stanek)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 23

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

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 24

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

BINGO, Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 12:30pm, sponsored by The Bargain Nook

SATURDAY, MAY 25

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

MONDAY, MAY 27 - MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day Program, 10:00am, Mt. Horeb High School, followed by march to Mt. Horeb Union Cemetery for presentation of wreath, firing of volleys and taps.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

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.

NEWS & NOTES

Special reading night

Families are invited to come together for a special Family Reading Night at the Intermediate Center on Wednesday, May 29 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This event aims to provide families with valuable resources and strategies to help students become strong readers while fostering a love for reading at home. Research shows that when children read at home every day, their reading, vocabulary, and comprehension skills improve significantly.

The evening will feature local celebrity guest readers who will entertain families with captivating books, creating an engaging and enjoyable experience for all attendees. The tentative line-up includes Hannah Klapperich-Mueller, youth Librarian at MHPL; Katie Hauge, principal; Jenny Minter, fire chief; Doug Vierck, police chief; Rachel Johnson, principal; Nick Vorward, Anya McKay, Landon Ellstad, Abby Sadlier, student athletes competing in college; Kelly and Ruby/Parmley and Hooper staff with Therapy Dogs.

To close the evening, participants will have time to enjoy ice cream sundaes and have a chance to win books. Mount Horeb Public Youth Services Librarian Miss Hannah will be a guest reader and available to provide information on the upcoming Mount Horeb Public Library Summer Reading Program: Adventure Begins at Your Library.

Police to carry torch

Wisconsin's Special Olympics Torch Run will once again come through Mount Horeb, this year on June 5 around 2 p.m. Local police officers will carry the Flame of Hope through the community. The relay will start in Platteville at 8 a.m., then head to Belmont, Mineral Point, Dodgeville, Mount Horeb and Oregon.

Legion hosts golf event

The American Legion Third District will hold its annual 18-hole golf scramble at the Deer Valley Golf Course in Barneveld on June 30. Registration starts at 8 am with a shotgun start at 9 am. The cost is \$65 per golfer. You may register as an individual or as a foursome. Individuals will be paired with other golfers to make a foursome. To register, e-mail your name and contact information, along with information for your fellow golfer's (as applicable), to Dennis Wood at denniswood1808@gmail.com. Registrations must be received by June 24th. Please make your checks payable to American Legion 3rd District. There will be prizes and lots of fun for all. A luncheon at the Barneveld Legion Hall, 102 Wood Street, Barneveld, is included following

golf. If you have any questions or would like to sponsor a hole, please contact Dennis Wood at (608) 767-3665 or Todd King, Deer Valley Golf Course Pro, at (608) 924-3033.

Local grants available

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.

Give blood on May 31

Donated blood is a lifesaving gift most healthy people can give. The community is encouraged to donate blood at Dodgeville High School on May 31 from 10:00 to 3:00 at QLF to help those who have been seriously injured and need blood products to help them recover. It's the blood already on the shelves that helps save lives.

Every day, the American Red Cross must collect about 12,000 blood donations to meet the needs of trauma patients and others with serious medical conditions. While all blood types are needed, type O negative donors are especially important. Because it is the universal blood type and can be transfused to patients of any blood type, type O negative blood is what emergency personnel reach for when there is no time to determine the blood type of patients in the most serious situations.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Completion of a RapidPass® online health history questionnaire is encouraged to help speed up the donation process. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

LIBRARY CORNER

Getting ready for summer!!

By HANNAH KLAPPERICH-MUELLER
Mount Horeb Mail

The youth services staff are gearing up for a summer of adventure! All are welcome to join us for this year's summer library program at the Mount Horeb Public Library, which runs June 3 through August 8. Participating in the summer library program is an easy way to keep kids learning through the summer and provides lots of low-prep family activities to do at home together. We have a full schedule of

events for all ages that, as always, are free and open to the public. The theme this year is "Adventure Begins at Your Library," so we'll be casting our imaginations outside into forests and campgrounds and the stories that take us anywhere we'd like to go.

The Summer Reading Challenge is back again with literacy-building activities designed for each age level. Summer reading programs have been a national tradition since the 1890s, to promote literacy and a love of

lifelong learning in children and teens. Reading challenge participants ages 0-12 (yes, even babies!) complete literacy and learning activities designed for each age level to earn Greenbucks to use at the SLP prize store. Want to make an impact with your reading? "Reach Out & Read" is a challenge, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, to earn \$0.50 per hour you read, which will be donated to a local non-profit. Registration for the Reading Challenge and the full schedule of summer

events opens June 3rd, online or at the library.

The Summer Library Program is even easier with a library card! Getting a card is free, takes about five minutes, and offers access to thousands of physical and digital materials shared by 54 libraries in south central Wisconsin.

If you have any questions, please stop by or give the library a call and we'll be happy to help. We're looking forward to a great summer with you!

COMMUNITY

Memorial Day Program

**Monday, May 27, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Mount Horeb High School**

Presentation of the Colors: Veterans

The Star Spangled Banner: **John Stafford Smith and Francis Scott Key**

The Pledge of Allegiance: Trinity Alexander, Khaya Kasubaski, Anika Schaller

Welcome: Scott Klassy, Commander, American Legion; Don Hartman, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars

America the Beautiful: **Firehouse Minstrels**

Stars and Stripes Forever: **John Philip Sousa, arr. C. Paul Herfurth**

Cassie Parrell, conductor

Address: Scott Klassy

Scott Klassy went to basic training on June 28, 1988 at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. Upon completing basic and advanced individual training for construction equipment repair, Scott was assigned to the B Company, 54th Combat Engineer Battalion stationed in Wildflecken, Germany. While there, Scott participated in supporting border operations between

West and East Germany. Upon the start of troop deployments for Operation Desert Storm, the 54th Engineer Battalion was attached to the 1st Armored Division. Soon after that conflict ended, Scott’s active duty service came to an end. Scott also served 3 years in the Wisconsin National Guard, achieving the rank of sergeant.

Scott is married to Julie and has 3 children (Zachery, Travis, and Garrett) who all graduated from Mt. Horeb High School. Scott has been the commander for American Legion Post 113 for the last three years.

Amber Waves of Grain: **James Curnow**

Dominic Leising, conductor

Armed Forces Salute: **arr. Bill Moffit**

The service songs of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines

Retirement of the Colors: Local Veterans

At the conclusion of this program, there will be a march to the Mount Horeb Union Cemetery for the presentation of a wreath, firing of volleys, and taps. Please join these local veterans.

