

PERSPECTIVE

School district an ideal place to make a difference

By ERIN ESLINGER
Mt. Horeb Area School Dist.

It is no surprise to our community that Mount Horeb Area School District is one of the premier school districts in the State of Wisconsin.

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candidates are dedicated to ongoing growth, excel at building respectful relationships with students, parents, colleagues, and the community, and bring contagious creativity, curiosity, enthusiasm, and professionalism to their work. Instructional positions such as teachers, coaches, and paraprofessionals are just some of the many career opportunities currently available. We employ individuals in the areas of event workers, food service, custodial, technology, maintenance, clerical, and transportation. Current openings can be found on our website. We're dedicated to nurturing the pro-

fessional journeys of our Viking team members, empowering them to explore and cultivate their passions within our supportive community. Many have flourished through various roles, starting by serving in positions like paraprofessionals who play a vital role in student and teacher support. From there, individuals have transitioned into specialized roles, enriching their skills and forging lasting connections within our educational family. These opportunities not only shape careers but also foster a sense of personal and professional fulfillment while impacting our shared mission of education. At the Mount Horeb Area School District, we're more than just a workplace; we're a close-knit community. The recent operational referendum has allowed the district to maintain competitive total compensation for all staff. However, when asked why people join the Viking team, it is a far more sentimental reason. As evidence, reading specialist Erin Stone, a recent hire to the Intermediate Center in 2022-2023, said, "What

drew me to Mount Horeb was my history of visiting the little town as a child and the feeling of being close to home. Mount Horeb has been like a family to me, especially in the building I work in. The community has welcomed me from day one, just as they did when I was a child visiting from a town over!" Furthermore, MHASD has one of the area's lowest nonretirement turnover rates among our faculty. We have 38 employees who have served our school community for 25+ years! Dave Reed, a 22-year employee of the district, states not only is the health-care insurance outstanding, but there are so many great students, staff, and families here in Mount Horeb. He also notes the satisfaction of

the job, "Knowing you make a difference in the classroom and community," is what has kept him a part of the Viking team for so long. Our staff's long-term commitment is a testament to the supportive and rewarding environment at Mount Horeb Area School District. Looking to make a meaningful impact in our school district? We value your support in fostering a positive learning environment for our students and supporting our dedicated staff. Throughout the year, we actively seek enthusiastic individuals to join us as substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, and drivers. If you're ready to explore a fulfilling substitute ca-

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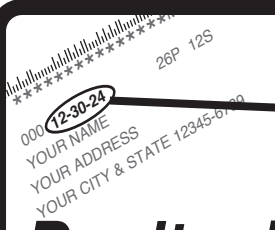
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GLEANINGS

By **BARR JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- July 11, 1884

Sever O. Amble, the smiling butter buyer, turned his butter wagon wrong side up the other day.

We notice the tobacco field of C.C. Johnson in a prospering condition.

Adolph Elver has invented the boss screen door rubber spring.

Parties wishing a good article can now have it at H. G. Elliot & Co.’s in exchange for butter checks. Satisfaction given or no trade.

Our day of national independence was quite generally observed in this vicinity. A picnic at Peterson’s grove, with speaking by Hon. Matt Anderson of Pine Bluff, followed by dancing comprises the day.

Elias, the jovial peddler came in to town last Monday with his cart in a most dilapidated condition. It is the impression of some of his friends that Elias and his girl were at a big jamboree on the Fourth. Elias had his cart fixed and drove out of town happily as a little lord.

The Ga-lo-ri-ous Fourth is over and no one was killed at this place, although the Sugar River folks came near having a couple of corpses to haul home that eve. They were both trying to ride one horse when they were violently thrown to the ground. The horse was loaded with too many boys, and the boys were loaded with too much common whisky.

130 Years Ago- July 12, 1894

It has been impossible for the last few days to keep the dust down on the streets on account of a deficiency of water, and shall not charge for work not executed. But to obviate the dust from annoying the people here, I have determined to erect a larger windmill or put up a gasoline engine to pump up a sufficient supply of water. Thos. Ayen

Henry Witte is building a large barn on his farm. S.

Nuygaard of Klevenville has the job.

Dane county with its large Scandinavian population ought to send a solid delegation to the Republican state convention pledged to support Nils P. Haugen for Governor.

120 Years Ago- July 7, 1904

Olaf Smesrud and Louisa Lingard were quietly married on June 22 at the Gunderson parsonage. They drove across to Black Earth and took the west-bound train to points of Iowa.

The ownership of the Mount Horeb Mail was last week changed from O.M. Eidsmore to A. C. Krohn, who since the establishment of the paper has been the all around mechanical man.

The school meeting was not very largely attended last Tuesday night, A.F. Gramm was re-elected director for three more years and \$1500 was voted to carry on the expenses for the ensuing year. A sum of \$200 was also appropriated to build an outside stairway on the north side of the school building, if needed for this expense.

Melvin Barsness is now the night operator at the telephone central, relieving Ole Grinde.

School in district No. 6, Vermont, (the Bohn School) closed with appropriate exercises Friday evening, June 24, Miss Hattie Turk of Black Earth, teacher. Prizes were awarded as follows: First prize, pretty map, Amelia Erickson; second prize, Clara Luder. A prize was given Mary Dolohanty for having been the most polite pupil during the term.

110 Years Ago- July 9, 1914

Henry Drevdahl, Blue Mounds, the mail carrier, has bought a new Ford car for use on the route when roads permit.

A 10-pound boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Witte, July 1. Dr. Ickstadt reports all well and we

extend congratulations and good wishes on the birth of Donald LaVerne. May the young man grow up as one of Uncle Sam’s best and most model citizens.

Hans Hoff was in Madison Tuesday to consult the engineer at the State University in regard to the best method of sewer construction for his new slaughterhouse Mr. Hoff is determined to have

100 Years Ago- July 8, 1924

The eleven thirty train had three extra cars on Saturday as it was taking a group of Boy Scouts to Camp Grant, Ill., for their annual outing.

