

PERSPECTIVE

Superintendent Salerno reflects on heartbreaking event, focuses on heroism, and introduces the district's new support dog

By Dr. Steve Salerno
Superintendent

Vikings, I continue to be incredibly grateful for the support our community has shown in the wake of the events that shook all of us on May 1. The Department of Justice's Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) has publicly shared their official findings. The purpose of the document's release is to help all understand what occurred and aid in our collective healing. It is a difficult, heartbreaking read; however, it repeatedly emphasizes the heroism of so many – most especially the very first responding law enforcement professionals.

Knowing the content of the report would be difficult, District staff proactively prepared to gird our loving community and children. We thank all who submitted responses to our com-



munity survey in May. Their feedback helped us identify what assistance should be planned. The District has created the following opportunities:

Attend "Enhancing Resiliency in Young People" – Tuesday, August 27, 5:00 p.m. at the High School. Three distinguished professionals from the U.S. Department of Education will share research-proven strategies that we, as parents/caregivers, can use in acknowledging our children's emotional needs while empowering them in the development of a plan that leads to their continued resiliency and growth.

Review Support Recovery Materials – Traumatic events impact people in a variety of ways. Handouts regarding tips on how to support your student, your family, and yourself are available on our website at mounthorebschools.org or <http://bit.ly/3WCqXfu>

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ing, self-paced 60-minute module developed by the Department of Justice's "Office of School Safety": bit.ly/3SwTSQL. The fourth part of this adult-oriented module allows participants to better understand the role that a community plays in targeted violence prevention.

Report Tips via "Speak Up, Speak Out" (SUSO) The Speak Up, Speak Out confidential tip line will respond quickly to help some-

one who is in danger. The SUSO tip line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year: speakup.widj.gov.

Consider Applying to our Safety Review Taskforce – I am convening a taskforce for the purpose of reviewing the DCI's findings, recommend further enhancements to our safety protocols, and coordinate resources leading to implementation of Board approved strategies. This work calls for individuals with public safety experience, demonstrated teamwork success, and a growth mindset. It is especially important to me that we include student voice. If you are interested in being considered for this volunteer taskforce, please send me a brief statement that outlines the aforementioned skills that a selection committee can review (before September 15).

Meet our newest student, Crumble – Crumble is a support dog that has been donated by Custom Canines Service Dog Academy. Our Vikings were imprinted with the unconditional love given by all the dogs who came to our rescue. There are so many applications for their inclusion in our schools. Soon, families will have the opportunity to submit their preference regarding student interactions with Crumble. We cannot wait for you to meet Crumble!

While each persons' readiness to move forward is at a different level, the District is committed to doing all that it can to meet our students, families and staff "where they are at." We fully recognize some have moved past May 1, while others are struggling. Because healing is not linear, school leaders will continue to supplement District offerings as the needs of our Vikings evolve.

If you have any questions or I may be of service to you or your family, please call me. I may be reached at 608-437-7010.

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Board of education tackles array of issues

Trauma, Tile IX, referendum and more...

The Mount Horeb Area School District Board of Education held meetings on July 1, July 15 and August 5 which covered many topics

By AVNSLEY HOELSCHER
Mount Horeb Mail

July 1 Care needs survey

The district conducted two surveys that assess the counseling and other care needs of staff, students and their families after the incident in May.

On May 1 a student with a pellet gun that resembled a real rifle attempted to breach the middle school. According to law enforcement he did not comply and pointed the weapon at officers. He was shot by law enforcement and died at the scene.

Resource Development and Public Relations Coordinator Aubree Hanks presented the survey results.

When asked what additional training needs consideration before the new school year, staff responded that safety procedures were most important, with trauma informed care being next.

Most (58 percent) staff also said students were responding well after the incident, while the reminder said it's a mix of some students doing well while others were struggling. None said that most were struggling.

More than half of staff said they did not need any additional support services related to the incident.

"Trauma and trauma recovery presents in different ways, it's not static or straight lined, it has peaks and valleys," Hanks said.

Families of students generally (75 percent) said they did not need additional support services. And most (57 percent) said they would be unlikely to use additional support services going into the new school year.

"This is great statistics

backing up why we are doing what we're doing in terms of supports because 43 percent, while in a minority technically, is still a large chunk."

The district has applied for several grants to support the services provided.

Annual meeting

The Board of Education annual meeting was held August 12 at the intermediate center cafeteria at 6 pm. This meeting gave the opportunity for community members to approve financial policies and the annual budget. Look for a full breakdown of the budget in an upcoming edition.

Academic standards

The board approved the academic standards for the 2024-2025 school year.

The new standards follow new state standards, with the exception of changing Reading and Writing to English Language Arts.

Board joins consortium

The board decided to join the Greater Dane County School District Consortium.

Board president Jessica Arrigoni said she and director of student services Brian Johnson attended two of the meetings.

"In my opinion it is a good opportunity to learn alongside some of our peer districts and from our peer districts," Arrigoni said, "there's always an opportunity for districts to share."

The cost to join is \$500 a year.

Title IX

The department of education released upcoming changes to Title Nine in April. Title Nine was enacted to prevent discrimination against people on the basis of sex.

One change is that schools are required to investigate incidents that do not occur on school grounds if they

involve students.

The new changes in title nine are being contested by other states and courts.

"Right now Wisconsin is in 'no action' so there's nothing that would prevent us from implementing these regulations."

The new policies are still being written and are expected to be approved at the next board meeting.

"We are getting everything prepped and ready, we've given our old policies to our attorney and this is something that they're re-writing for us."

The new regulations include specifically naming the investigator and decision maker that handle an incident.

Once the new policy is enacted, all staff, including coaches and bus drivers, must be trained in it within 30 days.

The issue is still turbulent in the courts and depending on which federal administration is in charge.

"We don't want to drag our feet but we want to wait until it's reasonably effective."

There is a significant change in the language required in the new policy. The definition of harassment used to be "severe, pervasive and objectively offensive." Now in some areas that "and" is changed to an "or" which will broaden its scope significantly.

Another aspect forbids any punishment before the investigation is concluded. Salerno said this part of the policy could be problematic for alleged victims who must share class spaces with those they accuse.

Wellbeing report

"When I look at everything our student services have done since May first, it's pretty remarkable," Johnson said, "we've supported a lot of kids and adults."

Student services staff were stretched, redistributed and expanded to accommodate students' needs the wake of May 1. Staff saw significantly more counseling visits from middle school students.

Students needing special education services has steadily risen since 2020-2021. The number of students who need speech and language support has risen significantly since the pandemic.

The district's approach to prevent bullying and help students learn to regulate their emotions focuses on core classroom instruction rather than waiting for groups and individuals to be educated after an incident or problem arises.

July 15 Graduation, attendance and silver cord participation

The graduation rate is down slightly from previous years but special education students in the older than 18 program do not count as graduated.

The Silver Cord program lets students earn a cord to wear at graduation if they do 140 hours of community service. The number of students who earned the cord is down slightly, but many students are still completing and turning in hours, just not enough to earn the cord.

Average attendance continues to increase since the

pandemic. The number of students identified as chronically absent has also steadily decreased.

Soccer fence replacement

The board approved an almost \$28,000 plan to replace the soccer field fence along the parking lot.

Ballot questions

The board approved a referendum question on the ballot in November. The \$34 million referendum would contribute to a rebuild of the aging Early Learning Center, as well as other smaller projects across the district. Community members would have the opportunity to vote "yes" or "no" when voting for the president on November 5.

Students and Medication

The board approved a policy to allow students in grades six through 12 to carry and administer their own medications as long as they're not a controlled substance.

This change required a lot of legal language to be sure the district isn't liable if there are problems associated with that. Parents would be required to fill out

a form to give permission to the student.

August 5 Long range facility plans

The frog pond was filled in at the intermediate center because it has not been well maintained. The sign at the district office was also replaced.

The fence at the soccer field is being replaced and moved closer to the parking lot because water erosion has been a problem there.

The scoreboard at the football field was replaced and the old one was placed in storage for later use.

The auditorium floor at the high school has been replaced with a hardwood topped plywood that makes it easier to repair.

A Gaga ball pit is also being set up permanently.

A shed is being set up at the middle school to store materials for the Tech Ed class. The bike parking area was also extended.

Policy change

The emergency nursing policy was amended to allow trained staff members to use rescue medications for respiratory and diabetic distress.



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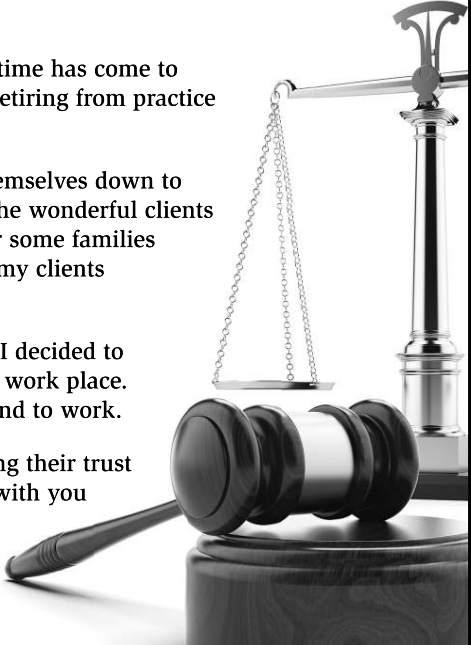
After fifty-six years of practicing law, the time has come to conclude that aspect of my life. I will be retiring from practice on September 1, 2024.