COURT REPORT

**Mount Horeb
Municipal Court**

March 7, 2024

Anderson, Caleb J, 22, Argyle, WI, CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY \$611.07

Carlson, Trisha L, 46, Prairie Du Sac, WI, OPERATING WITHOUT INSURANCE \$124

Cheever, Angela L, 42, Lincoln, NE, SPEEDING ON EXPRESSWAY (11-15 MPH) \$124

Emberson, Daniel C, 40, Argyle, WI, NON-REGISTRATION OF AUTO, ETC \$98.8

Green, Dalton W, 22, Monroe, WI, LIC RESTRICTION VIOL - CLASS D OR M \$124

King, Shelovese D, 36, Mount Horeb, WI, CONTRIBUTING TO TRUANCY \$187

Ravet, Tyler S, 30, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATING W/PAC (1ST) \$948

Rynes, Kristian B, 22, Blanchardville, WI, CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY \$611.07

DG808CTJNC, 14, Mount Horeb, WI, HABITUAL SCHOOL TRUANCY \$92.5

March 21, 2024

Kleman, Laurie E, 24, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE \$124

Maple Leaf Inc, 913, Verona, WI, NON-REGISTRATION OF AUTO, ETC \$98.8

Maple Leaf Inc, 913, Verona, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE \$86.2

ATE VEH.(EXCESS WIDTH) W/O PERMIT \$124

Sandoval Arandia, Armando , 41, Madison, WI, OPERATING WHILE REVOKED (FORFEITURE) \$124

April 4, 2024

Berg, David G, 36, Belleville, WI, FAIL/STOP AT STOP SIGN \$98.8

Briggs, Logan J, 33, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION \$124

DG808CTJNL, 15, Verona, WI, HABITUAL SCHOOL TRUANCY \$92.5

April 18, 2024

Baneck, Lance W, 42, Verona, WI, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (1-10 MPH) \$98.8

Hancock-henkel, Brittany T, 31, Fort Stewart, GA, SPEEDING ON EXPRESSWAY (20-24 MPH) \$199.6

Huth Sr, Richard L, 70, New Lisbon, WI, SPEEDING ON CITY HIGHWAY (1-10 MPH) \$98.8

Moen, Noah L, 18, Argyle, WI, SPEEDING ON EXPRESSWAY (11-15 MPH) \$124

Savage, Benet P, 20, Beloit, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE \$124

Sime, Mitchell W, 30, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE \$86.2

April Pretrial

Anderson, Brayden E, 17, Mount Horeb, WI, FAIL/OBEY TRAFFIC OFFICER SIGN/SIGNAL, \$448.8

OBITUARY

William John “Bill” Steinhauer

June 16, 1944 -
May 14, 2024



MOUNT HOREB - William John “Bill” Steinhauer, age 79, of Middleton, passed away on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at Agrace HospiceCare. He was born in Madison on June 16, 1944, to his parents, William and Orpha (Erickson) Steinhauer.

Bill was raised on a dairy farm and showed cattle at his favorite events, 4-H, FFA, and the Dane County

Fair, where he met his wife, Martha.

With the support of his FFA mentor, George Johnson, he took the initiative to grow strawberries on the farm. He was the first farmer in the area to have a “pick it yourself” strawberry bed. Although it was hard work, he could earn enough money from his idea to pay for college.

Bill graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1962 and went to UW-Madison to major in Agriculture. In his final year at UW-Madison, he married Martha on Jan. 29, 1966. After graduating from college in 1967, he served six years in the U.S. Army 44th General Hospital Reserves.

Bill was working at the Belleville State Bank when his father wanted to retire from the farm. It was then Bill decided to go back to farming. Bill bought the farm and continued dairy

farming for several years. Then, with his brother’s help, he switched to hog farming.

After a while, Bill obtained his real estate and auction license to work with Lust Auctioneering. He enjoyed meeting people. The lunch wagon was also part of the auction service, which his wife and children staffed.

He worked as a daily bus driver and accepted a transportation director role for Mount Horeb School District. Bill enjoyed being with the kids, and often they referred to him as “King of the Buses.”

William is survived by his wife, Martha (Abrams); brother, Irvin “Irv” (Judy) Steinhauer; sons, Jeff Steinhauer and Jon (Wendy) Steinhauer; daughters, Becky (Kevin) Alexander and Sarah Steinhauer; and grandchildren, Chelsey Steinhauer, Ryan (Tierney)

Steinhauer, Clayton Gordon, Allison Gordon, Abby Steinhauer, Kimmy Steinhauer, Henry Alexander and Grant Alexander.

A funeral service will be held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth St., Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024, with the Rev. John Twiton presiding. A catered luncheon will follow the service. A visitation will be held at the funeral home from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024, and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to Agrace HospiceCare. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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CHURCH NOTES

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www.newhopeefc.org
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Vermont Lutheran Church-ELCA
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608-767-3312 (office)
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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Tuesday thru Friday - 8:00 am
Sat. 5:00 pm
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
10070 Spring Valley Dr., Mount Horeb
Mass: Sunday 8:00 am

DECA members showcase skills in California



At left, the DECA group from Mount Horeb. Above, Sophie Nelson and Laurel Aquino. Photos contributed.

Eighteen Mount Horeb High School DECA members joined more than 27,000 other students at the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Anaheim, CA April 27-30. Sixteen Mount Horeb students showcased their business, marketing, and entrepreneurship knowledge in career-based competitive events while three others attended Emerging Leaders Academies. In addition to competition and workshops, students had the opportunity to spend time at Disneyland, Huntington Beach, and Uni-

versal Studios Hollywood. Two Mount Horeb students earned some of DECA's highest honors by outcompeting hundreds of their peers and placing in the top ten in the world: Laurel Aquino - Food Marketing - 5th Place Sophie Nelson - Quick Serve Restaurant Management - 7th Place Mount Horeb's ICDC competitive team also included Laurel Helland, Jasper Rothenberg, Dylan McKillips, Eleanor Guenther, Kait Green, Ayden Green, Sydney Almquist,

Manon Gilles, Eileen Herrera Carballo, Dani Kleman, Ava Murphy, Emma Olsen, and Alexa Vesely. Delaney Chronister attended the Aspire Emerging Leader Academy for graduating seniors, while Lainy Hesseling and Anna Tranel took part in Thrive Emerging Leader Academy for representatives for high performing chapters. Laurel Aquino, sophomore, placed fifth in the Food Marketing competition at her second ICDC appearance. "I loved getting the chance to network with other students from all over the world, and placing 5th was a huge honor. I'm so excited for what next year will bring for our chapter." Eleanor Guenther,

also a sophomore, attended the conference for the first time, "Competing against so many talented people was an incredible experience and it inspired me to think about my goals for next year. I also had a great time bonding with the other chapter members and soaking up the California sunshine." During the school year, approximately 100,000 of DECA's 224,000 high school student members take part in the organization's competitive events program, allowing them to compete for district and state titles. The competitions are designed to simulate real-life business scenarios and test students' academic understanding and skills development. The top association winners put their

talents to the test during the program's final round of competition in Anaheim. The DECA International Career Development Conference was the pinnacle of competition where over 27,000 students vied for international honors. Over \$200,000 in scholarships and awards were presented to students and teachers for their achievements.

About DECA Inc.
DECA is a career and technical student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs who are interested in careers in marketing, finance,

hospitality and management. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition. DECA student members leverage their experience to become academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders. DECA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with over 240,000 members in 3,600 high school and college chapters in nearly all 50 United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam and Germany.



