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The Mount Horeb-Barneveld football team rolled past Baldwin-Woodville, 58-39, in their season-opener Friday. For full coverage, please turn to page 14.
Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

Annual 'Dahlia Gawk' is Sept. 21

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Government

Voicing frustration over property assessment

By Steve Matyas
Mount Horeb Mail

Town of Springdale resident Patricia Anderson appeared before the board at its August 20 meeting to seek action regarding recent property value assessments carried out by Accurate Appraisal.

Anderson, concerned that the original assessment of her home had almost doubled its value, her inability to determine the exact date of its being mailed to her, and her frustration at the length of time between mailing and receipt of the assessment asked the board to call for a new general assessment and better documentation of mailing dates along with consideration of obtaining the services of a different assessment company. She further stated that her attempts to contact Accurate had not been fruitful, with the company advising her to resolve her issues by attending the town's Open Books ses-

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Burning ring of fire

Scenes from Maggie Mae and the Sawmill Creek Band



At right, Quin Marie Coleman, of Viroqua, performs with a flaming hula hoop during Maggie Mae and the Sawmill Creek Band's concert on August 10. The group puts on outdoor concerts in the verdant countryside, at N8855 Badger Road, each month through October. Photo by Matt Geiger.

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Optimist Club helps women learn self-defense



Sharona York (left), and Mandy Potter learn some basic self defense techniques from Brandon Tracy during a women's class sponsored by the Mount Horeb Optimists Club. Photo by Ron Lutz II. See more on page 9.

Have what it takes to be a firefighter?

A lot looks the same.

Firefighters still take turns cooking meals for each other, and cleaning the firehouse as a crew. They train together - running scenarios for accidents, structure fires, rescues, and evacuations - while working on efficiency and building confidence. There are always tools to grease, equipment to fix, reports to file, and parts to order. There's still a firepole at the station, and often, a dog waiting for the engines to come home. When the tones drop, a firefighter starts their career in the back seat, and moves up to the front seat.

What's missing is enough people to fill the seats.

At a July budget hearing, FDMH Chief Jenny Minter conceded her roster can't meet the demands for rising calls: "Our call volume has increased 40 percent over the past five years. Meanwhile, we've had a net gain of three volunteers over the past seven years."

An exciting opportunity awaits Mount Horeb citizens and the surrounding community to solve this problem; an Entry Level Firefighter class kicks off September 18, held on Wednesday nights through mid-December at the Mount Horeb Public Safety Building. The class is the first in a sequence of three needed to become a full member of FDMH, held free of charge with all gear and materials provided. A broadly topical introduction that touches on a bit of everything firefighters do, the course is a great way to get your hands on real equipment, learn fire suppression techniques, understand the history of the service, and see how you can fit into the roster. The Entry Level Firefighter course is administered by Madison College and taught by local firefighters who live in Mount Horeb.



FDMH firefighters after practicing their extrication skills. From left to right: (front) Hunter Tadisch, Kimberly Sailor, Martina Steffes; (back) Jackson Busch, Tim Kelly, Rob Guenther. Photo contributed.

There are no coursework or experience prerequisites for taking Entry Level Firefighter. If you are over 18 and in good health, you are eligible to participate. There is no upper age limit, there are no upfront skill tests, and participants from a wide variety of backgrounds are encouraged to attend. FDMH volunteer firefighters are students, parents, and grandparents. They work across all fields, from blue collar to white collar, to retirees, too.

Two years ago, FDMH firefighter Rob Guenther enrolled in the Entry Level Firefighter class. This year, Guenther was named EMS Provider of the Year. Guenther, a preconstruction manager for Faith Technologies by day, started out driving the ambulance. "I wanted to volunteer because I've always had an interest in the fire service and with my children grown, I finally had time to join. It's a nice way to give back to the community. I wish I could have joined a lot sooner; it has been a great experience."

The fall class will expose students to different working environments. Guenther recalls, "Some of the training, like crawling through a dark maze trailer in full gear while on air, seemed daunting at first. With repetition the tasks become more familiar. You gain confidence and become more comfortable."