You may say "Why would a person tie themselves down to a job for so many years?" The answer is the wonderful clients I have worked with for all these years, for some families more than one generation, with many of my clients becoming personal friends.

It was my good fortune that my wife and I decided to select Mt. Horeb as our residence and my work place. It is a great community in which to live and to work.

I want to thank all of my clients for putting their trust in me. It was a privilege to have worked with you and for you.

Peter F. Waltz





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Counter

by Matt Geiger, Editor

Up in the air

“Uugggh...” crackled the pilot’s voice through the cabin of an airplane clearly built during the presidential administration of John Quincy Adams, back when people were much smaller and, incidentally, several generations before humans mastered flight. “Sorry for the delay. We had a problem with the other plane so we had to dust off this one. It’s a little smaller, the auxiliary power doesn’t work, and the air conditioning is broken. Please keep your window shades closed at all times to help keep us all from boiling alive in the cabin.”

I turned to the woman next to me and asked: “*Did he say the auxiliary power doesn’t work?*”

This aircraft was built for short flights; I’m guessing ones equivalent to a hang glider or how far an Olympic athlete can jump if you give them a good running start. Instead, it was carrying us from Wisconsin to North Carolina, a trip which took two-and-a-half hours and was not, and keep this in mind because it comes up again later in the story, the place I was trying to go on vacation.

The woman sitting next to me was, and this is a rough estimate, 900 years old. Not quite as old as the airplane, but close. As we rose into the sky, the hot breath of all the passengers combined into an awful, humid soup of despair. I did everything I could to avoid spilling into her seat, but it was impossible, because these were half-sized and with every mid-air jostle my tubby girth slammed into the woman with whom I was essentially sharing a seat.

The first bad omen during a trip just brimming with dark harbingers and ominous oracles took place a whole six hours earlier, but only 100 yards away, when I arrived at the airport. I got there on time, went through security, and walked up to the gate. As if triggered by my arrival, the departure time, which was supposed to be 1 p.m., started to change on the display above. I approached two women who worked for the airline, struck by their jovial demeanors, and asked if they thought I would miss my connecting flight.

“My wife and daughter drove to Kentucky yesterday, but I had to stay behind and work, so I’m supposed

to fly there this afternoon and join them,” I explained.

“I ALWAYS drive. Never fly!” said one of the women, who, I reiterate, *works for an airline*. It occurred to me why these two people were in such a good mood: they weren’t flying anywhere that day. Just watching other people try to. They were cheerful in the same manner as the people who check you in for a colonoscopy.

They told me I would certainly miss my connecting flight, and therefore be stranded in Charlotte, North Carolina, which is not a place anyone ever wants to be for any reason, including this one. They changed my second flight to a later one and showed me where the bar was.

“It’s a little early,” I said. “Should I really start drinking?”

The one woman placed a new ticket in my hand and looked directly into my eye, and also into my soul, and through her lips passed words dripping with dark meaning: “You’d better.”

I sat down, ordered a drink, cracked open a book, and sat for the next five hours, watching as my flight was delayed again and again. Once we boarded, I was struck by the fact that I could not stand up, even in the aisle. I knew I had been growing fatter as I aged, but taller? Unless I was now eight feet tall, which I couldn’t entirely rule out, this airplane was miniscule. I wondered if they had accidentally rolled out a model of an airplane built to one quarter size so it would fit into trade shows, or something.

The flight was, like all flights these days, terrible. It wasn’t even redeemed by the tiny bag of ancient pretzels or the warm, fizzy can of Diet Coke that I spilled all over myself. I actually tried to order a beer, but the lady just smiled, nodded “yes,” and poured me a diet soft drink instead. The fact that she just assumed I needed a diet beverage hurt a bit.

When we got to Charlotte, I discovered that roughly a billion people had also missed their connecting flights. I made my way my departure gate, which was a bit of an odyssey because things kept changing. I waited in line for two hours, then watched a man pick up the intercom, and tell us all in the most flippant way possible that our flight had been cancelled.

“Go to the Help Desk if you need to find a new flight,” he said. Then, with

I suspect human beings will eventually crack time travel. It sounds crazy, but no crazier than if you told someone 200 years ago that we would be able to fly around the world while watching reruns of Magnum P.I. on Hulu today. But we will likely do to time travel exactly what we have done to the miracle of flight; make it absolutely terrible. The wait times will be horrendous. Tickets will be expensive. Security will be invasive and pointless. People will get stuck in the wrong times and places. The bathrooms will be absolutely disgusting. Beers will cost \$15. Everyone will be farting.

a dramatic flair, the word “CANCELLED” appeared on the screen next to our flight number.

His use of the word “if” was puzzling. I’m no expert in air travel, but I’m fairly certain everyone on a cancelled flight needs to find a new one. Like, has there ever been an incident where someone was on a layover in Utah, their connecting flight was cancelled, and they simply responded by living in St. George for the rest of their days?

The line at the Help Desk already had hundreds of people in it when I arrived (unlike the prior numbers in this story, that is no exaggeration). Many had small children and bore the weary look of people whose enthusiasm for life was rapidly waning. The restaurants, bars and gift shops were so packed you couldn’t get food or water, or, most importantly, a very strong drink. It’s hard to overstate how crowded the airport was. Society began to break down immediately. Fights broke out. Religions were born and toppled. People began clustering in groups, huddling together as the night sky outside grew dark.

There were, according to several people, no more flights to Kentucky that night. My phone informed me that I had been rebooked on a flight that departed 20 hours later. My entire vacation was supposed to last just three days, and now I would be arriving just in time to turn around and head home. At least I had my health, right?

I befriended a man who had just spent a month and a half in Mexico City, which was his childhood home, and was trying to get back to Lexington, his current one. Behind me was a woman trying to get to California.

“What will you do if there really aren’t any more flights tonight?” she asked me.

I looked at her, tried to think of a clever response, couldn’t, and shrugged: “Cry?”

The thing about airports is that they are an homage to everything that is horrible about modern society. They are massive, sprawling, yet painfully cramped collections of things that are supposed to look like culture, but are not actually culture at all. Every restaurant is a chain, every hunk of food is disgusting, each sign or product or shop was placed

there by some corporation trying to make it look real and authentic. Airports are to real towns what Outback Steakhouse is to Australia, or Taco Bell is to Mexico. Everything in an airport is as inauthentic as a cheap Halloween costume. But dressing up as a “sexy nurse” or “vampire cop” doesn’t give someone the right to provide medical care or hand out speeding tickets; yet in an airport, every traveler is trapped and forced to pretend this is not the worst possible way to exist. If the world really does become dystopian, it will be exactly like an airport: everyone indoors, gazing at the fresh air and sky from behind a glass barrier, no dirt, no birds, the constant hum of machines, every person glaring at their phone, the din of the nearby Chili’s too loud to have a decent conversation with your family or the stranger next to you. Even regular, outdoor cities are often terrible, but at least there you can leave. At least there you might get pooped on by a bird, which is good luck.

Then I did what I always do when things are going poorly. I called my wife. She had spent the prior day driving and was safely at our destination.

“Give me a minute,” she said. A moment later she called and informed me she had gotten me on another flight, which was about to depart from the opposite end of the airport. Right away.

Off I ran. I sprinted as fast and as far as I could, powered by the thought I might see my wife and daughter again if I ran fast enough, and far enough, dodging babies and small dogs and people who walked through the airport with their eyes on their phones. I saw the gate. I ran harder, the blood coursing through my veins and pounding in my temples. Sweat soaked my t-shirt and jeans. I could see the plane! As I ran toward it, a woman in a blue vest walked over and shut the door. A pilot was standing nearby and saw me come running.

“I’m sorry,” he said. “They won’t re-open it for you.”

I stood there panting, watching the plane fly away. My wife called again.

“Gate A14,” she said. “I got you on another one. Hurry.”

I turned around and ran on. I am old and fat and completely out of shape,

and yet I ran, cowboy boots pounding on the awful floor of that awful place, dodging thousands and thousands of equally despondent people. The very real possibility of a heart attack occurred to me, but the blur of the terrible chain restaurants as I left them behind inspired me to run on. As I approached, gasping for air and soaked through with perspiration, my morning deodorant a dim memory, my heart sank. The gate said the flight was headed to San Antonio.

“But...but...Lexington...” I wheezed.

“Don’t worry,” said a voice beside me. “That flight is next.”

And it was. I had made it in time! Just barely. If by “just barely” you mean four hours early, because my new flight, the fifth I had been booked on that day, ended up being delayed again, and again, and again.

“Maybe I was too hard on this place,” I thought to myself. “Maybe airports aren’t so bad. I’m going to head into the bathroom to change my shirt and rinse off my face.”

And there, in the bathroom, I was reminded, by sights and sounds and smells, that I was in hell. If chain restaurants attack the tastebuds, and boarding areas affect the eyes, and screaming engines harm the ears, the bathroom offers its own symphony of horrors, in which nearly all the senses are engaged. Everyone in there was so sad, their digestion so destroyed, their eyes staring the blank stares of people who have given up all hope of a good and meaningful life.

I reemerged a moment later, my hatred of the airport fully rejuvenated. Then I waited. And waited. I reunited with my new friend on his way home from Mexico City. Well after midnight, as I got in line to board, I saw multiple people with boarding passes be denied entry to the plane because the airline had automatically rebooked them on different flights the following day. When I scanned my boarding pass, I held my breath and prayed for the light to turn green. It did not. It turned red and made an angry buzzing noise not unlike something I had recently heard coming from one of the bathroom stalls.