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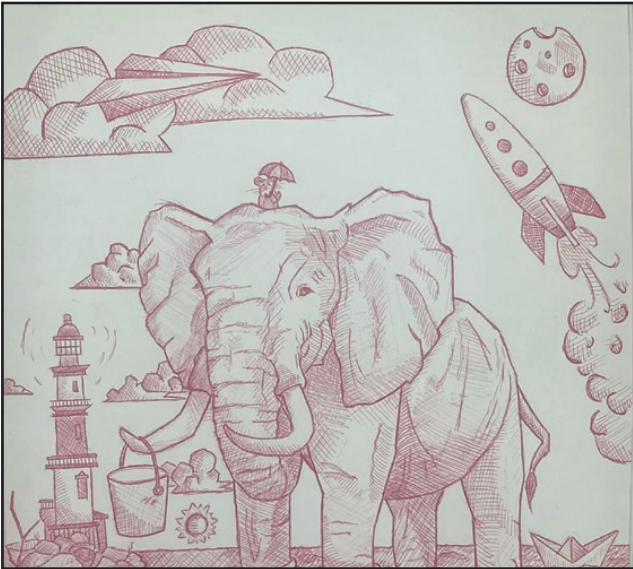
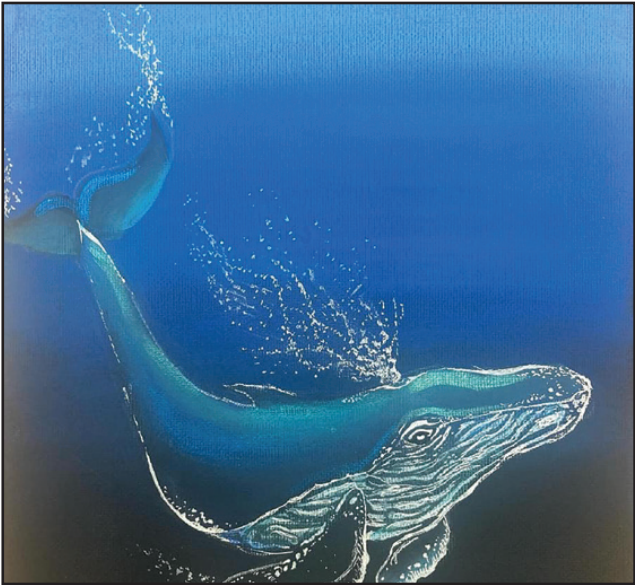
Mount Horeb artists recognized at two major shows



The Badger Conference Art Show(from left) Marek Lambert-Conohan (11), Emily Folco (9), Jordan Murray (12), and Amina Ndiaye (12).



The Congressional Art Competition (from left) Sofia Serate Rubio (12), Lizzy Helin (11), Anneli Wik (10), Congressman Mark Pocan, Ava Kolb (12).



Artwork by (from left) Lizzy Helin, Anneli Wik and Delaina Nicewander.

The Mount Horeb High School Art students were recently recognized at two major art shows.

On Saturday, May 4, the Badger Conference Art Show had its awards ceremony at Oregon High School after all of the artwork had been displayed for two weeks. The Badger Conference Art Show recognizes the top ten pieces of artwork in each of the Badger Conference High Schools for a collaborative show that includes 160 pieces of student artwork. The ten students who represented Mount Horeb were Makenzie Fleck (12), Emily Folco (9), Ava Kolb (12), Marek Lambert-Cohonon (11), Jordan Murray (12), Amina Ndiaye (12), Grace Osterholz (12),

Beckham Retzlaff (12), Brinna Retzlaff (12), and Riley Schellpfeffer (12).

Amina Ndiaye received a 2nd place ribbon for her silkscreen and relief print, *Italian Wolf*, while Jordan Murray (*Blood in the Water* monoprint), Beckham Retzlaff (*Untitled Raku Pottery*), Brinna Retzlaff (*Untitled etching*), and Riley Schellpfeffer (*Untitled Copper & Silver Ring*) all received Honorable Mentions in their categories.

In addition, on Thursday, April 25, the MHHS Art Department attended the reception for the Congressional Art Competition which was on display at Goodman South Library in Madison. This show is an annual celebration of the artistic talent

of our students in south-central Wisconsin and is hosted by state representative Mark Pocan. It is important to foster and celebrate the creative drive of our high school youth, and the competition gives a positive outlet for students to share their talent with their community. The grand prize winner's artwork is put on display at our nation's capital for

an entire year, and this year one of our sophomore students, Delaina Nicewander, received that honor for her drawing *Red Boots*. Her award included two plane tickets to Washington DC! In addition to winning the grand prize, Mount Horeb high school students also placed 2nd and 3rd in the show. Anneli Wik received 2nd place honors and will

have her painting displayed in Congressman Mark Pocan's office in Washington DC. Junior Lizzy Helin received 3rd place honors and will have her painting on display in Mark Pocan's Madison office. Senior Ava Kolb and junior Sofia Serate Rubio also participated in this prestigious show.

As always, the Mount Horeb High School art de-

partment is incredibly proud of all of our students - those who have the courage to submit their artwork to shows, and those who have the confidence to make art in general. We want to remind everyone that art is a great outlet for handling stress, anxiety, or any mental health struggle and we're glad to help so many students learn to use these tools!

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Farr and Ndiaye are students of the month

Mount Horeb Rotary’s students of the month for April were making a repeat appearance at the club.

Kaitlyn Farr and Aminata (Amina) Ndiaye were the Mount Horeb delegates to the World Affairs Seminar at Carroll College last summer and had come to the club to report their activities on the topic of climate change.

Both are seniors and both are headed to UW-Eau Claire in the fall, where Ndiaye plans to study psychology and music and Farr to study geology and photo-journalism.

Farr gets up close with local geology in her job at Cave of the Mounds, where she has worked since 2019. Here other community activities include volunteering

with the village Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee, and volunteering as a Camp Invention Leadership Intern for the past three summers.

At Mount Horeb High School, Farr has been active in choir, chamber choir, and madrigal choir. She played clarinet in band, was social media manager for Esports, was co-president of the social justice club and was elected to homecoming court.

Farr is the daughter of John and Jennifer Farr, and the sister of Gabe, Abby, Nolan, Josh and Brandon.

Ndiaye has also been busy in high school, working on lighting design for the musical for three years, playing alto sax in jazz band for



April 2024 Rotary Students Aminata Ndiaye and Kaitlyn Farr. Photo contributed.

four years, and participating in vocal ensembles for four years. This year she is year-book president, and a class officer. She has been in National Honor Society and DECA for two years each, and serves as an officer of both clubs. She has been in drama club for four years and most recently played Clyde in The Alibis.

Outside of school, Ndiaye serves as a student representative to the Mount Horeb School Board committees on safety and wellness and education. She plays in the community band and volunteers at the Driftless Historium.

Ndiaye is the daughter of Mohamodou and Mary Ndiaye, and sister to Youssou, Khoudin and Birane.

Donald Dash winners announced



The 12th Donald Dash took place Saturday, May 4 at Donald Park. Winners included Ian Aley and Sarah Guillot (New Course Record 20:59 /\$200 Cash Pay Out) in the 5K; and Seth Richardson (New Course Record 57:36/\$100 Cash Pay Out) and Jennifer Pentinmaki in the 15K.