Myrtle Finke, Chicago, who has finished her nurses’ training, spent a few days here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Finke.

A very beautiful wedding took place Saturday, July 5, at 3 pm in Perry Lutheran Church, when Lulu Paulson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Paulson, Perry, became the bride of Harold A. Vanderhoof.

Otto Dahle and John Vilberg planted several cans of German Brown Trout about one inch long in the creek and near John’s on Tuesday. Mt. Horeb certainly has been treated right by the conservation commission in regards to trout.

90 Years Ago- July 12, 1934

William Baxter, janitor in the local public schools for the past several years, voluntarily retired July 1. Nortie Espeseth will take Baxter’s place.

Mrs. Iver Johnson, Chicago, died at her home Thursday of last at the age of 35 years.

Twenty head of cattle were killed on the David Grimstad farm west of Daleyville during the electric storm Thursday night.

Russell Nygard left Thursday last week for Akron, O., where he has accepted a position with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

80 Years Ago- July 13, 1944

Mrs. Rhonda Ottrum received news from the Intelligence Department of the U.S. government that her grandson, Lieut. Kenneth Skuldt, bombardier navigator, who has been reported missing with his crew, all are safe.

Total taxes levied or collected in Wisconsin during the year ended June 30, 1943, by federal, state, and local governments reached a new all-time high of nearly three quarters of a billion dollars.

Poultry raisers of Dane County are being recruited for a statewide “blitzkrieg” against non-laying and poor laying hens. Demonstrations will be given on how to cull birds so they may be sold at a time when the market is not flooded.

Aviation Cadet Luther R. Paulson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin T. Paulson, Mount Horeb was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Force after completing bombardier training at the Carlsbad (New Mexico) Army Air Field.

About 100 residents of Mount Horeb, attending the annual meeting of the school district, elected M.A. Tollund president of the board for the period of three years and adopted a budget of \$52,850 for the coming year.

The Secretary of War announced that 1st Lt. Thomas Locke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Locke, is reported missing in action since the 26th of June over Austria.

70 Years Ago- July 8, 1954

Atty. Carl Danhauser was appointed village attorney at the regular meeting of the village board Tuesday night, effective Aug. 1. He succeeds Atty. M.A. Tollund, who retired last week.

Robert Stare, Columbus,

has purchased the Mount Horeb Motor Company from Irving Sorenson, who has been the owner since 1941.

Mrs. Delia Peterson, who has owned and operated the Mount Horeb Hat Shop the past 24 years, will retire Aug. 1 following the disposal of her goods at the sale which has been in progress the past week.

With the termination of the construction workers’ strike, things are shaping up mighty fine on the swimming pool project. With favorable weather conditions and no unforeseen difficulties. It is believed that the pool will be completed July 15.

Adolph Heuser, 62, life-long resident of the Mount Horeb area, was fatally injured in a tractor accident on his farm in German Valley Wednesday afternoon, June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Melby, rural Mount Horeb, will observe their silver wedding anniversary Sunday, July 11, with an open house at their home.

50 Years Ago- July 11, 1974

Paul Underwood, 14, is

reported in very stable condition at Madison General Hospital after being taken there by National Guard Air Rescue helicopter. Underwood suffered scalp cuts and neck injuries after hitting a rock when he dove from a steep bank at Stewart Lake.

Margie Zander and Steve Hoffmaster were married at a 11 am service Saturday, June 15, in St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Pine Bluff.

Winners for their decorated bikes and floats in the July 4 Kiddie Parade included Charlie Collins, Vicki and Elizabeth Field, Paul Elver, Paul Koller and Kristin Arnold.

20 Years Ago- July 8, 2004

Alpha S. Johnson, 97, of Mount Horeb passed way to eternal life on June 30 at Ingleside Nursing Home.

The former filling station at 210 West Main will house a fire department historical museum in the near future, and the house next door will become a dormitory for firefighter cadets. Both projects were made possible by a bequest from the Kenneth Bjelde estate.

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By **JESSICA GRETZINGER**
Library Director

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Rule Changes in Effect for Nomination Paper Period for Some Independent Candidates Seeking Oval Office

July 1 marks the start of nomination paper circulation for independents amid significant administrative changes by the Wisconsin Elections Commission

By **MATT GEIGER**
Finger Publishing

July 1 marked the start of the nomination paper circulation period for some independent presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

Presidential and vice-presidential candidates affiliated with parties already on the ballot do not need to circulate nomination papers. Independent candidates for president and vice president have until August 6 to submit their nomination papers.

July 1 was also the effective date of several key administrative rules changes that govern the procedures for challenging candidate nomination papers and declarations of candidacy. Changes to the administrative rules were adopted by the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) following several public meetings.

The new rules, (unless suspended) will govern any challenges brought against nomination papers filed in August. WEC commissioners recently indicated in a written statement that “a lack of familiarity with the rules will not constitute a defense to any challenges.”

The revisions – which are to EL §§ 2.05 and 2.07 – were implemented to “resolve ambiguity, create a clear, consistent process

for candidates and challengers, and codify existing Commission practice,” according to the WEC.

Some features of the newly revised rule include:

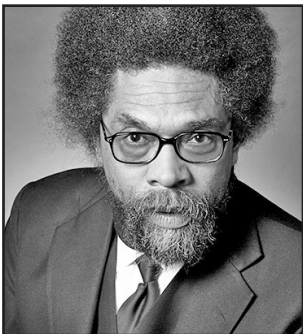
Separate Complaint Process: Creation of a dedicated, separate administrative complaint process solely for ballot access challenges.

More Detail, Fewer Questions: Much more detailed rule that won’t leave candidates and challengers guessing on substance and procedure.

Implementation of Existing Guidance: Integration of the Commission’s Common Nomination Paper Challenges Manual and existing Commission guidance regarding the treatment and sufficiency of nomination papers.

Clearer Deadlines: The new rule instructs that “calendar days” include weekends and legal holidays, removing challenge deadline ambiguities.