A very tired women in a blue vest looked down, snatched my ticket from my hand, tore it in half and dropped it into a trash can.

“Are you willing to sit in an exit seat and help in the event of an emergency?” She never even looked up and met by gaze, but she sounded like an angel.

“Yeah, I would sit on the wing of you asked me to,” I said.

She pressed a button, printed a new ticket and

handed it to me, still without looking at me.

When I boarded the plane, I was so excited. I had made it! It was technically the next day (it was 1 a.m.) but I was on my way to Kentucky to see my family! As I sat in the emergency exit row, it occurred to me that I had consumed, let’s just say “several” gin and tonics that day. (Several is a word of Latin origin which means “eight of something plus two Miller Lites.”) How odd that I could not legally drive a car but I was in charge of making sure everyone got off the place safely in the event of a water landing. What a strange world we inhabit.

The adventure was not over, however. During our lengthy stay on the runway, I learned that I had been seated next to Michael Flatley, the Lord of the Dance. Or, maybe it was just an idiot who had restless leg syndrome. Either way, he soon fell asleep and I was treated to a solid hour of odd kicking and jerking motions. It was strangely menacing, he kept muttering threats in his sleep, and I got the distinct impression that when he awoke, he would immediately fight the person closest to him, which was certainly me because he had slumped over into my seat and was directly on top of me.

When he did wake up, he decided to complain to me, very loudly, about how terrible his traveling experience had been.

“Yeah,” I said. “I think that’s the way it was for pretty much everyone.”

When the flight attendant came by, he made a point of complaining to them, too. But unless we are on an episode of Undercover Boss, I doubt the young man who brought our pretzels had the authority to overhaul the country’s air travel system.

At least I had my health.

The good news is that, early on the morning following the day I was supposed to arrive, I did finally get to Kentucky. We were there to visit with my wife’s family. And while the journey there had been horrible, the trip did give me something new, something special, something very, very real that I could experience and share with all my loved ones. That thing, of course, was COVID-19. We all saw each other later that morning, hugging and spreading around the virus that would soon overrun all our immune systems. We enjoyed a few hours of fun before all the coughing and sneezing and wheezing set in.

Two days later my wife, daughter and I were in the car together. All sick. All stuck in traffic. All exhausted and wishing for our own beds. And most importantly, all together, and not in an airport.

VILLAGE

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Village trustee Tim White said some studies on ATV economic impact do not include costs like increased police enforcement, landscaping damage and pollution.

Sagmoen said based on conversations with the Dane County sheriff there has not been any problems with ATVs that create more costs.

“Mount Horeb is kind of a hub, to be able to get south into Springdale and that area,” he said.

Sagmoen said they install Department of Transportation signage to mark routes at their own cost.

“There’s no cost to your taxpayers for this, we’ll take care of all the costs,” Sag-

moen said.

In Dane County ATVs are speed limited to 35 mph, but if the speed of the road is lower they’re required to honor that speed. The village can ordain an even lower speed.

Village board trustee Tim White argued that a significant portion of ATV fatalities occur on public roads, and that they are not designed for use on public roads. White asked if these vehicles are safe.

Sagmoen responded that they were safe as long as they are being used responsibly in capable hands.

“Anybody that is born after 1988 is required to take a safety course,” he said.

Sagmoen is asking that all village roads allow ATVs so that residents can drive their

ATVs directly from their homes. Having all roads accessible also simplifies police enforcement.

Sagmoen said ATVs used for farming already have allowances on public roads.

Neighborhood electric vehicles permitted on village roads with tail lights, headlights and turn signals. Golf carts are specifically prohibited.

White said an ATV up close can sometimes be as loud as a train whistle 500 feet away. Sagmoen said at a reasonable distance they are not disruptive, and most of the sound originates from the tires rather than the engine.

The board will discuss the issue in future meetings and at the public safety committee.

Building inspection

The village board voted to apply to become a Building Inspection Certified Municipality, which allows village building inspectors to review commercial building project plans rather than asking the state.

Village administrator Nic Owen said there would be no additional cost to the village.

Lukken Farm Financing

At their special meeting July 31 the village board approved a state trust fund loan of \$5 million for the purchase of the Lukken Farm property.

The village is now looking to delay their application for the loan because the closing date may be delayed.

The interest on the loan is over \$20 thousand a month, so a multiple month delay would be costly to the village.

“If we take the loan now and don’t close until the end of the year there’s some carrying cost with that,” Owen said, “there’s some interest costs that add up and we’re not going to get it back by reinvesting it.”

Owen said there are unforeseen personal circumstances with the Lukken farm sellers leading to a possible delay.

Owen said the \$4,000 membership cost would pay for itself in the value of staff access and grants.

Board member Cathy Scott said although there are some advantages to membership, the MPO add a layer of bureaucracy since Mount Horeb is considered rural and under WisDOTs jurisdiction.

“I just don’t see paying Dane County 4,000 more dollars for, hoping we might get a grant,” Scott said, “to me it’s just one more thing that we’re shelling out money for that really isn’t going to be that helpful to us.”

Owen said one project MPO could help with is strategies for encouraging people from the bike paths to come into the village. Scott argued the village has access to consultants for that. Owen said they can also cost \$4,000 in fees.

The fee is annual, and the village can decide not to renew.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

Mt. Horeb Seniors lunch outing, Baumgartner's, Monroe, "limburger cheese sandwich" special or order from menu, RSVP 608-437-6902, leave 10:00am.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Flip Flops & Lemon Drops Social- Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 1:00pm, RSVP 437-6902

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

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

"OLD OAKS", music ranges from 12-string renditions of classic tunes to melodious folk-jazz originals, Blue Mound State Park amphitheater, 6:00-8:00pm

NOTE: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, nutritious lunches are offered at the Mt. Horeb Senior Center at 11:15am. Call 608-437-6902 to reserve or cancel a meal two days in advance. Suggested donation is \$4.50/meal for those 60+.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

TRIVIA, Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 12:30pm, everyone welcome

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Badger Hearing, Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 1:00-3:00pm. Walk-ins welcome to check hearing aides.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Foot Clinic, 8:30-3:30pm, Call 608-437-6902 - for Sr. Center appt., or 608-576-8986 for in-home appt.

Fink's Cafe, serving senior meals, RSVP NOT NEEDED - 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.

Farley to be keynote speaker

The Mount Horeb Area School District is honored to welcome Tom Farley as their keynote speaker during August 27's back to school convocation. Tom Farley, the brother of the late comedian Chris Farley, will share his inspiring story of health and love with staff.

A native of Madison, Wisconsin, Farley graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in marketing. He began his professional career in banking and finance before transitioning to his current role as Professional Relations Coordinator at Rosecrance Behavioral Health. In his position, he has made significant contributions to advancing mental health awareness and support.



Mount Horeb Area School District Announces Tom Farley as Keynote Speaker at Back To School Convocation.

Farley's presentation will draw on his personal experiences and professional expertise, using humor as a powerful tool to engage and inspire. His unique approach to communication, which blends humor with profound insights, aims to promote well-being.

In his address, Farley will reflect on his brother's legacy and discuss the vital lessons learned from their journey. His message of resilience, compassion, and personal growth will offer valuable insights as the district prepares for a new school year.

His presence underscores the district's commitment to supporting the emotional and professional growth of staff.

Battle of the Badges returns

This year Mount Horeb Fire Department and Mount Horeb Police Department are coming back to play in the Battle of the Badges

Kickball Charity game. The game is August 18 at 2 p.m. at Grundahl Park.

"This year we have chose the American Family Chil-

dren's Hospital to donate all the proceeds," said firefighter and EMT Mallory Zuhde. "There will be fun for all ages including con-

cessions, dunk tank, bouncy houses and even door prizes from local businesses. Please join us in raising money for an amazing cause!"

Big Read programs announced

Each year the Mt. Horeb Public Library selects a book they encourage everyone to read and talk about.

The 2024 book selection is "Wise Gals" by Nathalia Holt. To foster conversation and further understanding, the library hosts a programming series that delves into topics covered in the book.

The events are also engaging standalone sessions. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, even if you don't read the book.

For more information, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Sat, Sept 14, 9am

Book Giveaway: Thanks to our Friends of the Library, we give away 70 copies of the title. Large Print available. Early arrival is recommended.

9:30 am Kick Off Event: The Global Cold War Professor Andrey Ivanov

Thurs, Sept 26, 6:30pm

French Baking Demo: Macarons

Pastry Chef Nicole Butjewski

Registration Required. Opens Sept 14

Mon, Sept 30, 6:30pm

Secrets & Spies in the

Royal Courts

Carol Ann Lloyd (She'll join via Zoom. We'll meet in the library.)

Wed, Oct 9, 6:30pm

The Red Scare Explained Professor Yoshiko Herrera

Tues, Oct 15, 1pm

The Gender Gap: Economist Claudia Goldin Video & Discussion

Oct 17-Oct 30, Times Vary

Escape Room Registration Required. Sign up opens Sept 14

Sat, Oct 19, 10am

The Cold War & Wisconsin Chris Sturdevant

Mon, Oct 21, 6:30pm

Author Talk: Nathalia Holt

(She'll join via Zoom. We'll meet in the library.)