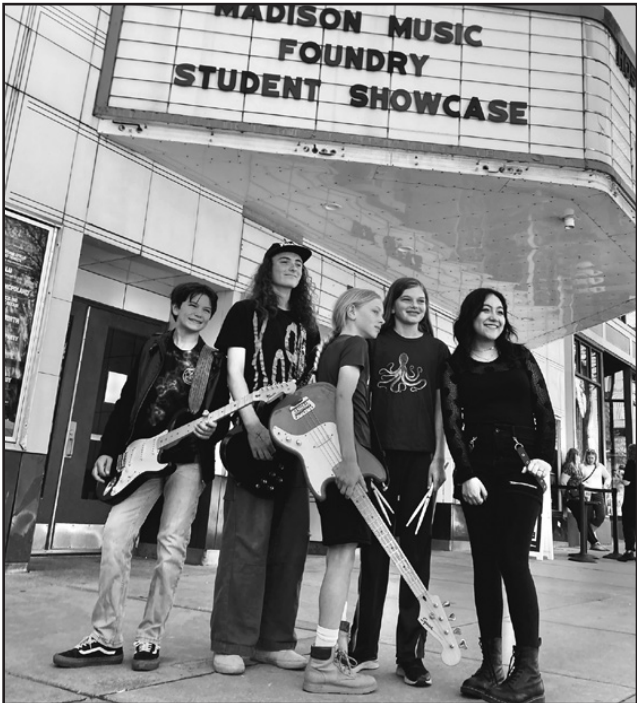
Pictured at right are Aley and Guillot. Pictured above are Seth Richardson and Jennifer Pentinmaki.



Rock on!

Potter’s band to play Summerfest

Twelve-year-old Mount Horeb resident Ben Potter, along with his rock band, Powerhouse recently applied for a state-wide youth garage band competition through an organization called Rock-Onsin and were selected as finalists. They are set to play at Summerfest June 28 at the Aurora Pavilion Stage at 1:15 p.m. The winner and runner up will play again on July 6.



DREAM

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Mount Horeb.

Dreamy 280 Farm Fresh Meats has found success over the years by being open to evolution and adaptation without ever compromising its commitment to local agriculture and animals. In a time when small family farms are swiftly vanishing, usurped by urban sprawl wrought by politicians and developers who are happy to make a quick buck by throwing away the region’s food independence in favor of shopping centers, subdivisions and apartment buildings, this aptly-named 280-acre operation has forged lasting connections with customers and fellow farmers alike. What started with five head of cattle more than 30 years ago, eventually grew into an award-winning beef operation that found new ways to deliver healthy local food to customers, from CSA shares and farmers markets to an on-sight farm store and the new, aforementioned vending machine.

“We bought the farm in 1989. It had been rented for like 40 years before that, and it wasn’t very long until Dennis bought five beef cows from Barneveld,” recalls owner Lisa Schlimgen. “We just couldn’t have empty pasture. Then those five became 10, 10 became 20, and now we have 150.”

“We always sold meat to family and friends, but at one point I was getting frus-



Above, Lisa and Dennis Schlimgen. The farm store is open Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. The vending machine never closes. Photo by Matt Geiger.

trated with all the inputs we were dealing with, the cost of feed and seed and all that,” she continued. “I looked at it and thought we could sell more meat.”

Around 2012, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares were becoming popular. It’s a way for local customers to essentially buy a share at the start of each season and help spread both risk and reward between farmers and buyers. While most CSA farms offered vegetables, the Schlimgens offered meat. Pretty soon, customers were showing up at all hours to pick up their shares.

“It actually became super disruptive to the farm because people were coming all the time while Dennis and I tried to work, so eventually we made a designated space where people could pick up their shares,”

she explained. That space eventually grew into a tidy little farm store, which then gave way to a larger, even nicer farm store that today features a vast assortment of local meats, cheeses, beverages, desserts and much, much more. The farm evolved away from CSA shares, instead offering what they call “bundles” for customers who want them. They also spent years attending area farmers markets.

“We did a lot of farmers markets to increase our customer base, we hit it pretty hard and it really worked,” Lisa said.

One of the most important ethics shared by Lisa and Dennis Schlimgen was that they raise their three children, Julie, Patrick and Hope, to grow up on a real, working farm. They showed cattle all over the country, winning dozens of prizes, and their early years instilled in them a deep respect for the land. Patrick now runs a farm in Argyle.

“I wasn’t a soccer mom,” says Lisa. “I was a [cattle] show mom. The impetus was, we grew up on farms, and we wanted to make sure our children grew up on a farm, too.”

As much of society moves away from locally-produced food, the COVID pandemic sent many customers running back to the agricultural resources right in their own back yards. Dreamy 280 was no different, because they were able to keep people fed when the highly-centralized and industrialized food supply chain started to crack.

“It was crazy during COVID,” she ex-

plains. “A couple of the big [meat] packers shut down, so there was this meat panic, but we always had meat here and we had people coming from all over to get it. We were able to make sure everyone got some.”

It’s one of countless examples they give of how communities can benefit from family farming.

“To me, it’s about educating the public,” said Dennis. “So many people today are so removed from agriculture. They don’t know where their food comes from.”

“And pride,” he continued. “There’s pride in taking what we had and improving it.”

They say they have a special connection with the people who buy meat from their farm.

“The customers that come here, they want to know where their food comes from,” Lisa said. “They like to see the cows. And of course, there is the product. And they like supporting local and Mount Horeb is really good about that.”

The vending machine, which keeps the meat perfectly frozen and allows customers to get local food anytime they want it, is one of just two in the entire state of Wisconsin. It offers burgers, steaks, roasts, snack sticks, jerky and more.

“It’s been more popular than we expected,” Lisa said.

It’s just the latest example of how the Schlimgens are keeping the old ways alive, all while adapting and evolving.

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SPORTS

Baseball Vikings earn No. 4 seed

Vikings open playoffs vs. A-F

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

The postseason has arrived.

And Mount Horeb's baseball team hopes to make a long playoff run.

The Vikings received the No. 4 seed in their sectional and host 13th-seeded Adams Friendship Thursday in a regional quarterfinal. If the Vikings win there, they'll host the winner of Portage and Richland Center on May 28 in a regional semifinal.

The regional final is May 29, while sectionals are June 4.

Mount Horeb is 14-9 overall after a week in which it lost two of three games. Here's a recap of the Vikings' week:

• **Madison Edgewood 3, Mount Horeb 2** — Terek Isley threw a gem for the Vikings, but they fell short against visiting Crusaders on May 13. Isely allowed just three hits and two runs.

Mount Horeb managed just four hits, though, off of Edgewood standout Henry



Josh Manchester and Mount Horeb's baseball team are the No. 4 seed in their sectional. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Bishop.

"Bishop is the best pitcher we've seen this year, although we had some chances to put up a

few more runs with guys on third base and one out, but Bishop came up with some key strikeouts," Mount Horeb manager

Ryan Finley said. "Terek pitched a great game for us as well. Edgewood has a talented line-up and Terek held them to three hits."