Expanded Definition Section: An expansive definition section that includes important terms: address; affidavit; certification; calendar day; clear, satisfactory, and convincing evidence; correcting affidavit; elector; facially sufficient; filing officer; header; local filing officer; nickname;



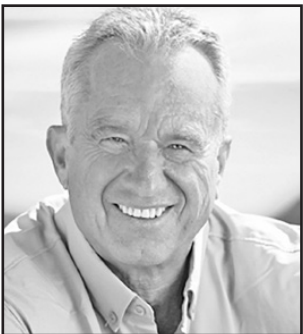
As of July 1, candidates like Dr. Cornel West, and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. must navigate the Wisconsin Elections Commission’s newly revised rules for nomination papers and candidacy declarations.

nomination paper; printed name; qualified circulator; signature; signer, substantial compliance; voting municipality.

New Challenge and Response Format: The revised rules require challengers to file a short, plain statement explaining the basis of the challenge, with an option to also submit a brief or summary of applicable legal standards. Candidates will then file a response that also consists of a short and plain statement and/or a legal brief.

Addition of Challenger Rebuttal: The challenger now has the ability to submit a rebuttal to the candidate’s response within 24 hours of receipt to refute any legal arguments.

Decision and Appeal Provisions: The new rule requires a filing officer to issue a written decision and signed order, and provides



detail for how challengers or candidates can use existing statutory procedures to appeal the decision.

New provisions of Chapter EL 2 were created to provide for a separate challenge process for declarations of candidacy. Previously, no administrative rules addressed how declarations of candidacy could be challenged. Challengers most often ended up attempting to shoehorn their challenges into the nomination paper process, which caused confusion and lacked a clear administrative rule process.

The rules for declaration of candidacy challenges mirror the new rules for nomination papers, except for aspects specific to declarations of candidacy:

Specific Grounds for Challenges: Declaration of candidacy challenges can only be brought to one or

more specific, enumerated grounds in EL § 2.08(4). The challenge must allege with specificity the ground or grounds of each challenge.

No Correcting Affidavits: Corrections to declarations of candidacy can only be resolved by filing an amended declaration of candidacy, which may be done at any time, including after the filing deadline.

No Substantial Compliance: Declarations of candidacy are either sufficient or insufficient; there are no standards for substantial compliance, and no presumption of validity.

Challenge Process, Deadlines, and Appeal are the Same: The processing for bringing a challenge, and associated deadlines and timeframes, are the same as nomination paper challenges.

Deadlines for Independent Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates

1. July 1, 2024 – August 6, 2024 – Nomination paper circulation period for independent presidential and vice-presidential candidates who are not nominated from parties that have ballot status. Wis. Stat. § 8.20(8) (am).

2. Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 5 p.m. – Statutory filing deadline for nomination papers for independent presidential and vice-presidential candidates. Wis. Stat. § 8.20(8)(am).

3. Friday, August 9, 2024, at 5 p.m. – Deadline for challenges to nomination papers and declarations of candidacy.

4. Response Deadline: Three Calendar Days after Challenge Filed – Responses must be filed not later than 3 calendar days, including Saturday and Sunday, after the challenge has been filed. Specific response deadlines will be confirmed by Commission staff when and if a challenge is filed.

5. Rebuttal Deadline: 24 Hours after Response Filed – Rebuttals must be filed not later than 24 hours after the transmission of the response. Specific rebuttal deadlines will be confirmed by Commission staff when and if a response to a challenge is filed.

6. August 27, 2024, at 11 a.m. – Commission virtual meeting to consider and grant ballot access to all candidates for president and vice president of the United States. The Commission will also hear and decide any challenges filed to independent presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

Your Right to Know: Redaction costs a threat to public access

By **BILL LUEDERS**
Your Right to Know

The bill moved with lightning speed. It was introduced last December, passed the state Senate in January and the Assembly in February, and was signed into law by Gov. Tony Evers in March. 2023 Wisconsin Act 253 allows police and corrections officials to charge some requesters of video and audio recordings for the cost of redaction — that is, blurring out certain information.

Members of the media and others objected, noting that the cost of redactions can easily run into hundreds and even thousands of dollars, making them unaffordable. The ACLU of Wisconsin warned this “could allow law enforcement to shirk

their obligation to be publicly accountable, and further erode the belief that police protect communities rather than only their own.”

Just prior to the state Assembly’s vote, lawmakers approved a bill amendment that exempted videos of police-involved shootings as well as requesters “directly involved in the event” captured on video. It also allowed up to ten requests per year without redaction charges for those who stipulate in writing that they “will not use the audio or video content for financial gain.” The bill as amended passed the Assembly 94-3.

Problem solved? Not really. Questions were subsequently raised about what this language means. Does a request for six videos count as one request

or six? If multiple parties ask for the same video, do they split the cost?

But the gravest concern was over the bill’s reference to “financial gain.” Does this mean any media outlet that still manages to make money? It’s an important question, because the new law says anyone who falsely denies being out for financial gain can be fined \$10,000 per violation.

State Sen. Jesse James, the bill’s chief sponsor, seemed flummoxed when asked, in a WMTV report that aired March 1, whether it applied to news media. “I don’t have an answer for you,” James said. “We try to do our best to have the legislation 100 percent right, but that doesn’t always happen.” He later affirmed that journalists are

not exempt.

The cold, hard reality of this interpretation was driven home last month when Alice Herman, a volunteer reporter for the nonprofit news outlet Tone Madison, requested video taken by UW-Madison police officers who shut down a student protest encampment on May 1. Herman was told there would be no exemption and threatened with a \$10,000 fine if she signed the form disclaiming an interest in financial gain and then used it for Tone Madison.

UWPD spokesperson Marc Lovicott told me his department is “working through challenges” with the new law and hoping to receive guidance from the state’s Office of Open Government, part of the

Department of Justice. “It’s a broadly worded law that’s really untested. We’re all trying to figure it out.”

Lovicott noted that Tone Madison, like other news organizations, runs ads on its website, “so they’re technically taking money in. Is that financial gain?” He said redacting video footage over a period of several hours from the 30-plus officers at the scene, all equipped with body cameras, is “an exorbitant amount of work for our two-person records staff,” for which the department would like to recoup at least some of the associated costs.