Thurs, Oct 24, 6:30pm

An evening with Ex-CIA Officer Christina Hillsberg

Mon, Oct 28, 6:30pm

Community Book Discussion

Badgerlink: Wisconsin's Online Library

By Eric Crow
Mount Horeb Library

For many, the library represents a storehouse of knowledge and information. If you had a hobby, topic, or question you could come to the library and we likely had a book, periodical, or even an encyclopedia (remember those?) to help you

with your inquiry. However, with the sheer vastness of the publishing world, it is hard for the library to have books on every topic! Fret not, though, while our physical collection is only so big, your library card opens a whole world of extensive and reliable online resources.

Enter Badgerlink!

What is Badgerlink? Badgerlink (<https://badgerlink.dpi.wi.gov/>) is Wisconsin's Online Library provided to Wisconsin residents through the Department of Instruction. The types of resources it offers stretch the whole spectrum, from health research to mechanical repair

and business news to teacher resources. Regardless of your background or need, Badgerlink is likely to have a resource to help you.

So even if you are not a "regular" library user, grab your library card for access to a treasure trove of online resources, databases, and yes, even encyclopedias!

GLEANINGS

By **Barb Johnson**
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Aug. 15, 1884

Our schoolhouse is getting up with a rush. It is now ready for the shingles.

Eli Thompson and wife contemplate making a trip through the western country in a short time.

Mazomanie is going to have another brass band and composed entirely of female members. This something new. Hey?

Rev. Syftestad can now be seen making better time on the roads after having secured a steed better fitted for his service.

The Mt. Horeb House changed proprietors last Monday. A. A. Stromen, of Stuart, Green Co., is the successor of F. Larson. Mr. Stromen is a man of means and enterprise. He intends to fit up the hotel into a first class house.

130 Years Ago- Aug. 16, 1894

Miss Anna Swiggum has returned home having sojourned for a few months in Minnesota.

Christ Brager will build a new dwelling on his land a little ways south of the academy. The contractors are Kleven Bros. We support Mr. B will dispose of his property in old town.

John Platz's store and saloon at Pine Bluff was

burned on the afternoon of August 6th, a large part of the furniture and dry and wet goods were saved.

Coyle & Farrell's horse power threshing machine commenced work about the middle of last week for Samuel Farrell, near Riley station.

Last week a party from Mineral Point camped on the Mounds for two or three days. It is too bad that something is not done toward making this a resort. It has many natural advantages and only needs improving and a little judicious advertising to become very popular.

120 Years Ago- Aug. 11, 1904

Sweet clover has been taken off the noxious weed list.

Dahle Brothers are clearing away to make room for a mammoth addition to their store, 70x80 feet on the east side of the store. This will make the entire store 80x118. On speaking of the venture recently Herman Dahle, the senior member of the firm said: "If we decide to build it will be somewhat on a large scale, the intention being to make room for a large lot of goods of all kinds, bought in large quantities enabling us to sell at such prices as will bring people from a greater distance to trade at Mt. Horeb."

What is more refreshing than a real bright gingerly

minstrel performance with its jolly comedians, clear dancers and superb vocalists, grand augmented orchestra, all keeping time with the happy jingle of the bones and tambourines and is superbly handsome scenic setting and beautiful costumes? All of the latest innovations that money could secure have been put together by the Mahara operatic minstrel firm and will be seen at the opera house, Monday evening.

Miss Jennie Kjellman accompanied Dell Mickelson out from the busy metropolis and is now enjoying the happy surroundings where she used to play when she first began to play.

110 Years Ago- Aug. 13, 1914

Funny Hans Hanson at the opera house Tuesday night was the best show given us this year and was well attended. The play was a strong one and truly is a worthy entertainment, full of clean wholesome comedy, and is a big hit.

At the last meeting of the Library board the Minerva Literary Society turned over \$131.50, the same being the proceeds derived from the Chautauqua tickets and refreshment stand. The board decided to place the money in the bank as an emergency and contingent fund.

James Anderson of the Mount Horeb auto firm

went to Detroit, Mich., last week to bring home a Studebaker 6. The car made the 500 mile journey and only a quart of water was consumed throughout the long grind and but a quart of lubricating oil was added to the supply in the crank case. It required about 30 hours to make the trip.

100 Years Ago- Aug. 16, 1924

Although the Hoff's surely had the better team, the rest of the Rif Raff of Mt. Horeb, defeated them by the very decisive score of 14 to 8, the game of baseball played at the grade school, last Friday evening.

The wrestling match held here last Thursday evening proved to be a thriller and consisted of two of the hardest fought ring battles ever witnessed in southern Wisconsin.

Joseph Michaelis of our neighboring township put up 93 loads of hay off of about 26 acres, and Joe says that "They were big loads too." How is that for a hay crop?

Fire Chief Chaldea, and his willing firemen, have started to practice a fire run every Thursday evening. This is certainly a fine thing and our new fire chief can be congratulated on the good work. When you stop to think of the fact that an ordinary fire can be extinguished the first minute by a cup of water, the second by a pail full, and the third by the fire department, you will realize that the most important part

of a fireman's work is getting to the fire and getting the water or chemical on the blaze. Practice is what the boys need. Practice is what they are going to get.

Thorvold Komplein and his crew of men finished the carpentry work on the farmers new warehouse last Friday.

Hoff's Store is unpacking Fall merchandise every day and when you have a notion you would like to see "What's new for Fall" come in a look around.

90 Years Ago- Aug. 9, 1934

The Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church will conduct an open-air service at "Little Norway" Sunday, Aug. 12 at 2:00 pm. The Rev. E.R. Anderson will preach the sermon on "The Lord Is My Shepherd." After the service a cafeteria lunch will be served by the Ladies Aid Society.

Pete Fredrickson has been doing some good road work on the A.O. Grinde farm with his 80 horsepower tractor.

A report Tuesday from St. Mary's Hospital, gave the condition of R.D. Nelson, Mount Horeb, as critical, as the result of injuries in an automobile accident Sunday. Also injured were his wife, Gladys; his son, Dean, and daughter, Jane; and Mildred Sabanske.

80 Years Ago- Aug. 10, 1944

Almost 900 attended the Perry Lutheran Church 90th

anniversary event Sunday, Aug. 6.

Mary Bernards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bernards, Waunakee, became the bride of Curtis Boley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boley, Mount Horeb, Thursday, Aug. 6.

70 Years Ago- Aug. 19, 1954

The swimming pool fund received a check for \$50 from LeRoy B. Finke in memory of his son, Robert A. Finke, who passed away last year.

Funeral rites for Carl Midthun, 63, who died at his home early Tuesday morning after a long illness will be held today at 1:30 pm in Perry Lutheran Church.

Carol Boley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Boley, Blue Mounds, and Robert G. Grender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Grender, Mount Horeb, were married Saturday, Aug. 7, in Perry Lutheran Church.

60 Years Ago- Aug. 13, 1964

A/3C John L. Theobald has graduated from the technical training course for U.S. Air Force jet engine mechanics at Shepard AFB, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Johnson have purchased the Fred Thousand estate house at the corner of Academy and South Second Street.

40 Years Ago- Aug. 9, 1984

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CHURCH NOTES

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Mass: Sunday 8:00 am

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Susan Sunby Trainor

September 14, 1957
– August 8, 2024



MOUNT HOREB, Wis. – On the morning of Aug. 8, 2024, at her home with Joe, her husband of 47 years, by her side, Sue was welcomed into heaven, at the age of 67, after a courageous battle with multiple myeloma. Sue faced her journey with strength, grace and determination as she chose to live life in the presence and company of those she loved. She exemplified her

"family first" mentality by embarking on a family trip to Ireland, even though she knew she was losing her battle with cancer, just two weeks prior to her passing. Family and travel were near and dear to Sue's heart, and she wasn't about to let her own condition interfere with a family trip. Sue will be remembered for her spirit, strength and determination for those blessed to know her our lives are richer.

Born to Roger and Donna (Herrington) Sunby, Sue was the first born of three children followed by brothers, David and Daniel. Sue attended Mount Horeb High School, Class of '75, and furthered her education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison followed by pursuing a 23-year career in Dental Hygiene. Sue continued her education and earned her Master of Education in School Counseling in 2001. She dedicated her passion for helping others by serving as a school counselor in the Dodgeville School District

for 18 years until her retirement. Never wanting to stop learning, Sue obtained a second Masters of Education in Administration alongside her daughter, Stacey, in 2011. Sue's willingness to serve and support those around her in her professional and personal endeavors will be sorely missed. Sue had a passion for music and could often be found as the lead in the musical, singing at ceremonies for friends and family, and attending musical productions with friends.

Sue is survived by her loving husband and high school sweetheart of 47 years, Joseph Trainor; daughter, Stacey (Dan) Kuehn; son, Peter (Abbi) Trainor; grandchildren, Rachel, Erin and Brooke Kuehn, and Cullen and Jowie Trainor; and brother, David (Brenda) Sunby. Sue's spirit will be met by her angel, infant son, Joey Trainor who passed shortly after birth. Sue was preceded in death by her

parents, Roger and Donna Sunby; brother, Dan Sunby; nephew, Jason Sunby; and in-laws, Daniel and Frances Trainor. Sue valued God, family and friends and will be greatly missed by those she left behind.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024. A visitation will be held at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass on Friday. Burial will take place at St. James Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family which will be used to establish a scholarship fund in the Mount Horeb and Dodgeville School Districts in Sue's honor.

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

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BUSINESS NEWS



Ribbon Cutting for Studio on Second & Main by Brooke Davis

The Mount Horeb Chamber is excited to congratulate member Brooke Davis, who celebrated the opening of the Studio on Second & Main, located at 113 E Main St. in downtown Mount Horeb, WI, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony! People can drop in and check out Brooke’s beautiful studio on Saturday, September 14 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m during her Community Open House.