Josh Kuntz went 2-for-4 with a double, a triple and two RBIs for the Vikings. Talon Stoenner had a one out triple in the top of the

seventh, but the Vikings couldn't bring him home.

"It was a well-played high school baseball game," Finley said. "It just didn't turn out the way we wanted."

• **Portage 2, Mount Horeb 0** — Josh Manchester threw well for the Vikings, but Mount Horeb managed only three hits and fell to the Warriors on May 14.

Manchester gave up two runs, allowed six hits, struck out three and didn't walk a batter in his six innings on the hill.

Portage's Kyle Chappell carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning, but Jaxen Finley ended that with a two-out single. Josh Manchester added another hit in the sixth and Logan Ford had a base hit in the seventh, but the Vikings couldn't produce any runs.

"Josh pitched a great game," Ryan Finley said of Manchester. "With our offensive lineup, usually if we hold our opponents to three runs or less, we tend to win those games."

"Despite losing the past two games, we are play-

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Softball Vikes are rolling as playoffs arrive

Mount Horeb finished season a perfect 14-0 in the conference

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls softball team began postseason play Tuesday by hosting Sauk Prairie in a WIAA Division 2 regional semifinal.

That game between the top-seeded Vikings and eighth-seeded Eagles ended too late for this edition.

Mount Horeb headed to the postseason red hot, though, winning all four of its games last week. The Vikings finished the regular season 18-3 overall and a perfect 14-0 in the Bad-

ger Small Conference.

"In the postseason anything can happen, so we won't take any team lightly," Mount Horeb coach Jeramie Holman said. "We will be going into every game thinking that it's going to be a very close game and we need to execute everything to ensure a victory."

Here's a recap of the Vikings' week:

• **Mount Horeb 4, Stoughton 2 (Game 1)** — Mount Horeb overcame an early 2-0 deficit and defeated Stoughton on May 13 in a battle of the

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Jayse Holman and Mount Horeb's girls softball team head to the postseason with a head of steam. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Girls soccer team seeded fourth

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Cautiously optimistic.

That’s how Mount Horeb girls soccer coach Mark Newman feels as the post-season arrives.

Newman’s Vikings received the No. 4 seed in their sectional and will host 13th-seeded Monroe in a WIAA Division 3 regional semifinal on May 30. If the Vikings win there, they’ll host fifth-seeded Evansville in a regional final on June 1.

The sectional semifinals are June 6, and if seeds hold, Mount Horeb would meet top-seeded McFarland. The sectional finals are June 8, where a date with either No. 2 seed Madison Edgewood or third-seeded Belleville/New Glarus would likely await.

“We could use a little rest to get our legs back, which we will get after this week’s matches,” Newman said. “We have been a little more inconsistent than I would like, but we’ve been getting results and creating the goals we need.”

The Vikings appear to be peaking with the postseason at hand. Mount Horeb won all three of its games last week and improved to 11-2-3 overall and 3-1-2 in the Badger Small Conference.

Here’s a recap of Mount Horeb’s week:

• **Mount Horeb 3, Baraboo 1** — The host Vikings scored twice in the first 20 minutes and made that stand up in a win over the Thunderbirds on May 14.

Jadyn Schellpfeffer scored in the 15th minute to give the Vikings a 1-0 advantage, and Anya McKay scored at 19:20 to make it 2-0.

Baraboo standout forward Caitlyn Frank scored in the 55th minute when she broke through with a goal off a looping ball played behind the Vikings’ defense.

“We weren’t especially

composed and looked a little leaky on defense, but we got it together,” Newman said.

They sure did, and in the 64th minute the Vikings earned a penalty kick that Rowan Severson converted to give Mount Horeb some breathing room.

“Baraboo has had a stronger season than in the past, and later that week tied conference leader Sauk,” Newman said. “So our result looked better in retrospect.

“Overall, we played well enough, but left the door open for Baraboo to make a game of it. We will need to improve as we will see strong goal scorers in the tournament.”

• **Mount Horeb 5, Monroe 0** — Anya McKay had three goals to help power the Vikings past the host Cheesemakers on May 16.

“Monroe has improved since last year and plays a more defensive style,” Newman said. “They were physical and used their narrow field to their advantage. Still, we were able to find space and holes in their defense and score five in the first half.”

McKay scored in both the ninth and 19th minute to give Mount Horeb a 2-0 lead. Kolbie Severson found the back of the net in the 32nd minute, then McKay struck again in the 33rd minute to make it 4-0.

Jadyn Schellpfeffer wrapped up the scoring in the 39th minute on an assist from McKay.

“We tried some different things in the second half and were a little unlucky not to score, although Monroe’s goalkeeper had something to do with that,” Newman said.

• **Mount Horeb 3, Delavan-Darien 2** — The Vikings notched a win over the traditionally-powerful Comets on May 18.

“We had two early goals taken away — one for off-sides, one for a handball — and struggled to find a



Kolbie Severson (left) and Mount Horeb’s girls soccer team are hoping to make some noise this postseason. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

rhythm after that,” Newman said. “It was a really warm afternoon and both teams were missing a few players.”

Mount Horeb struck in the 39th minute for the only first half goal when Anya McKay scored on a feed from Rowan Severson.

“We weren’t sharp through the end of the first half, but we did manage to find one really good combination between Rowan and

Anya that sprung McKay for the lone goal of the first half,” Newman said.

The Comets got the equalizer in the 60th minute, a goal that seemed to jumpstart the Vikings more than Delavan-Darien itself.

“We kind of woke up at that point and scored two quick goals,” Newman said.

First, Gwen Motl scored in the 67th minute. Then Severson struck in the 69th

minute to give Mount Horeb a 3-1 lead.

The Comets added a goal in the 76th minute, but it wasn’t enough.

“We were better after the goals,” Newman said.

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb hosted league-leading Sauk Prairie Tuesday, then hosts Dodgeville/Mineral Point Thursday before kicking off the playoffs on May 28.

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On May 10th, we were fortunate enough to be honored by the Mount Horeb baseball team for their Strike Out Cancer campaign. We would like to sincerely thank the boys baseball team, Coach Ryan Finley and his coaching staff, Joy Finley and Christa Olsen for all of their efforts and hard work they put into making this event a complete success.

We would like to thank Rob Farnsworth for all of his ‘leg work’ in putting together a large list of ‘prizes’ for the silent auction and to ALL of the people/businesses that donated to the cause, AND also to all those who got involved and purchased the items up for auction.

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Golfers sixth at conference meet

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

They hoped to climb the ladder a bit. Instead, they finished exactly where they began. Mount Horeb's boys golf team finished in sixth place at the Badger Small Conference Tournament held at Wild Rock Golf Club on May 15. The Vikings were also sixth during the regular season meaning they finished in — you guessed it — sixth place overall. “The course was set up difficult with challenging pins on most of the greens,” Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. “If you were not on the correct side of the hole, three of even four putts were possible.” Stoughton won the conference tournament with a 328-team score. Baraboo was second with a 334, while Sauk Prairie (337), McFarland (339) and Madison Edgewood (353) rounded out the top five. The Vikings finished with a 354. Nick Ibinger led the Vikings with a 79 (41-38), tying for second place individually in the 40-player field. Ibinger made back-to-back birdies on the 10th and 11th holes along with nine pars during his round. Jack Vesperman finished with an 87 (45-42), tying for 19th place after birding three holes (No. 7, 14, and 17). Sophomore Jude Young added a 93 (45-48), while junior Adrian Thoe had a 95 (48-47).