Scott Gordon, editor-in-chief and publisher of Tone Madison, wrote a deeply researched article on the new law, which he said leaves “the door open to

a broad interpretation that could ensnare all manner of requesters working in the public interest.”

If media outlets and civic groups are priced out of obtaining police video, one of the primary reasons for spending millions of tax dollars to outfit officers with cameras will have been undermined.

This bill, as written, should never have been passed and signed into law. It needs to be clarified, if not repealed.

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Avian Flu Concerns Create Extra Step for Fair Exhibitors

With the resurgence of H5N1, Wisconsin mandates stringent testing for lactating dairy cows before fair exhibitions to curb the spread of the virus

By **HEATHER STANEK**
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Avian flu concerns create extra step for fair exhibitors
By Heather Stanek

Fair season is underway, and certain animal exhibitors have one more thing to worry about this summer.

Highly pathogenic avian flu, also known as HPAI or H5N1, has been discovered in dairy cattle in 12 states, including Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota, according to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. As a result, the State is requiring all lactating dairy cattle to be tested prior to being moved for fairs or exhibitions. The order took effect June 19.

The USDA also requires Influenza A testing prior to transporting dairy cattle between states.

The goal is to prevent the infection or spread of H5N1 within Wisconsin and beyond.

According to the State, lactating dairy cows set to be shown or transported must have a negative test no more than seven days before being taken to a fair. The test must also be done by an approved facility through the National Animal Health Laboratory. The test is available for free through USDA APHIS or NAHLN. Farmers can also apply for reimbursement of shipping and veterinarian fees for collection of samples.

The testing order will remain in place until 60 days after the last detected case in the United States. So far, that has not occurred.

Anyone who works with dairy cattle is advised to be careful to avoid contamination.

In dairy cattle, this type of flu causes reduced appetite, decreased milk production and other common influenza symptoms.

Birds with the illness show the usual flu symptoms, such as upper respiratory problems, and can die from complications. They can spread the flu through saliva, mucus and fecal matter. Other species can get sick by having close proximity and breathing in the germs or accidentally getting them into the eyes or mouth.

Since 2022, an increased number of both wild and domesticated animals have tested positive for high-

ly pathogenic avian flu. According to the CDC, these creatures include foxes, bears, seals and sea lions, as well as dogs, cats, farmed mink, goats and cows.

The CDC has advised that the risk of humans getting sick is low, but those who spend a lot of time around birds or dairy cattle are at increased risk of spreading the disease. Sick wild animals can be reported to the State or other authorities. Domesticated animals should be tended to by a vet. In the meantime, practice good hygiene, such as frequent hand washing and cleaning of living spaces. Keep sick animals isolated from other healthy ones. Also remember to wear masks, gloves and eye protection to avoid contracting the disease or spreading it. It's also a smart idea to change and promptly launder any clothing you wore while working with the sick animal. The CDC says farmers can also use coveralls, boots and boot covers to further reduce the risk of infection when handling sick animals.

Keep in mind that bird flu can be spread through natural water surfaces, such as ponds, since birds may leave droppings in them. It can also occur in waterers, pans, buckets and troughs. Keep an eye on these sources if you have animals, and keep them regularly cleaned.

For consumers, appropriate cooking measures help ensure you don't get sick from the flu or other foodborne illnesses. Make sure poultry, eggs and beef are all cooked to temperature. For guidelines, visit www.cdc.gov/food-safety/foods/safer-food-choices. Avoid unpasteurized milk or milk products, as these may be contaminated.

If you've been around a sick animal recently and develop symptoms, contact your health care provider. Otherwise, be sure to monitor yourself for symptoms if you've been exposed.



Fairs organizers and exhibitors have an extra responsibility with milking cows this summer: Ensuring they don't have highly pathogenic avian flu. So far, the disease has not been found in Wisconsin, and the goal is to prevent infection in the state. (Photos by Heather Stanek)



Dairy cattle interact on a farm. Cows that are in milk and will be showing at fairs this summer need to have a negative highly pathogenic avian flu test.

These include the typical flu symptoms, such as coughing, runny nose, sneezing and fever, as well as conjunctivitis (eye redness). More severe symptoms can include shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, seizures and altered mental state, according to the CDC. Complications range from pneumonia to sepsis to organ failure.

There is no human vaccine for H5N1 in the United States. The CDC says seasonal flu shots won't protect you from the virus.

Concerns about the disease date back to March of this year when an unknown cause of illness was discov-

ered in dairy cattle in Texas. It was later determined this was highly pathogenic avian flu. Since then, the flu has been discovered in other states.

Fairs already have health requirements for animals that will be brought on their premises, and the testing is

just one more step in the process. For example, the Sauk County Fair requires all animal exhibitors to include vet inspection certificates or test documents with their check-in information. These documents are kept on file at the Fair Office, as is required by the

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The free Wednesday Night Live summer concert series is back. The popular shows at Gruhdahl Park started July 10 with Generation Jones and run weekly through mid-August. July 17’s band will be Rare Element (above) a Madison-based classic funk band, which has developed a strong reputation for its high-intensity live shows. The band’s highly talented seven-piece roster, including a three-piece horn section, brings massive energy to the stage at each performance. Photo contributed.

Searching for Nature’s Soul in the Heartland

Author and English Professor Kevin Koch returns to Mount Horeb’s downtown Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd Street) on Thursday, July 18: 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to share his latest book “Midwest Bedrock: The Search for Nature’s Soul in America’s Heartland.”

Koch will take his audience on a Midwest tour, interweaving brief readings and striking photography of twelve Heartland states, including, of course, the best of the best—Wisconsin!

This longtime lover of

the land contends that to know a place deeply means to understand it on several levels. From the headwater of the Mississippi at Lake Itasca, to Wisconsin’s delightfully meandering 1,100 mile Ice Age Trail, to Iowa’s Effigy Mounds, to Ohio’s Hocking Hills, and a smattering of romantic (and rugged, and functional) landscapes in between, Koch will burrow below often-unassuming surfaces to the layers of natural and cultural history nestled below.