The Ribbon Cutting, which took place on July 30th, drew a warm and enthusiastic crowd from the community. Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors & Staff, and elected official representatives were also on hand to offer their congratulations.

Brooke Davis, a renowned local photographer, has been capturing the essence of life’s most precious moments for years. Her unique style and dedication to her craft have earned her a loyal client base and widespread acclaim. Brooke’s services include branding, family, maternity & newborn, and senior photography. The opening of the Studio on Second & Main marks a significant milestone in her career and the expansion of her business.



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2024 Raffle quilt Winner!

April Schulz was the winner of the 2024 Hands All Around Quilt Raffle during this year’s Art Fair. April thought the quilt was just beautiful and the jewel tones were perfect in her new home southwest of Mount Horeb. The quilt, entitled Stars all Around, measured 88 x 88” and was pieced by club members, then quilted by *The Quilting Jeannie*, Mount Horeb. April is not a quilter, but she has volunteered at The Quilt Expo in Madison for several years.

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There will be an old-fashioned barn raising at the Phil Skalet farm on Thursday, Aug. 9. A busload of about 50 Amish people from the LaFarge and Cashton areas and with the helping hands of local people will complete the structure in one day.

30 Years Ago- Aug. 18, 1994
Tom and Ruth Dobson

will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 28.

Richard E. Rexroat, Sr., age 66, died unexpectedly Thursday, Aug. 11, 194 of a probable heart attack.

The Mound View Mountaineers were selected Best Club Group at the Dane County Fair.

New teachers in the Mount Horeb Area School District include: Jeremy Kessenich, Todd Nesheim, Mike Hefty, Stacy Lewis, and Tracy Lange.



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CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE
is Wednesday, Aug. 28, at noon

SHOOTING

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pages of interviews with people who knew the student or were there that day. One teacher described him as “quirky” but said he appeared to interact well with his peers.

On May 1 and in the ensuing days, wild rumors and conjecture about the incident spread rapidly on social media. According to the statement issued by Ozanne as well as the case file, here is what actually happened:

On May 1, just after 11 a.m., a 911 caller indicated they saw a person walking past their home wearing a backpack and carrying a gun. Dispatch informed Mount Horeb officers that a person with a gun was seen by the tennis courts near the tree line, which is east of the middle school. A Mount Horeb police officer was in his squad driving through the parking lot behind the high school heading towards E. Garfield St. in the direction of the middle school. As the officer approached E. Garfield St. he saw a large number of students sprinting from a door at the middle school toward the baseball field. These students “were not smiling or goofing around, but instead appeared to be in fear and running for their lives.” The report said the officer saw that the children were “in pure fear and running for their lives.”

As the officer exited the parking lot turning right onto E. Garfield Street he observed an individual, with what appeared to be a rifle, pulling on a door of the middle school. The officer indicated the subject was wearing an oversized green jacket and tattered pants. The subject appeared to be an adolescent but the officer couldn’t tell at the time if the subject was male or female. The subject had what appeared to be a black rifle with a synthetic stock, black barrel. The officer feared the subject would get into

the middle school and harm students inside. The officer stopped his squad facing eastbound on E. Garfield Street and exited with his rifle. At this time the officer was approximately 40 to 50 yards from the subject and was standing on the driver’s side of the squad. The officer immediately began to yell commands to the subject to drop the rifle and to move away from the school.

The subject did not comply with the demands to drop the rifle and instead turned to pull on the door of the school again.

The subject then began to walk toward the officer. The officer moved toward the back of the squad. At this time the subject had the rifle across his body. As the subject continued toward the officer he pointed the rifle toward the officer. The officer continued to give commands to the subject to not point the rifle at him and to put the rifle down. As the subject got closer, the officer could tell he was a male. The subject pointed the rifle at the officer’s face. The officer said he believed he was going to die and would never see his children again. The officer continued to move around the squad for cover as the subject continued to move toward the officer. The officer fired one to two shots at the subject from about 20 yards away. The subject moved and the officer tried to keep the squad between them. The subject continued to not follow commands. The officer saw two squads with lights activated to the west on E. Garfield St. The officer believed shots were fired by other officers or the subject. The officer heard shots fired and then the subject flinched, appearing to have been hit in the back or on the side.

The subject then fell. The subject got up and moved around the squad and pointed the rifle at the officer. Shots were fired and the subject fell again near the curb on the north side of

E. Garfield Street. While the subject was on his back he had the rifle across him and appeared to attempt to bring the rifle up when the officer heard additional shots, and fired his rifle at the subject on the ground. Officers approached the subject, removed the rifle from his body, and handcuffs were placed on the subject. The rifle had “Ruger” written on the stock. It was later determined the subject’s rifle was a Ruger air rifle. The subject was identified as a juvenile with the initials DSCH, date of birth: 12-22-09.

“Firearms are dangerous weapons and pose a grave danger of bodily harm and/or death to an individual. Under these circumstances the air rifle DSCH possessed appeared to be a real firearm and the action of pointing it directly at law enforcement while advancing toward law enforcement was perceived to be a direct threat to the life of an officer,” said Ozanne. “Responding to that threat with deadly force is permitted under the law.”

Under Wisconsin law, which applies equally to members of law enforcement and to those who are not, any person may use deadly force to respond to a genuine fear of deadly force to that person or any other person. In this case, the Mount Horeb police officers were compelled to use deadly force when confronted by what they believed was evidence of a person with a firearm pointing the gun directly at an officer while advancing toward the officer’s position and not responding to commands to drop the firearm, according to Ozanne.

The role of the District Attorney’s Office in a case of this type is limited to a review of the facts to determine “whether further investigation is merited and, after all available evidence is obtained, whether criminal charges could be merited for any individual who has survived the inci-

dent.” Police executives and supervisors have the exclusive responsibility of establishing appropriate training and protocols for use in response to crisis events, and of selecting from among the tactical options available to police in responding to particular events.

This investigation was conducted by the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). In the case of a death caused by an officer, Wis. Stat. § 175.47 requires that at least two investigators from outside agencies or agencies not involved in the critical incident/Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) lead the investigation.

The Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory (WSCL) Field Response Team was requested for scene processing and evidence collection after the shooting. Control and security at the scene were maintained continually from the time of the initial response on May 1 until the conclusion of the scene examination at approximately 10:12 p.m. that evening. Control and security at the scene were maintained through the constant presence of the Mount Horeb Police Department, Dane County Sheriff’s Office, additional mutual aid departments, and/or DCI Agents conducting the scene examination. The Dane County Sheriff’s Office maintained a scene log which was included in the documents released to the public this week.

During the investigation, officials gathered a long list of items, including what appeared to be Molotov cocktails and fireworks containing shrapnel. Some of those objects were found in a backpack that had belonged to the student.

“The backpack would remain at that location until we were ready to render it safe, as we were heading to clear the car that the suspect had crashed prior to the incident at the school,” stated one of the investiga-

tors in the report. “The car was described to be containing a black bag and propane tank.”

The items included apparent firework debris, a pellet gun rifle, knives, lighters, tissue paper, glass bottle with clear liquid, swabs of apparent blood, unfired cartridge, fired cartridge casings, bullet fragments, and clothing. The identified items were labeled and photographed by the WSCL.

A statement written August 9 by Attorney General Josh Kaul stated: “The Dane County District Attorney determined there is no basis to prosecute the law enforcement officers involved, and DCI is releasing its case file pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 175.47(5)(b).” While the vast majority of the case file was released to media and the public, Kaul said that some material – including “Graphic images in photographs and video recordings of [the teen] at the incident scene and the Medical Examiner’s office, as well as reports of [his] injuries and the aid provided to him” – were not released to the public out of respect for the dead teen’s family and in accordance with state law.

Shortly after the District Attorney’s announcement, Mount Horeb Chief of Police Doug Vierck issued his own statement. In it, he offered condolences, hoped for healing, and cautioned that revisiting the incident could lead to additional trauma for some.

“The release of the decision by Dane County District Attorney Ozanne and the release of documents by the Department of Justice, marks another step forward in our community toward healing,” said Vierck. “We want to remind everyone that while there is information contained in the report that may help with understanding and healing, there are also clearly documented studies showing that watching videos and reading this material can cause further

trauma for some. We urge you to make decisions about this released information on what is best for you. The police department would like to offer our support and sympathy to anyone struggling or affected by this incident. We understand that the healing is not over, but every step forward can lead to healing for our community.”

“School staff is preparing for students to return to school in a few weeks,” Vierck continued. “They have training, support, and activities ready to help with this transition. The police department will continue to work in partnership, as we have all along, to keep the students, staff, and community safe. This incident highlights the importance of collaboration, preparedness, and planning. Mount Horeb Police Department and Mount Horeb Area School District have prioritized school safety efforts, training, and school safety drills. In this situation, an armed individual was unable to access the school building.”

“We cannot thank the staff, students, and administration of the Mount Horeb schools enough for the cooperation in this investigation and the steps taken to ensure everyone was safe and accounted for,” Vierck concluded. “This tested the abilities of all law enforcement agencies within Dane County and beyond. We cannot express how proud we are of the courage all the officers and first responders displayed that day. They responded to an armed subject on school grounds and did not hesitate or delay. The response showed how many remarkable people are willing to put their lives on the line for our children and the community.”

Superintendent Dr. Steve Salerno called the account of what happened “a difficult, heartbreaking read” but added, “however, it repeatedly emphasizes the heroism of so many.”