“Nick continued his strong play ... with another great performance,” Krentz said. “This was his third straight sub-80 round, so hopefully he can keep the momentum going with regionals.” Both Vesperman and Young earned second-team all-conference honors. “Neither Jack nor Jude had their best rounds (at conference), but it was nice to still see them recognized for their performance throughout the conference season,” Krentz said. “This is an honor that spans our four mini-meets and conference tournament and both were among the top players in the conference throughout the season.”

BATTLE AT THE ROCK

Mount Horeb finished in seventh place at the 20-team Battle at the Rock hosted by Wisconsin Dells at Wild Rock Golf Club on May 14.

Middleton took first place with a 300, followed by Holmen with a 312 and Edgerton with a 323. The Vikings shot a 343.

Sophomore Nick Ibinger led Mount Horeb with a career-low round of 76, tying for eighth place individually in the 100-player field. Ibinger birdied No. 7, 8 and 10 and recorded nine pars during his round.

Senior Jack Vesperman finished with 79, tying for 14th place after birdies on holes 6, 9, and 14

along with eight pars. Junior Adrian Thoe had a 92, while senior Riley Schellpfeffer finished with a 96. “The Battle at The Rock is always one of the best fields of the season and this year was no different,” Krentz said. “I thought we played extremely well to come away with a top-10 finish as a team with many larger schools from the Badger, Big Eight, and Mississippi Valley Conference participating. “Wild Rock is a challenging golf course and I thought we handled it well for the most part. This also served as a practice round for our team with our conference tournament being here.”

MONROE INVITE

The Vikings shot a 342 and finished ninth at the 14-team event held at Monroe Golf Club last Friday.

Mineral Point claimed the title with a 302, followed by Monona Grove with a 318 and Evansville with a 331.

Vesperman led Mount Horeb with an 80, tying for 10th place in the 69-player field. Vesperman got off to a slow start and was 11-over-par through 11 holes before back-to-back birdies on holes 10 and 11 allowed him to play his last seven holes in one under par.

Young finished with an 86, birding No. 3 and 18 during his round. Ibinger added an 87 highlighted by a birdie at No. 13, while Cunningham shot an 89.



Mount Horeb golfers Jude Young (left) and Jack Vesperman (right) were both named second-team all-conference. Photo submitted

“It was a bit of an uneven performance for us,” Krentz said. “Monroe is a traditional golf course with tree-lined fairways and small greens similar to what we’ll face at our regional at Lake Wisconsin Country Club. “We definitely played

well in stretches, but were not consistent enough throughout the round as a team. Hopefully, we can find a little more consistency as we turn our attention to WIAA regional play. If we do, we definitely are capable of surprising a few teams at Lake Wisconsin.”

• **On deck:** The Vikings were at the Sauk Prairie Regional Tuesday at Lake Wisconsin Country Club. The top four teams at regionals advanced to the Madison Memorial Sectional May 29 at Blackhawk Country Club.

Lacrosse team set for playoffs

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

The playoffs have arrived for Verona's boys lacrosse team — a unit that includes several players from Mount Horeb.

And the Wildcats entered the postseason playing at a high level. Last week, Verona dropped a 10-9 decision to the Madison co-op on May 14, The Wildcats then rebounded with a 6-4 win

over Bay Port on May 18. Verona improved to 7-8 heading to the playoffs. The Wildcats were the No. 7 seed in their sectional and were set to host 10th-seeded Waukesha's co-op team in a regional quarterfinal May 28 at 7 p.m. If the Wildcats win there and seeds hold, Verona would travel to second-seeded Kettle Moraine/St. John's Northwestern for a regional semifinal on May 30. Here's a recap of Verona's week: • **Madison 10, Verona 9** — The Wildcats scored five straight goals to end the game, but it wasn't enough as they fell to the Knights. Senior Gil Weisensel, junior Owen Lang and fresh-

man Gabe Weisensel all had two goals for the Wildcats. Sophomore Jackson Conner had two assists, while senior Jacob Frick and junior Jack Corcoran each had a goal, as well. Sophomore Goalie Caleb Jabas added 11 saves. • **Verona 6, Bay Port 4** — Senior Jacob Frick had three goals to power the Wildcats to a win. Junior Andrew Lalik had a goal and an assist, while senior Gil Weisensel and junior Owen Lang both had a goal. Sophomore goalie Calab Jabas was tremendous with 19 saves, while junior Owen Lang went 10-of-12 on face offs (83.3%)



Mount Horeb freshman Finn Herman and the Verona co-op lacrosse team are ready to begin the postseason. Photo submitted

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Track teams fare well at Badger Small Conference

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls track and field team finished in fifth place at the Badger Small Conference meet on May 14. The Vikings’ boys were sixth.

Madison Edgewood won the girls event with 165 points, while McFarland (117) and Sauk Prairie (99) rounded out the top three. Mount Horeb tallied 88 points.

Reedsburg won the boys title with 137 points, while the Vikings had 65.5 points.

Here’s a recap of Mount Horeb’s top-five finishers in each event.

GIRLS

- Senior Abigail Sadler won the 1,600-meter run in 4 minutes, 49.71 seconds, more than 42 seconds faster than runner-up Erin Schauer of Edgewood (5:31.99).

“This is the fastest time in the state this year across all divisions, and for her to be able to do this in a solo effort shows how strong she is right now,” Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said of Sadler.

- Sadler also won the 3,200-meter run in 12:09.25, roughly 8 seconds faster than second place Madilyn Gilbert of Baraboo (12:18.19).

- Junior Katherine Straka was second in the 800-meter run (2:29.19), while freshman Julia Straka was fourth (2:30.75).

“Katherine and Julia Straka both had strong 800s,” Chancellor said. “It was a very close race and I think on another day either of them could have won the race.

- Mount Horeb’s 1,600-meter relay team was third.

- Freshman Julia Straka finished third in the 1,600 with a time of 5:32.70.

“Julia is such a tough racer and this was a good one for her,” Chancellor said.

- Senior Violet Statz was third in the long jump (16-2 ½). Statz was also fifth in the triple jump (33-1 ¾).

“Violet has been dealing with injuries for much of the season and jumped with very little practice over the last few weeks,” Chancellor said. “She’s tough and really a great competitor.”

- Junior Sienna Feltz was third in the 300-meter hurdles in 50.21 seconds. Edgewood’s Gillian Koenig was first in 49.29. Feltz was also third in the 100-meter hurdles (16.51).

“Sienna Feltz had what I think was the best meet of her career,” Chancellor said.

- Mount Horeb freshman Avena Meyers was fifth in the long jump (15-5).

BOYS

- Senior Nick Vorwald was second in the 400-meter dash (53.31).

“He’s still figuring the event out, but is a consistent performer,” Chancellor said of Vorwald.