Kevin J. Koch is a Professor Emeritus of English at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. His other works include “The Driftless Land: Spirit of Place in the Upper Mississippi Valley” and “The Thin Places: A Celtic Landscape from Ireland to the Driftless.” Koch, a native of Dubuque, Iowa, can be found in his down time enjoying the natural expanses of this very same and very distinctive Driftless region.

The Mount Horeb Area Historical Society operates

the Driftless Historium, an award-winning museum and research center. MHAHS was founded in 1975 to collect, preserve and share the history and heritage of Southwestern Dane County.

Registration is not required for this free event. Copies of Koch’s “Midwest Bedrock” will be available for sale and signing immediately before and following the main presentation. For more information call 608-437-6486 or email mthorebahs@gmail.com.

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

Mt. Horeb Seniors Diabetes Education & Support classes, 1:00-3:00pm- Mt. Horeb Senior Center

2024 Student Spotlight Art Exhibition, Unraveling Reflections, featuring Mount Horeb High School artists Anja Rathje & Lizzy Helin at Driftless Historium, thru July 30, 2024, Fri-Tues., 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Free

Farmers’ Market, 315 E. Main St., lawn of Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3:00-6:30pm. Seasonal vegetables, fruit, and much more

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Pie Social - Mt. Horeb Seniors, 1:00pm, presented by Claire Purkis from Area Aging on Aging, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

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

SATURDAY, JULY 13

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

Teddy Davenport performing folk, blues, country and gospel at Blue Mount State Park Amphitheater, Friends Shelter, 6:00-8:00pm.

MONDAY, JULY 15

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

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Badger Hearing, 1:00-3:00pm. Walk-in or by appt. 608-285-2772, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

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

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OBITUARY

Sheryl Lynn Chellevoid

Oct. 29, 1948 -
July 1, 2024



MOUNT HOREB / DARLINGTON - Sheryl “Sheri” Chellevoid, age 75, of Madison, passed away on Monday, July 1, 2024, at St. Mary’s Care Center. She was born on Oct. 29, 1948, in Tunnel City, Wis., the daughter of Forrest “Jake” and Geraldine (Chitwood) Bloyer.

Sheri graduated from Tomah High School. She was united in marriage to David Chellevoid on Nov. 23, 1968, in Ashwaubenon. She worked as a property

manager for Pioneer Property Management until her retirement.

Sheri loved singing and making music. She taught piano and voice lessons in the Darlington community for many years. She also enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles, and maintaining a very clean household.

Sheri is survived by her daughter, Jody Chellevoid of Mount Horeb; sons, Chad Chellevoid of Westfield, Ind., and Doug (Tamara) Chellevoid of Menomonee Falls; eight grandchildren, Morgan, Carson and Abbey Brummer, Jake and Cole Chellevoid, Johnny Strand, Evan and Sofia Chellevoid; sister, Susan Ganshert of Brooklyn; and brother-in-law, Larry (Karen) Chellevoid. She is also survived by her honorary sons, Larry (Teri) Green of Blanchardville, Julio (Patricia) Daud, and Renato (Gigi) Daud of Asuncion, Paraguay.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David, in December of 2020; her parents; a granddaughter,

Kailyn Brummer; and her brothers-in-law, Larry Ganshert, Ronald Chellevoid and Dean Chellevoid.

A memorial service was held at EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 315 E. Main St., Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, with the Rev. John Twiton presiding. Burial was at Union Cemetery in Mount Horeb. Visitation was held at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be gifted in Sheri’s name to SSM Hospice. The family wishes to thank the kind and compassionate staff of SSM Hospice and St. Mary’s Care Center for their care of Mom in her final years.

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between local governments, my office at the state level and the National Parks Service at the federal level,” Tish said. “One of the main purposes of the program is to get federal money down to local governments for assistance with historic preservation planning.”

Tish said that, as a National Parks Service program, CLGs have five NPS requirements. These include the presence of a local ordinance, establishment of an HPC, commitment to the enforcement of state historic preservation laws, provisions for public participation and maintenance of a strategy for survey and inventory, with a plan for an update at the 30-year mark from the last survey. For reference, the current survey was completed in 1997. In addition to these federal requirements, Tish said states are also able to add additional requirements.

“The State of Wisconsin has added that the ordinance must regulate properties. You have to file an annual report, and you have to share agendas and minutes of the

HPC with me,” Tish said. “You can’t have an opt-out provision, you must have the power to designate over the objection of an owner and the commission must have quasi-judicial and not advisory power.”

Tish said some communities get uncomfortable with the “no opt-out provision,” meaning the ordinance of a CLG does not require owner consent. However, property owners affected by an HPC decision may appeal that decision to the Village Board. He said the provision ultimately gives a village board or city council the legal authority to designate a property as historic over the owner.

“What I tell communities that get anxious about that is that you have to have that provision in your ordinance to be a CLG, but how you use that provision is completely up to the community,” Tish said, clarifying that the HPC only recommends designations to the Village Board. “You have to have the power to be a CLG, but how you use it is completely up to you. In 95 % of cities that have these ordinances, a city council or village board has the final say

on what is designated. Those are the elected officials in a community, so the designation then enters that democratic process.”

In addition to describing some of the specifics of joining the CLG program, Tish shared his thoughts on the criteria of an effective historic preservation ordinance. He said while there are eight common components of a local ordinance, three aspects are the most critical.

“The three critical legs of an effective HP ordinance are criteria for designation, design standards for alteration of those designated properties and for new construction in historic districts and then the commission, who is empowered to administer the ordinance,” Tish said.

According to an item report, Destinee Udelhoven,

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Toddler Yoga – Session 2 - This positive and fun yoga series is for the littlest yogis and their caregivers, and explores simple yoga poses, while incorporating stories, music and playful yoga games. The classes focus on fine and gross motor skills, body awareness, sensory

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and physical exploration, social skills, and parent-child bonding. All equipment and materials will be provided. A parent/guardian must accompany program with child. Session 2 is on Mondays and will be held from August 5th – August

12th. This session will be for 1–3-year-olds and will be held from 9:30-10:00 AM. The class will be located in Grundahl Park, near the enclosed shelter. Resident fee is \$20 and non-resident fee is \$30. Registration deadline is 7/29.