Mount Horeb native earns her third doctorate

Dr. Janet Johnson Van Epps, daughter of the late Orton & Signe Johnson of Portage, Wisconsin, became a “Triple Doc” on June 1, 2024, when Concordia University conferred a Doctorate of Theology degree. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a grade point of 4.0, majoring in Biblical Theology. Less than 0.1 percent of United States men and women have multiple doctoral degrees, putting Dr. Janet in an elite group.

Her dissertation researched the sermons of a specific group of congregations to determine if the focus was on the Bible or church doctrine. The term

for this specialty is Exegetical Theology.

The Dean for Dr. Johnson-Van Epps stated, “We found her to be conscientious and orderly. She proved that the habit of timely and correct study and research was intrinsic to her person. We are privileged to recommend the academic experience, methodical working, and educational assiduity of Janet Johnson Van Epps.”

Alan Boeck, Pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church,



Van Epps

Lyndon Station, Wisconsin, has been Dr. Janet’s Pastor for over 30 years. He comments, “It has been my joy to be Janet’s pastor for a very long time – one of the benefits of a 40-year ministry!”

“We have journeyed a-ways together on multiple occasions as she navigated life’s ebb and flow. Through each journey, the confidence and hope she has found in Jesus’ Word and Promises have given her direction to pilot through often difficult personal waters and aid the journey mapping with others for their encouragement along their own challenging ways.”

“The Bible (her first love) has been her compass in both mind-blowing joys and near-paralyzing sadnesses. Its ‘truth and Light’ point her the way Janet Van Epps knows nothing else in all creation offers aid and comfort comparable to God’s Holy Word,” he added.

Johnson Van Epps’ research studies “allowed her to flesh out some of the complexity beneath the seeming simplicity of Jesus loving me, which I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

Johnson Van Epps holds numerous degrees and certifications from top universities such as the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Con-

cordia University, Liberty University, Northcentral University, and Northwestern University. Her education began at the Army Dependant School in Yokohama, Japan.

Johnson Van Epps has a busy public speaking history and is a prolific author. She is well known for her previous doctoral study regarding changes in teacher education resulting in altered classroom methods that began in the 1960s. Specifically, she focused on researching how these changes caused maladaptive identity phase experiences in students. There were fewer group activities and more focus on the “self”

for the students. Her theory was that the ultimate result was anger with an increased possibility of violence. Dr. Janet is known for her willingness to take on controversial research but, ultimately, positive outcomes for society. As a result, she has faced personal and professional challenges. She does so with dignity in memory of her beloved parents, who often had to overlook and forgive those who disparaged their daughter without understanding all the facts.

She has a small community ministry and education business, Viking Ministry & Education, in Portage.

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Swinging
for the
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Mount Horeb's girls golfers
have lofty aspirations this fall

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Getting to the top of the mountain is one thing. Staying there is another. Mount Horeb's girls golf team made history last fall winning a share of the Badger Small Conference for the first time in school history. Now, the Vikings will take aim at something that's even harder — repeating. Mount Horeb begins its new season Thursday with a dual meet at Portage. “Finishing conference play undefeated and earning a share of our first ever conference title was quite the experience last sea-

son,” said Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz. “It was exciting to see our girls improve throughout the season and be able to display ‘competitive greatness’, playing our best when our best was required at critical moments throughout the season. We definitely were still an underdog in the eyes of many teams last year, but that will not be the case this year.” No it won't. The Vikings graduated Ella Fager, a four-year varsity player and a first-team all-conference selection a year ago. Fager led the Vikings in scoring average continued on page 13



Delaina Nicewander and Mount Horeb's girls golf team begin their new season Thursday with a dual meet at Portage. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Kiel hopes for memorable closing act

MH-B wideout
poised for big
senior season

by DAN LARSON
Sports Reporter

When Chris Kiel came into high school, he was a running back. He liked playing running back. That was his position. But early on in his sophomore campaign, injuries at wide receiver dictated a change. Mount Horeb/Barneveld needed him to switch. Kiel, now a senior, wasn't thrilled. “No,” he said following the Vikings' third practice of the 2024 season, nodding his head back and forth to affirm his feelings at the time. “I played running back all my life.” Lifelong friend and teammate Owen Aeschlimann, also a senior, remembers it similarly. “He wanted to be a running back still. He hated continued on page 14



Mount Horeb/Barneveld standout wide receiver Chris Kiel had 12 touchdown receptions and 1,073 receiving yards last season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

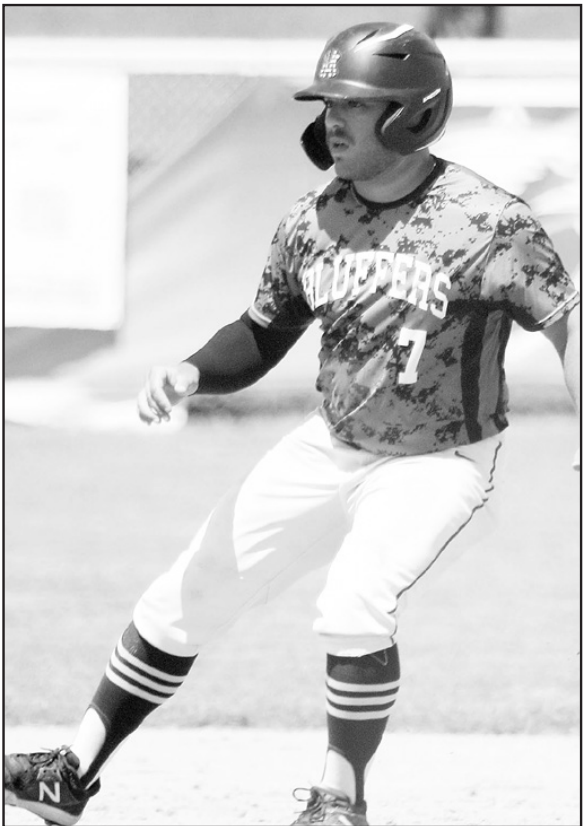
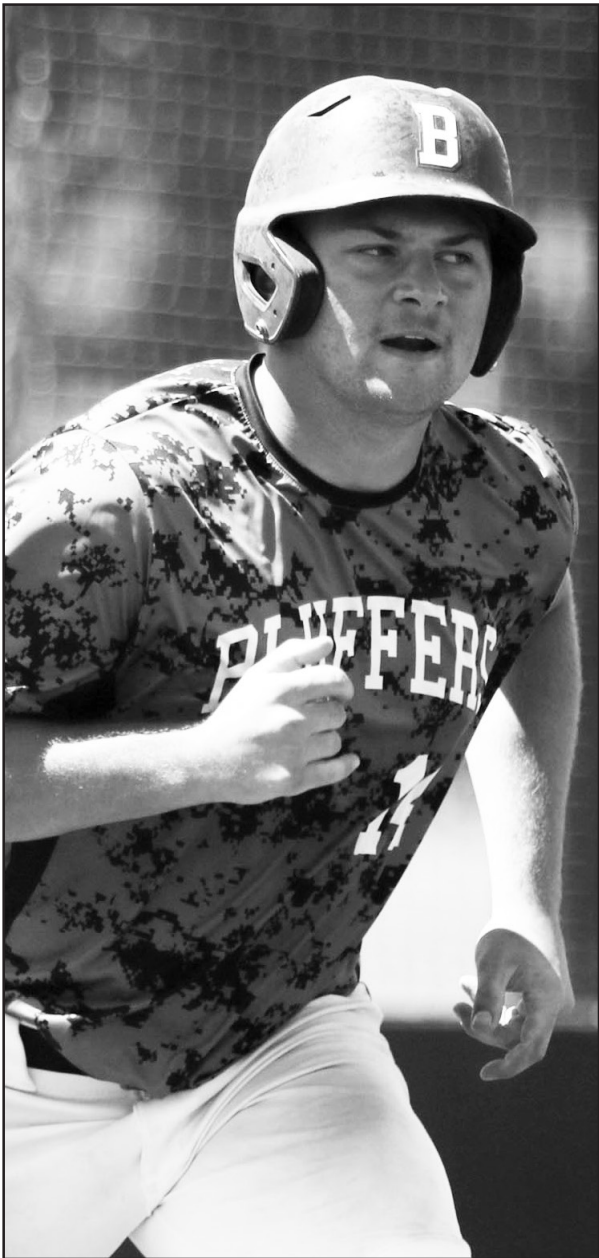


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A season to remember

The Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb Home Talent League team enjoyed a tremendous season. The Bluffers went 11-5 overall and reached the Western Section championship game, before falling to Verona, 12-1, on Sunday.

Clockwise from top are Derek Meinholz, Jerin Schubert, Klayton Krantz, Tyler Vogel and Pete Hefty.





Emma Olsen (above) and Jadyn Schellpfeffer (right) will be two key members of Mount Horeb’s girls golf team this season. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



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the past three seasons, including a 46.1 average in 2023.

“We will definitely miss Ella Fager who was more than just a steady presence in our lineup the last four years, both as a player and as a leader,” Krentz said. “She was our team’s medalist the past three seasons and earned all-conference honors her junior and senior years. It will not be easy to replace her in our lineup, but hopefully we have some players ready to embrace the challenge.”

The Vikings appear to have just that, as three players that earned all-conference honors in 2023 are back.

Junior Delaina Nicewander was also named first-team all-conference after posting a 48.8 nine-hole average and a 48.1 average in conference meets. Her low round was a 42 against Madison Edgewood, and overall, she lowered her scoring average by an impressive 7.8 strokes from her freshman season.