- Senior Beckham Retzlaff was fourth in the 110-meter hurdles (16.88).

- Mount Horeb’s 1,600-meter relay team was fourth.

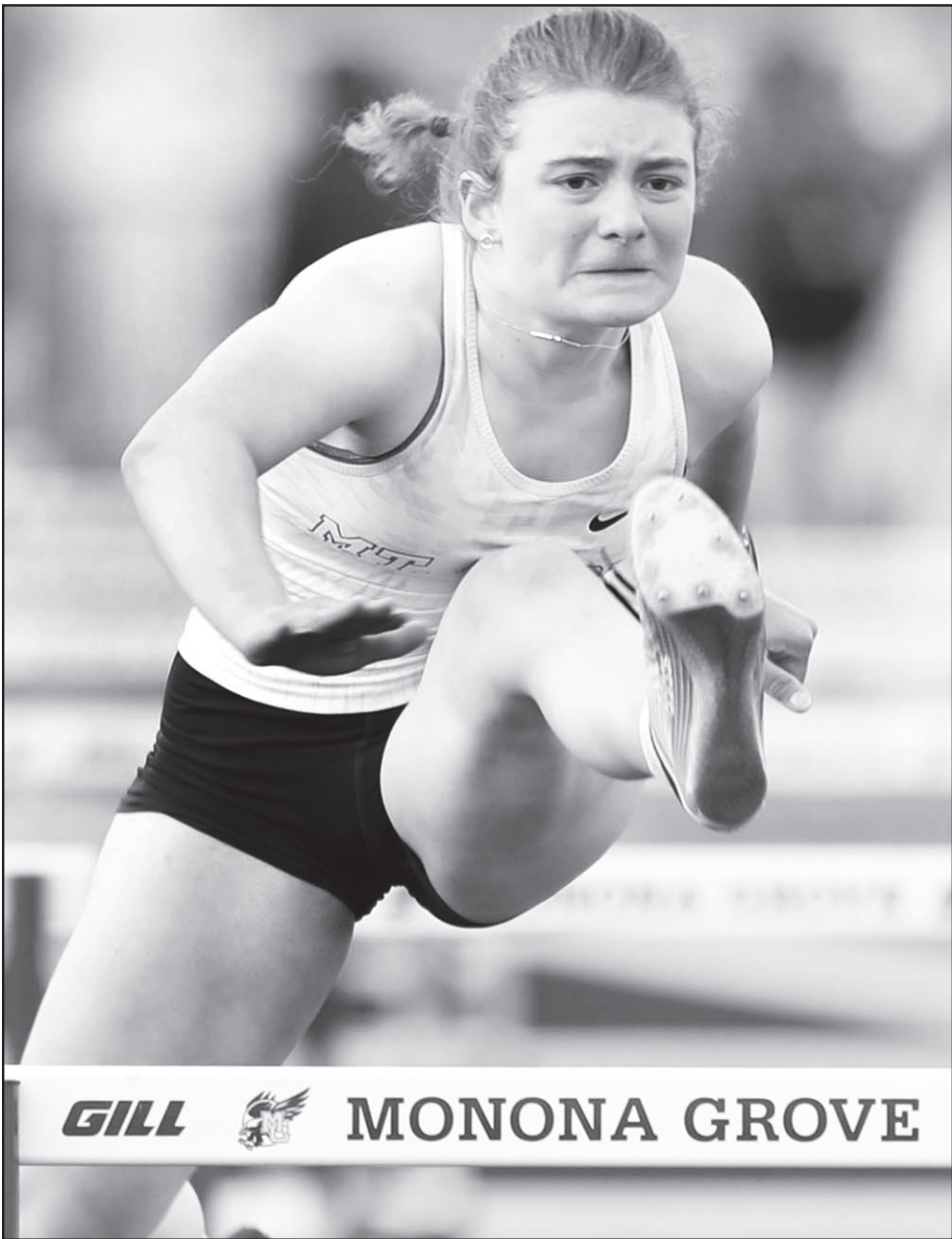
- Junior Kayden Baumgart was fifth in the 100-meter dash (11.20). Baumgart was also fifth in the 200-meter dash (22.89).

- Junior Chris Kiel was fifth in the long jump (19-9).

“Chris had a couple of jumps that looked like they could have gone further, so I’m excited to see what comes next for him,” Chancellor said.

- **On deck:** Mount Horeb was at the Monona Grove Regional on Monday. The Sauk Prairie Sectional will then be held on Thursday at 4 p.m. at Sauk Prairie High School.

The top four finishers in each event at regionals advance to sectionals. The top three finishers in each event at sectionals move on to the state meet May 31 and June 1 in La Crosse.



Mount Horeb’s Sienna Feltz finished in third place in the 300-meter hurdles at the conference meet. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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SOFTBALL

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Vikings.

Jozie Clifton went the distance in the circle, allowing four hits and two runs in seven innings. Clifton also struck out four and walked just two.

Maddie Swiggum led the offense with a home run and two RBIs. Jayce Holman added two RBIs, while Ruby Dahlk had two hits.

“Maddie Swiggum had a big home run to energize us where we grabbed the lead and held onto it,” Holman said.

• **Mount Horeb 8, Stoughton 7 (Game 2)** — Stoughton jumped to a 7-0 lead after two innings, but Mount Horeb used a six-run fourth to battle back and win the second game of a doubleheader on May 13.

Gina Rhiner led the offensive onslaught with a grand slam during Mount Horeb’s big fourth inning.

“Gina had a big grand slam which got us going and helped keep our undefeated (conference) record

going,” Jeramie Holman said.

Ruby Dahlk added two hits and scored two runs, while Maddie Swiggum and Jayse Holman both had two hits and Halley Klein scored a pair of runs.

Jayse Holman pitched the first five innings and picked up the win. Jozie Clifton threw the final two frames and earned the save.

• **Mount Horeb 7, Madison Edgewood 0** — Jayse Holman threw a three-hit shutout to lead the Vikings past the Crusaders on May 14. Holman struck out eight, walked one and needed just 90 total pitches to put Edgewood away.

The win helped Mount Horeb to cap a perfect conference season and push its league winning streak to 19 games.

Mount Horeb pounded out 13 hits, including three from second baseman Hallie Klein. JoJo Murray, Maddie Swiggum and Ellie Larson both added two hits, while Ruby Dahlk and Larson each had two RBI.

“It was good to get Jayse back to almost healthy sta-

tus,” Jeramie Holman said. “Ellie Larson has been swinging a hot stick lately and looked good from the plate against Edgewood.”

• **Mount Horeb 4, Wau-nakee 1** — Jozie Clifton threw a complete game gem, leading the Vikings past the Warriors on May 17. Clifton gave up just five hits and didn’t walk a batter.

Gina Rhiner and Maddie Swiggum both had two hits, while Ruby Dahlk had two RBIs to lead the offense.

• **On deck:** If the Vikings defeated Sauk Prairie Tuesday, they’d host the winner of fourth-seeded Wisconsin Dells and fifth-seeded Reedsburg in a regional final Thursday at 5 p.m.

The sectional semifinals are May 28 and the sectional finals are May 30.