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Mount Horeb’s ‘Best of the best’

Vikings’ girls shined from start to finish

The girls golf team continued its rapid ascension. The gymnastics team remained one of the elite outfits in the state. And Abigail Sadler capped off one of the greatest cross country and track careers in school history. These were just a few of the highlights in what was another tremendous year for Mount Horeb’s girls sports programs. It wasn’t easy, but the Mount Horeb Mail has selected the ‘Best of the Best’ from the year that was. Here’s our opinion of the Vikings’ finest performances from a memorable 2023-24 school year.

Team of the Year Gymnastics

When the season began, there were more questions than answers for Mount Horeb’s gymnastics team. The Vikings had lost several key gymnasts from the 2023 group that finished fourth at state. Legendary Mount Horeb coach Martha



Koller Faust knew she had pieces, but was unsure how to make the puzzle fit. When it was over, though, the Vikings were back where they always seem to finish — near the top of the state. Mount Horeb went to the WIAA Division 2 state meet on March 1, had a magnificent performance and finished third overall. Elkhorn won the team title with a 140.6835 score, while the West Salem co-op was a close second (140.2335). The Vikings were third at 138.750, while Whitefish Bay (136.6832) and Reedsburg (135.650) rounded out the top-five at the 10-team meet. “Mental and physical toughness are equally important in gymnastics and I’m beyond proud of our girls’ abilities to maintain their composure and have such a terrific state meet weekend — and season overall,” Koller Faust said.

“We are so very proud of this Viking gymnastics team — yes, for earning a hard-fought third place at the state meet, but also for how far they have come since our first meet in early December. They kept believing in themselves and in each other and that proved to be the key.” Mount Horeb was making its 13th straight trip to state and a record 37th overall appearance at state. In that time, the Vikings have six state championships, 12 second place finishes and seven third place showings. The 2024 Vikings were a special bunch that went unbeaten in the Badger Conference and won several invitationals throughout a season where they improved by leaps and bounds. “I am very pleased with this season,” said Mount Horeb standout junior Athena Ouradnik. “Watching myself and my team get new skills, new personal records, and ultimately just bond together is so fulfilling.” “There were doubts at the start of the season because continued on page 11



Mount Horeb’s girls gymnastics team (top) was named the MHM’s Team of the Year. Above, Vikings’ coach Martha Koller Faust hugs senior Edie Balster. File photos

MOUNT HOREB’S BEST OF THE BEST

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

Mount Horeb began the state meet on the uneven bars and had a solid showing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(8.5833). “All five of our gymnasts really hit,” Koller Faust said. “Finding out that our team total on vault (35.3 points) was the highest of the Division 2 meet was a great feeling.”

Overall, the Vikings left Wisconsin Rapids with a lot of great feelings.

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

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

Honorable mention: Golf, cross country, softball.

Coach of the Year Jeramie Holman, softball

They’ve been a bridesmaid for several years now. And it seems like only a matter of time until Mount Horeb’s girls softball team says, “I do.”

Holman helped lead the Vikings to another tremendous season, one in which Mount Horeb went 21-4 overall, a perfect 14-0 in the Badger Small Conference and reached the sectional finals where it fell to Lake Mills.

The Vikings also reached the sectional finals in 2021 and 2022 and the sectional semifinals in 2023. Everyone around the program believes it’s just a matter of time before Holman guides Mount Horeb to its first state tournament in school history.

“Getting here was crazy,” Mount Horeb senior center fielder Maddie Swigum said. “I really wish we could have taken that last step. But four years ago, you would have never thought we could do this. I have no doubt they will go as far, or farther next year.”

Mount Horeb averaged 9.4 runs per game and scored in double figures in 12 of its 24 games this season. After a 1-2 start, Mount Horeb ripped off 12 straight wins and had won 19 of 20 games overall before falling to Lake Mills.

“Our goals this year were to have a winning season, win conference get the No. 1 seed, win regionals and

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Mount Horeb’s Athena Ouradnik (top) helped the Vikings finish third at the WIAA Division 2 state gymnastics meet, while Jeramie Holman led the Vikings’ softball team to a conference title and was named the MHM’s Coach of the Year. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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make it back to the sectional final game and have that chance to go to state,” Holman said.

The Vikings accomplished all of things — except the trip to state.

Mount Horeb earned the No. 1 seed in its half of the sectional, and opened the postseason with a 10-0 win over Sauk Prairie. The Vikings followed that with a 20-3 destruction of Wisconsin Dells in the regional finals and a 4-3 win over West Salem in the sectional semifinals.

“We have a lot of confidence in our lineup from top to bottom,” said senior Jojo Murray. “Our coach prepares us for any kind of pitching we will face and works hard to help us strengthen our weaknesses. Once it got going, we got on a roll. Hitting is contagious.”

While the Vikings couldn’t take the final step, it was undoubtedly a year to remember.

Junior pitcher Jayse Holman, senior left fielder Gina Rhiner and junior shortstop Ruby Dahlk, Swiggum and Murray were all named first-team all-conference.

Junior second baseman Hallie Klein and freshman pitcher Jozie Clifton were both named second-team all-conference. And sophomore first baseman Delaina Nicewander and junior right fielder Ellie Larson were both named honorable-mention all-conference.

In addition, Jeramie Holman was named the conference’s Coach of the Year and he could have the Vikings poised for big things again in 2025.

“We’re not to be a rebuilding program, we want to reload,” Jeramie Holman said. “I’m excited.”

Honorable mention: Nolan Krentz (golf), Martha Koller Faust (gymnastics).

Senior Athlete of the Year

Abigail Sadler (track, cross country)

The strategy is called sit and kick.

And Mount Horeb sensational senior Abigail Sadler executed it to perfection.