Nicewander was also Mount Horeb’s lone sectional qualifier, where she

finished in a tie for 16th place individually.

“She was playing her best golf at the end of the season,” Krentz said of Nicewander. “She has the ability to be one of the better players in our conference.”

Senior Emma Olsen was named second-team all-conference after posting a nine-hole average of 49.4 in conference meets and 49.5 overall. Her low round was a 45 against Baraboo and she lowered her scoring average by 4.6 shots from 2022.

“Emma made great strides,” Krentz said. “She was a consistent player for us at the No. 2 spot in our lineup and her improvement was instrumental in our conference championship season.”

Sophomore Jadyn Schellpfeffer also earned second-team all-conference honors. Her nine-hole average in the Badger Small was 53.9 (54.5 overall) and her low round was a 48 against Baraboo.

“Jadyn was a pleasant surprise for us (last) season as she earned a position on varsity right away and competed in every meet,” Krentz said. “She played

her best in conference play, posting a contributing score in all six of our dual meets.

“Jadyn had not played much competitive golf prior to the season and we look for her to continue to grow and improve as she continues to gain experience.”

Senior Lainy Hesseling also returns after rounding out the Vikings’ lineup last season. Hesseling averaged 55.6 per nine holes and looks to take a jump this season.

Others in the mix for a varsity spot include seniors Abby Shaffer and Alexa Vesely, junior Sonja Schreiber, and freshman Ella Baber.

“Both Abby and Alexa have a little experience on varsity, each playing in a handful of meets last year,” Krentz said. “We will need

a couple players to step up and try to fill the void left by Ella Fager’s graduation.”

While Krentz isn’t one to spend much time reflecting, he does take great pride in how far the Vikings’ program has come in recent years.

“It has been quite the journey for our program, going from conference afterthought to conference champions over the course of the past nine years,” he said. “We have been able to do so because of building numbers, increasing excitement in our program, and a lot of hard work from our players. We are very fortunate as well to have the support of our golf course, Norsk Golf Club, its members, and our community in building our program.”

As many schools have

found out, achieving excellence is one thing. Sustaining it is another.

Now, that’s what the Vikings will try doing.

“As has been the case the past few years, we expect to get better each and every day we are on the course and be playing our best golf when it matters the most in late September/early October,” Krentz said. “Edgewood looks like the conference favorite this season with Stoughton much improved, but we

hope to compete for another conference title.

“We also are looking to make a return to sectionals this year after making it in 2021 and 2022 before missing out last year. Our regional will be extremely difficult once again with the likes of Oregon, Monona Grove, and Verona, but hopefully we can be in the mix as well for a spot at sectionals as a team.”

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receiver for a little bit,” Aeschlimann said. “But he just kept working, and eventually he earned a starting spot and was a number one target for us.”

Eventually, too, Kiel came to love being a wide receiver.

And today, he’s one of the best players in the state.

He credits that switch to making him a more well-rounded football player.

“I played running back and linebacker. I never played receiver. So I struggled my sophomore year, especially with catching,” he said. “But that definitely made me into a way better player.

“If I didn’t have that experience my sophomore year, I don’t think I’d be as good as I am now.”

Exactly how good is Kiel?

Well, for starters, he’s coming off a season that saw him record 52 catches for 1,073 yards and 12 touchdowns — numbers that earned him unanimous first-team All-Badger Small Conference honors, as well as honorable mention All-State accolades from the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association.

But Vikings head coach Bret St. Arnauld thinks that’s just scratching the surface for the 5-foot-11, 185-pound speedster.

St. Arnauld thinks Kiel — also a second team all-conference defensive back as a junior — is the second-best player in the state, behind only Verona senior Tre Poteat, a similarly sized athlete as Kiel who two months ago made a verbal commitment to the University of Tennessee.

“This kid is explosive in every phase possible,” St. Arnauld said of Kiel. “So when I make that statement, I’m not saying it just because he’s my kid. If I was coaching against him, I’d feel the same way. I’ve seen a lot of kids and he’s just a special breed.”

Kiel’s talents earned him invites to a number of off-season camps, including one in Texas.

And those opportunities have only made Kiel more dangerous entering 2024.

“He was going against some kids that are four-star kids that are going to play in the SEC and the ACC,” St. Arnauld said. “Watching him develop and going against those kind of kids — when you talk about iron sharpening iron, that’s exactly what he had all winter.”

Kiel’s physical abilities have improved as well. St. Arnauld said Kiel’s best 40-yard-dash time in the offseason was 4.48 seconds, and his vertical leap is 38 inches.

And it showed throughout June and July.

“He’s got the speed. He’s got the size,” St. Arnauld said. “I’ve seen people try to cover him — we were in that seven-on-seven up in Green Bay, going against some of the best programs in the state — and no one could cover him.”

It’s more than just Kiel’s athletic prowess, though, that’s transformed him into one of the top players in the state. There are a number of other variables contributing.

For one thing, his confidence is soaring following his time at the various



Mount Horeb/Barneveld star wide receiver Chris Kiel hopes to lead the Vikings to their fourth straight Badger Small Conference title this fall. File photo

camps going against other elite players and seeing how well he stacked up.

“I don’t have any stars (in my recruiting profile). I have some rankings, but I don’t have any stars,” Kiel said. “So going against starred athletes and big DBs like that definitely helped me confidence-wise.”

Another variable that’s made him such an intriguing college prospect is the amount of time he’s spent on the finer aspects of football.

“My knowledge of the

game is better,” he said when asked to identify the areas he’s made the biggest strides. “I’ve been watching a lot of football and studying a lot of different receivers. I guess you can say I’ve been adding things to my bag — new releases, new cuts, new everything.”

“I’ve been trying to lock in on that and not do the same stuff as last year. I’ve got to be open and smart with the coverages.”

Factor in his abilities as a running back — what he can do once he has the

ball in his hands — and he becomes even more of a threat.

“He runs some of the best routes I’ve ever seen from a high school player,” St. Arnauld said. “And what he does after the catch is probably even more impressive because he was a running back all the way up until he was a freshman. Watching what he does after the catch is insane.”

All of the attention being

directed Kiel’s way this preseason hasn’t exactly led to a bevy of NCAA Division I offers, though.

He said Northern Illinois is the only DI program that has made a formal offer, while North Dakota State and Dartmouth — both championship subdivision (what used to be referred to as DI-AA) programs — have also made offers.

But Kiel is counting on continued on page 15

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a big senior season boosting his profile and bringing in a lot more interest from across the college football landscape.

“My original plan was to make my decision before my senior season,” he said. “But just because the way recruiting goes — it’s a little confusing and it goes different directions — I’m just going to see how it goes, seeing how my senior season goes, and see who reaches out.”

Talent is certainly not the only reason Kiel is on the doorstep of a bright future in college football.

He’s put in the work. “Since we were young, we’ve always competed with each other in everything we’ve done. Once high school hit, he really had a goal that he wanted to accomplish and he just skyrocketed past everyone,” Aeschlimann said. “He worked harder than everyone. He was at the field when other people weren’t watching.”

It’s that kind of lead-by-example approach that has made Kiel a favorite among his peers.

But now that he’s entering his swan song as a high school football player, he’s gotten a little more vocal, too.

“He’s a great leader in our locker room. He’s a great leader in our weight room and he’s a great leader on the field,” St. Arnauld said. “When he speaks, kids listen — their ears perk up.

“Sometimes when you get to be as good as Chris Kiel is, egos creep in and they think they’re too good for things. He’s not that way at all. As a matter of fact, he’s the opposite. He’s one of the guys who’s always last in the locker room, one of the guys always making sure kids are picking up stuff and one of the guys al-

ways asking if he can come down to the field so he can (do extra work).

“And when he does that, he brings kids with him. So he’s not a kid who’s invested in himself, he’s invested in the team every step of the way. He wants people coming with him so they can get better, too.”

Kiel only recently turned 17, so he’s young for his class.

That’s why St. Arnauld believes Kiel has only begun to scratch the surface of his potential.

“That’s exactly what I’ve been trying to tell college coaches,” St. Arnauld said. “What can he do? The sky’s the limit.”

St. Arnauld compared Kiel to Will Pauling, the Badgers’ 5-10, 190-pound slot receiver.

And Kiel himself said he studies a lot of what NFL slot receivers like Tank Dell of the Houston Texans and Amon-Ra St. Brown of the Detroit Lions do in order to try and pick up some tips.

“Watching the ways they get open, the way they maneuver and get around DBs and hit gaps and stuff,” Kiel said.

Kiel has come a long way from the underclassman who scoffed at the idea of giving up his first love — running back — and becoming a wide receiver.

“I love it now,” he said. “After you put in the work and it comes naturally, then it’s just so much fun.”

It’s certainly been fun for St. Arnauld and the Vi-

kings, too. The seventh-year MH-B head coach, who previously led Delavan-Darien/Williams Bay among other prior positions, is loving life with Kiel in his poker hand.

“I’ve been doing this for 16 years and I’ve seen a lot of good players come through, and I’ve coached against a lot of good players,” St. Arnauld said. “And if I had to pick an athlete of the ones I’ve coached against and who’ve played for me, Chris is the best.

“He’s the nicest kid. He’s always the first one to step up and willing to help out. He’s a little shy when it comes to a lot of things, but you’re talking about a kid who’s willing to sacrifice for his team. He’s always the one holding kids accountable and loving kids up. I can speak volumes about the kind of character he has. He’s as humble as they come and I feel blessed that I have an opportunity to coach a kid like that.”