Mount Horeb is trying to earn a trip to the state tournament for the first time in school history.

BASEBALL

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ing pretty good baseball. We just haven’t been able to generate the offense that we’ve been used to all year. Credit to both the pitcher’s we faced the past two nights for keeping us in check.”

• **Mount Horeb 11, Portage 5** — After a tough week at the plate, the Vikings had a big night and buried the visiting Warriors on May 16.

Josh Kuntz was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBIs for Mount Horeb, while Josh Manchester had a double, two runs scored and an RBI. Drew Preimesberger had two RBIs and a run scored, while Colin Larson went 2-for-4 with a double, two runs scored and three RBIs.

Logan Ford went 2-for-2 with two doubles and two RBIs, while Jake Sroda had a double and two runs

scored. “It was a good day to hit with the wind blowing out and it felt good to see the offense get going again,” Ryan Finley said. “We had great swings up and down the line-up that resulted in 11 hits, with five of them being doubles.”

Jaxen Finley picked up the win, allowing three earned runs in five innings. Ryan Skogen then threw the final two innings, allowing just one hit, no walks and striking out three.

“Jaxen Finley pitched well earning his third conference win of the season,” Ryan Finley said. “Ryan Skogen was electric out of the bullpen in his two innings of work. It was a really good team effort and I have a feeling we’ll be seeing Portage again in the playoffs as they have a really nice team.”

• **Mount Horeb 7, Lodi 3** — Jaxen Finley had three RBIs to help power the Vikings past Lodi on May 17.

Josh Kuntz went 2 for-3 with two runs scored, two stolen bases, a triple and an RBI, while Alex Chapman was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two runs scored.

Alex Chapman got the start and pitched four innings, allowing only one run. Ryan Skogen then picked up the win after throwing three innings of solid relief.

“Great team win against a really good Lodi team,” Ryan Finley said. “Alex Chapman gave us another great start on the mound and had two big doubles at the plate for us.

“We had some clutch two out swings as a team and played solid defense. It was another great team effort and it’s good to be gaining some momentum as we enter the playoffs.”

• **Mount Horeb 7, Lodi 3** — Jaxen Finley had three

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Interested contractors may contact Devin Dahlk at devin.dahlk@springdalewi.gov to visit the site. Qualified bidders should submit their bids electronically or by mail by Tuesday, June 4 at noon. Bids will be opened at a Board meeting at 1 pm on June 4. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS

Notice is hereby given by the Town of Blue Mounds, Dane County, Wisconsin that they will receive bids for local road improvements until 1:00 pm on Thursday, June 6, 2024. Bids will be opened and awarded at the Blue Mounds Townhall on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 7:00p.m. at our Regular Board Meeting. The following road needs to be chip sealed, West Blue Mounds Rd. from Cty Hwy Z to Cty Hwy E.

Please email the Townhall with questions at townofbluemounds@gmail.com.

The Town of Blue Mounds reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or accept the bid most advantageous to the town. Thank you!

Amanda Burghy, Clerk

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TOWN OF VERMONT ORDINANCE

On April 8, 2024, the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Vermont adopted Chapter 21 of the Town of Vermont ordinances. Chapter 21: ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AND UTILITY TASK VEHICLE ROUTES AND OPERATION ORDINANCE

The ordinance opens up Town of Vermont roads to use of ATVs/UTVs with the following conditions:

- Operators of ATV or UTV vehicles shall abide by all traffic laws, including the rules and operation and equipment requirements contained in Wisconsin Statute 23.33 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter 64, unless further restricted by this ordinance.
- Speed not to exceed 35 miles per hour.
- Routes must be signed in accordance with NR 64.12 and NR 64.12(7)c. All required designed route signs and posts and their installation shall be paid for by an ATV/UTV Club.
- Hours limited to between 5:00am and 10:00 p.m.
- No open intoxicants on or in the vehicle.
- Operators must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver's license.
- Vehicles may not be operated on road shoulders or in road ditches. No straddling of the shoulder or ditch is allowed, unless moving over to make room for passing or oncoming traffic.
- Vehicles must have fully functional headlights, taillights and brake lights. Headlights and taillights must be always on.
- Vehicles shall be equipped with a muffler system with a maximum noise level of 96 decibels.
- Vehicles shall yield the right of way to all other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- Operators shall maintain liability insurance for their ATV/UTV in the amount established by the State of Wisconsin for motor vehicle operation. By utilizing any ATV/UTV, the operator agrees to fully indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Vermont for all liability arising from use on town roadways.
- Operators will ride single file along the extreme right side of the roadway, with the exception of left turns which may be made from any part of the roadway if it is safe given then occurring conditions.

The ordinance in its entirety can be reviewed at the Vermont Town Hall by appointment and at <https://townofvermontwi.gov/ordinances>.

Posted May 15, 2024

Katie Zelle, Clerk

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TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS
IMPORTANT NOTICE:
CHANGE IN BOARD MEETING DATES

Notice is hereby given by the Town of Blue Mounds, Dane County, Wisconsin that the Town of Blue Mounds Board Members unanimously voted on Monday, May 13, 2024, to approve moving the monthly Regular Board Meetings from the second Monday of the month to the second Tuesday of the month. Revised dates have been posted on the Town of Blue Mounds website and are also posted at the Town Hall.

Please call the Town Hall with questions at 608-437-8722 or email us at townofbluemounds@gmail.com.

Amanda Burghy, Clerk

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TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS RESIDENTS
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Blue Mounds, Dane County, Wisconsin adopted the following ordinance amendment at the Town of Blue Mounds Annual Meeting on April 16, 2024.

Ordinance Number 21 – TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS ALL-TERRAIN and UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE ORDINANCE. This ordinance recognizes the recreational and economic value to expanding and further defining trail opportunities. This ordinance with amendments considered and addresses any known possible dangers, public health and safety considerations along with reviews of terrain, traffic density and vehicular traffic history data. This ordinance has been created pursuant to Town Board authority under Wisconsin Statute 5 59.02, 23.33(4)(d)3.b, 23.33(11)(a) and (am), and 23.33(8)(b) as amended.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a copy of the amended ordinance is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk. It is also available on the Town website at townofbluemounds@gmail.com.

Amanda Burghy, Town Clerk

5/16/2024

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Mountain bike team gears up for another great season

On Thursday May 16, the Mount Horeb Mountain Biking team held an information session at Waltz Park from 6:30-8 p.m. New head coach Ambra Baldwin Hart was joined by volunteer coaches and returning students athletes to lead an informational session to introduce the team to new families and prospective student athletes. The group then headed out on the Military Ridge trail for a short ride together, followed by cookies and other treats. Mount Horeb Mountain Biking is open to any interested 6th-12th grade students that live in the Mount Horeb Area School District, and parents are also welcome to join as volunteer coaches. Mountain biking is one of the fastest growing youth sports. If you are interested, contact Baldwin-Hart at mounthoreb@driftlessmtb.org. Registration is currently open and closes June 30. The season runs mid-July through October. Find out more at www.driftlessmtb.org/mount-horeb.



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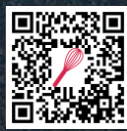
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