At the WIAA Division 1 state track and field meet held at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse on May 31, Sadler showed why she’s one of the elite runners in Wisconsin and

arguably the finest in school history.

Sadler had a sensational performance in the 1,600-meter run and rallied in the final 250 meters to win that race. Sadler later finished second in the 800-meter run and helped the Vikings’ 3,200-meter relay team place eighth.

Sadler’s huge weekend helped Mount Horeb finish in 13th place overall with 19 points. Arrowhead won its fourth straight state title with 67 points.

“I absolutely loved spending the weekend with the team,” said Sadler, who will compete for Harvard beginning this fall. “The support from my coaches and teammates was amazing and having the opportunity to compete against the top runners in the state was incredible.”

Sadler was awfully incredible herself.

Her plan in the 1,600 was to “sit and kick”, meaning she’d sit behind the lead runners for most of the race, then crank things up down the stretch. Sadler chose this approach knowing she had to run the 800 just a couple hours later.

Sadler was boxed in on all sides for the majority of the race, but never let that faze her.

“I remained patient and bided my time,” she said.

Then, in the final 250 meters Sadler showed why she’s on the Mount Rushmore of Mount Horeb runners.

Sadler surged to the front of the pack and finished in 4 minutes, 49.93 seconds, more than 3 seconds ahead of runner-up Ella Anschutz of Muskego (4:53.11). The win was extremely sweet after Sadler was third at state in the 1,600 last year.

“The goal of this race was to conserve as much energy as possible for the 800 about two hours later, while still taking the win,” Sadler said. “Being the 1,600-meter champion means so much to me as taking third last year was a heartbreak.

“I had a strong base season over the winter to build aerobically and have been running many 200-meter intervals during practice this year to build my speed. All of this preparation gave me confidence in my ability to hold my kick and the knowledge no one would be able to match it.”

Sadler, the defending state champion in the 800, hoped to win back-to-back titles in that event. But the short turnaround was sim-



Mount Horeb cross country and track standout Abigail Sadler was selected as the Mount Horeb Mail’s Senior Athlete of the Year. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

ply too much to overcome.

Sadler led for much of the race, but Cedarburg’s Charlize-Trinity McKenzie made a move in the final 400 meters and finished first in 2:08.20. Sadler took second in 2:10.13.

“The 1,600 just two hours earlier had taken a sizeable amount of energy and made it extremely difficult,” Sadler said. “I have learned a lot of lessons from this race and am excited to apply them in my next competition.

“While I was unable to defend my 800-meter state title, I wouldn’t change the

decision to run the race, as I never run away from a challenge.”

Sadler also ran the anchor leg on the Vikings’ 3,200-meter relay team that finished in eighth place. Katherine Straka, who was coming back from a hamstring injury, ran a terrific first leg, then Emmy Benin and Julia Straka had strong performances.

Sadler then had a tremendous anchor leg in which she completed her 800-meters in 2:08 and helped the Vikings move from 11th place to eighth. Homestead won the race in 9:15.69,

while Mount Horeb finished in 9:33.65.

“The 4x8 relay team gave it all we had,” Sadler said. “We were faced with some stiff competition and took it on valiantly. While missing the podium (top six) was a disappointment, our team is extremely proud of all we accomplished this year.”

Sadler also went to the WIAA Division 2 state meet at Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids last October and shined, finishing second individually. Northland Pines senior Nora Gremban won the race in 17 minutes, 46.7

seconds, while Sadler was second in 18:09.3.

Afterwards, the sensational Sadler used words like “redemption” when discussing future races. But Sadler also knew that what she accomplished at state — and throughout her remarkable Mount Horeb career — was incredibly

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said. “To have multiple players capable of shooting in the 40’s has made us much more formidable this season and allowed us to achieve our goal of winning a conference title.”

Performance of the Year Swimmers shine at state

Ava Newman admits she was skeptical.

Newman, a junior on Mount Horeb’s girls swimming team, wasn’t sure how things would operate when the Vikings separated from Verona and established independence in 2022.

“The team becoming an independent program definitely was a change of pace,” Newman said.

Two years into the new

arrangement, this change of pace is working out quite nicely.

The Vikings went to the WIAA Division 2 state meet held at Waukesha South High School last November and excelled.

Mount Horeb posted 43 points and finished in 17th place overall. A year ago, the Vikings scored 24 points and finished 24th.

Rhinelanders won this year’s state title with 308 points, while Whitefish Bay (221), Madison Edgewood (208), Ashwaubenon (152) and Jefferson/Cambridge (114) rounded out the top five.

“I am so proud of how our team did at state,” Mount Horeb first-year coach Jalen Butteris said. “We nearly doubled our points scored from last year’s state appearance. We had a chance to get a medal or two, but missed out by

only a couple seconds.”

Newman agreed.

“The team finishing 17th was definitely a huge accomplishment,” Newman said. “We placed much higher than we did last year and I’m very proud of how well we did.”

With good reason.

The Vikings had just 13 swimmers in the program this year. And without a pool at Mount Horeb High School, the Vikings were typically beggars — not choosers — when it came to finding practice time elsewhere.

Much like the 2022 season, though, Mount Horeb proved to be the little engine that could and exceeded any and all expectations.

Newman had the Vikings’ top finish with a seventh place showing in the 500-yard freestyle. Newman’s time of 5:25.32 was more than one second better than her seed time from sectionals (5:26.42).

“I went into that event fairly confident and with a



Ava Newman helped Mount Horeb’s girls swimming team to a 17th place finish at the WIAA Division 2 state meet. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

positive mindset because the 500 is my favorite race,” Newman said. “I didn’t place and go what I had hoped for, but I have plenty of training to do before my senior season.”

Mount Horeb sophomore Caitlin Patrick-Stern added an 11th place finish in the 500 free, as her time of 5:29.55 was more than six seconds faster than her seed time (5:35.91).

Newman was also 12th in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:00.86.

“I went into (the 200) with a good mindset and the time that came out of it was just what I had hoped for,” Newman said.

Senior Emmy Bennin made her final races with the Vikings memorable ones.