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT IOWA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF:
Daniel J. Hartman, Petitioner
vs.
Dawn M. Ley, Respondent

Order to Show Cause and to Change Legal Custody and Physical Placement Case No. 24FA29

The State of Wisconsin (Child Support Agency) **is not** a party to this action.

The Affidavit was filed on July 24, 2024.

IT IS ORDERED THAT Dawn M. Ley **appear in person** at the following date and time before Commissioner Kyle Reimann, 222 N. Iowa Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533 on September 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., or a soon as the matter may be heard, to show cause (give reasons) why the requests in the affidavit should not be granted. *If you do not appear as indicated, the court may proceed without you and grant the request and/or issue a warrant for your arrest.*

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- a copy of the Order to Show Cause and Affidavit must be personally-served upon all other parties **at least 5 business days** before the date of hearing, unless otherwise authorized by law. See the Service Packet (FA-5000) for more information.
- both parties **must bring a fully completed, dated, and signed Financial Disclosure Statement to court.**

BY THE COURT:
/s/ Kyle R. Reimann
Court Commissioner
July 25, 2024

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Dodgeville, WI 53533
Petitioner
vs.
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Respondent

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that the petitioner named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petition for Legal separation With Minor Children, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within twenty (20) days after receiving this summons, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Petition for Legal separation With Minor Children. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is:

Iowa County Courthouse
222 N. Iowa Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

and to petitioner’s attorneys, whose address is:

Murphy Desmond Lawyers, S.C.
Attorney Gayle Jebbia
126 N. Iowa Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533

You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within twenty (20) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition for Legal separation With Minor Children, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is incorrect in the Petition for Legal separation With Minor Children. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You are further notified of the availability of information set forth in Wis. Stat. § 767.105 from the office of family court commissioner, which provides as follows:

767.105 Information from the office of family court commissioner.

(1) Information on available services. Upon the filing of an action affecting the family, the office of family court commissioner shall inform the parties of any services, including referral services, offered by the office of family court commissioner and by the director of family court services under s. 767.405.

(2) Other information on request. Upon request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under s. 767.451 or 767.59:

(a) The office of family court commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:

1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action.
2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
3. Community resources and family court services available to assist the parties.
4. The procedure for setting, modifying and enforcing child support awards or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.

(b) The office of family court commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

You are further notified that if you and the petitioner have (a) minor child(ren), violation of the following criminal statute is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$25,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 12 years and 6 months, or both:

948.31 Interference with custody by parent or others. (1)(a) In this subsection, “legal custodian of a child” means:

1. A parent or other person having legal custody of the child under an order or judgment in an action for legal separation, legal separation, annulment, child custody, paternity, guardianship or habeas corpus.
2. The department of health and family services or the department of corrections or any person, county department under s. 46.215, 46.22 or 46.23 or licensed child welfare agency, if custody or supervision of the child has been transferred under ch. 48 or 938 to that department, person or agency.
- (b) Except as provided under chs. 48 and 938, whoever intentionally causes a child to leave, takes a child away or withholds a child for more than 12

hours beyond the court-approved period of physical placement or visitation period from a legal custodian with intent to deprive the custodian of his or her custody rights without the consent of the custodian is guilty of a Class F felony. This paragraph is not applicable if the court has entered an order authorizing the person to so take or withhold the child. The fact that joint legal custody has been awarded to both parents by a court does not preclude a court from finding that one parent has committed a violation of this paragraph.

(2) Whoever causes a child to leave, takes a child away or withholds a child for more than 12 hours from the child’s parents or, in the case of a nonmarital child whose parents do not subsequently intermarry under s. 767.803, from the child’s mother or, if he has been granted legal custody, the child’s father, without the consent of the parents, the mother or the father with legal custody, is guilty of a Class I felony. This subsection is not applicable if legal custody has been granted by court order to the person taking or withholding the child.

(3) Any parent, or any person acting pursuant to directions from the parent, who does any of the following is guilty of a Class F felony:

(a) Intentionally conceals a child from the child’s other parent.

(b) After being served with process in an action affecting the family but prior to the issuance of a temporary or final order determining child custody rights, takes the child or causes the child to leave with intent to deprive the other parent of physical custody as defined in s.822.02(14).

(c) After issuance of a temporary or final order specifying joint legal custody rights and periods of physical placement, takes a child from or causes a child to leave the other parent in violation of the order or withholds a child for more than 12 hours beyond the court-approved period of physical placement or visitation period.

(4)(a) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution for violation of this section if the action:

1. Is taken by a parent or by a person authorized by a parent to protect his or her child in a situation in which the parent or authorized person reasonably believes that there is a threat of physical harm or sexual assault to the child;
2. Is taken by a parent fleeing in a situation in which the parent reasonably believes that there is a threat of physical harm or sexual assault to himself or herself;
3. Is consented to by the other parent or any other person or agency having legal custody of the child; or
4. Is otherwise authorized by law.

(b) A defendant who raises an affirmative defense has the burden of proving the defense by a preponderance of the evidence.

(5) The venue of an action under this section is prescribed in s. 971.19(8).

(6) In addition to any other penalties provided for violation of this section, a court may order a violator to pay restitution, regardless of whether the violator is placed on probation under s. 973.09, to provide reimbursement for any reasonable expenses incurred by any person or any governmental entity in locating and returning the child. Any such amounts paid by the violator shall be paid to the person or governmental entity which incurred the expense on a prorated basis. Upon the application of any interested party, the court shall hold an evidentiary hearing to determine the amount of reasonable expenses.

Accompanying this summons is a document setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the Department of Children and Families under Wis. Stat. § 49.22(9) and listing the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under Wis. Stat. § 767.511(1m), and a copy of Wis. Stat. § 767.41(1m) or a standard parenting plan form used in the county, provided without charge by the clerk of court.

Date: March 27, 2024

MURPHY DESMOND S.C.
By: Gayle Jebbia

Gayle Jebbia
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Thirsty Troll Brew Fest moves to Tyrol Basin

The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce’s Tourism Events Committee is excited to announce that the 22nd annual Thirsty Troll Brew Fest will be held at Tyrol Basin on Saturday, September 7, 2024. According to a chamber statement, this new venue “promises a fresh experience, bringing expanded opportunities for attendees and local businesses.”

The decision to relocate the Thirsty Troll Brew Fest from Grundahl Park to Tyrol Basin was driven by a commitment to increasing the event’s economic impact on the Mount Horeb community. Data has shown that many festival-goers attend the event and then return home, missing out on the chance to explore Mount Horeb’s shops, restaurants, and lodging options.

“Our goal is to expand the Thirsty Troll Brew Fest to benefit the entire community,” said Jessie Bedward, Events Director for the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce. “The move to Tyrol Basin offers a unique venue that we believe will enhance the festival experience and encourage visitors

to stay longer and explore what Mount Horeb has to offer.”

“We’re excited about the changes to this year’s Thirsty Troll Brew Fest and hope both the community and visitors will take full advantage of what Mount Horeb has to offer,” said Bedward. “We encourage everyone to share their feedback after the event so we can continue to grow and improve.”

This year’s Brew Fest will include several additions and returning traditions:

More Live Music: The music stage will host four outstanding artists: headliner WheelHouse, Whitney Mann and the Strangers, The Best Westerns, and The Driveway Thriftdwellers. Attendees can ride the chair lift or magic carpet up the hill, then find a seat on the natural amphitheater hillside to enjoy the performances. For those interested in the music alone, \$15 tickets are available, providing access to the music and domestic beer area, complete with food provided by Tyrol Tavern.

General Admission Tickets: For \$75 online or \$95 at



Pictured above, Mount Horeb residents Dan Eith and Kristen Thompson smile after tasting their first samples at the 2022 festival. File photo by Matt Geiger.

the gate, General Admission Tickets provide access to the Craft Beer Tent, where attendees can enjoy unlimited tastings from some of the region’s best craft brewers and fermenters. These tickets also include access to the live music performances and the food offerings provided by Tyrol Tavern.

Craft Spirits and Tasting: VIP ticketholders will enjoy unlimited tastings of craft spirits from regional distilleries, in addition to the craft beer selections. VIP tickets are available for \$95 online and \$105 at the gate.

Food and Fun: Tyrol Tavern will be on-site, offering a delicious selection of food to complement the day’s festivities.

Masskrugstemmen Steinholding Competition: The popular Masskrugstemmen Steinholding Competition will return, challenging participants to hold a full beer stein for as long as possible.

Troll’s Gold: Attendees will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite brew, making their voices heard in this fun and interactive competition.

Sober Tickets: Available

for \$30 online and \$55 at the gate, these tickets allow designated drivers and non-drinkers to enjoy the festival with access to non-alcoholic beverages.

Support Local Businesses

The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce is encouraging local businesses to get involved in the weekend’s festivities. By hosting special events, offering promotions, or organizing activities, businesses have the chance to attract Brew Fest attendees to their stores and restaurants. This initiative aims to encourage overnight stays in local lodging properties, further boosting the local economy.

Getting There and Back

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, free shuttles will be available from downtown Mount Horeb (Duluth Trading Parking Lot) and the Mount Horeb Park & Ride, running continuously from 11am to 6pm. The last shuttle will depart Tyrol Basin at 6pm. With limited parking at Tyrol Basin, a \$25 parking fee will be implemented to encourage carpooling and shuttle use.

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