Bennin was 10th in the 50-yard freestyle (25.07) and 12th in the 100-yard freestyle (55.23).

Mount Horeb also qualified two relay teams and both performed well.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Patrick-Stern, junior Siobhan Mertz, Newman and Bennin finished in 14th place at 3:54.06. And that same foursome combined to place 16th in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:47.15).

“When it comes to competing at such a high level

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Town of Primrose

The Town of Primrose Planning Commission meeting for July will take place at 8468 County Road A, Verona WI, on Monday, July 15th, 2024, 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 BLUE MOUNDS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO
DISCONTINUE A PORTION OF TOWN ROAD
August 20, 2024, 7:00 PM**

Notice: By resolution (Resolution PW2024-1) passed by the Town Board of Supervisors, Town of Blue Mounds, Dane County, WI, the supervisors of the Town of Blue Mounds, Dane County, WI, move to discontinue a portion a town road commonly known as Rowley Road, located in Section 29, T6NR6E, Parcel #0606-012-8501-0, Town of Blue Mounds.

Notice is hereby given that the supervisors of the Town of Blue Mounds will meet on the 20th of August 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 10566 Blue Vista Road, Blue Mounds, WI to decide upon such application. Resolution and additional information available at Blue Mounds Town Hall for inspection during regular business hours.

Amanda Burghy
Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF
TOWN OF PRIMROSE
2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

TOWN OF PRIMROSE, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Please take notice that a Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption for the 2024 Town of Primrose Comprehensive Plan will be held on Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, beginning at 7:30 pm by the Town Board and the Town Planning Commission.

The proposed 2024 Town of Primrose Comprehensive Land Use Plan includes updates and clarifications to the sections on Land Use, and to the town’s demographic and economic data. The current comprehensive plan was adopted by the Town in 2010.

The plan is available on the Town of Primrose’s website at townofprimrose.com. The public is invited to speak on the proposed Plan at the Public Hearing. Written comments may be submitted prior to, or at the public hearing. Any questions, written comments, or requests for a copy of the proposed update should be directed to the Town of Primrose Clerk, Ruth Hansen, at 608-516-6821, or clerk@townofprimrose.com. Written comments will be given the same weight as oral testimony and be part of the public record. **Written comments need to be received by the end of the day on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024.**

The Plan Commission and Town Board will review the comments received prior to adoption of the 2024 Plan. The Planning Commission and Town board may take action to adopt the 2024 Comprehensive Land Use Plan immediately following the public hearing.

Dated: June 27, 2024.

Town of Primrose, Dane County
Ruth Hansen, Clerk

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**VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT
August 13, 2024 Partisan Primary Election
Villages of Mount Horeb & Blue Mounds
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Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 for the Partisan Primary Election may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. Citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on election day, and who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot.

TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MUNICIPAL CLERK, OR GO TO MYVOTE.WI.GOV

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like this, you never know exactly how other teams are going to perform,” But-teris said. “But I know that Ava, Caitlin, Siobhan, and Emmy gave their all, and that’s all I can ask for.”

The Vikings gave But-teris all she could have asked for during her first season.

Mount Horeb won its first dual meets since break- ing away from Verona. The Vikings were competitive at countless invites and throughout the postseason.

And Mount Horeb’s per- formance at state was both impressive — and encour- aging for the future.

“This has been such an amazing first season as a coach, and I can’t wait to see how we can improve next season,” Butteris said.

Newman agreed, not- ing how pleased she is the Vikings have proven more than capable of standing — err, swimming — on their own.

“I feel as an independent program we have more time to receive advice from the coach, and there is more attention on all the swim- mers on the team,” New- man said. “Today I would say I am very happy with the independent program, and I hope it continues to grow next year and even after I graduate.”

Breakout Per- former of the Year Sylviah Seeliger, gymnastics

During the 2022-23 school year, Sylviah Seeli- ger was a freshman with limited experience on the Mount Horeb gymnastics team.

She competed in just one event — the uneven bars.

Fast forward a calendar year and after a lot of hard work, the talented Seeliger earned a trip to the WIAA Division 2 individual state meet.

As an all-around com- petitor, no less.

Turns out, that taste of varsity in 2023 was all the motivation Seeliger needed.

“I felt like I was ready to put in the work and able to be an all-around,” she said.

Mission accomplished.

Seeliger took second overall at the WIAA Di- vision 2 Mount Horeb Sectional with a score of 35.350. Elkhorn’s Kaylee Frank was the all-around champion with a 36.950.

The top five individuals in each event — balance beam, uneven bars, floor exercise and vault — all advanced to the individual state meet, while the top two teams moved on to state, as well.

“She’s just a very, not only physically strong per- son but clearly mentally strong,” Mount Horeb coach Martha Koller Faust

said of Seeliger, adding that she has battled some inju- ries this season but rose to the occasion when it mat- tered most.

Of Seeliger’s meteoric rise from part-time fresh- man to state-bound sopho- more, Koller Faust said it’s been the right mix of work ethic and understanding.

“She works hard in the offseason and she’s very willing to listen to my suggestions for revamp- ing her routines, whether it be a dance combination or a tumble pass on floor,” Koller Faust said.

At the state meet the fol- lowing weekend, Seeliger finished in 15th place in the all-around competition with a 34.6166.

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

In addition, she helped the Vikings earn a third place finish at the state team competition.

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

Honorable mention: Delaina Nicewander (golf, softball), Jadyn Schellpfef- fer (golf, soccer), Addison Motl (soccer), Julia Straka (cross country/track), Jozie Clifton (softball)



Mount Horeb sophomore gymnast Sylviah Seeliger was chosen as the MHM’s Breakout Per- former of the Year. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Village of Mt. Horeb, Dane County, Wisconsin shall reconvene on **Thursday, July 25, 2024 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.** The meeting will be in the 2nd Floor conference room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mt. Horeb, WI.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:

After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board’s final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information to, a member of the Board about that person’s objection, except at a session of the Board.

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When appearing before the Board of Review, the person shall specify, in writing, the person’s estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person’s objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

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Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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