Guenther has certainly been called upon to use his skills. "I was working with our ambulance crew when we were dispatched for a patient in cardiac arrest. It was the first time I ever had to do CPR. I was grateful for the training I received and that I was able to apply it on scene. It was extremely rewarding to learn that our efforts had a positive outcome for our patient."

"When I started, I knew very few people on the department so I was a bit apprehensive," Guenther admits. "What I found was a great group of full-time staff and volunteers who are extremely welcoming. There are lots of people willing to mentor and provide assistance with training or just answer questions. I am really enjoying my time here and would encourage others to look into serving. Prior to joining I just assumed that there were plenty of EMTs and firefighters. The reality is life gets busy and not everyone can respond to calls. There is a real need for additional volunteers."

Firefighter/EMT Kimberly Sailor also completed the Entry Level class two years ago. For Sailor, the hardest part was walking through the door. "I knew I wouldn't see a room of my peers," says Sailor, a mom in her 40s who works as a writer and editor-in-chief. "I was just hoping to find patient teachers. Training someone with no background experience and no machine knowledge? I knew the instructors would have a big job with me since the most I'd done with my hands was nail a picture to the wall. But the drive to find more purpose in my life was

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PERSPECTIVE

Thanks for the biggest Rotary Raffle yet!

Dear editor,

Wow, what a hot night at the firehouse! Mount Horeb Rotary's 2024 $10K Raffle was our biggest one yet, a huge success that we owe to the businesses, individuals and community groups who donated prizes, bought raffle tickets and lent a hand. The biggest winner is the Mount Horeb community because most of the money raised will be spent locally to support scholarships and good work in our community.

A special thank you is extended to the Mount Horeb Fire Department for hosting our event. The high school football team members and Club Interact helped with set up, assistance during the event, and take down at the end.

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Thank you all,
Steve Salerno
Mount Horeb Rotary
President

Whites voice opposition to ATVs

Dear editor,

Municipalities play an important role in permitting and regulating the operation of ATVs within their boundaries. We need to weigh competing concerns related to safety, enforcement and community compatibility. For over 100 years, the automobile industry has been required, by laws, to make necessary safety, noise and emissions improvements to vehicles for use on public roads.

Our community of Mt. Horeb has been asked to allow ATVs to operate on all village streets, adding to the patchwork of available roads that they are able to access. Currently ATVs cannot be driven on State Highways 92, 78, 18/151, S and ID, and in the Towns of Springdale and Perry. They cannot operate in the City of Verona and can not be driven on the Military Ridge Bike Trail.

There are many factors that must be addressed concerning ATV access to village roads, the primary is safety. The best argument for NOT allowing them on roadways comes from an advocacy group for the manufacturing of the vehicles. The following statement was issued by the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America which is the national not-for-profit trade association representing manufacturers and distributors of ATVs in the United States. Its major goal is to promote the responsible use of ATVs.

"ATV fatalities occurring on public roads comprise a significant portion of total ATV-related fatalities, as reported by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. If ATVs could be kept off public roads, as urged by the institute and as contained in our Model ATV Legislation, a large percentage of ATV-related injuries and deaths would be prevented."

The association emphasizes that *"ATVs are not designed, manufactured, or in any way intended for use on public streets, roads or highways and urges that on-highway use of ATVs be prohibited and that law enforcement efforts be strengthened to eliminate this dangerous practice."*

And then there is this from US Consumer Product Safety commission, which states that statistically, according to the commission's latest report, in a two year period there were 2,448 deaths in the United States associated with OHVs. ATVs accounted for more than two-thirds of the deaths. Nearly 300 deaths were among children under the age of 16. The Commission estimates that 94,700 injuries, associated with OHVs, were treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments in 2022. ATVs were the vehicle involved in 92 percent of the OHV injuries.

Troubling yet, the state has different statutes for ATVs than automobiles. Twelve- to sixteen-year-olds are allowed to operate ATVs if they are accompanied by a person eighteen or older. A driver's license is NOT required for operation of ATVs. Personally, we have issues with a twelve-year-old operating a ton of machinery on a roadway. Open alcoholic carry is allowed on ATVs, and the penalties for driving while intoxicated are less severe than automobile OWI laws.

Furthermore, Wisconsin does NOT have a law that requires residents to carry liability insurance for their ATVs. Many people think that their homeowner's insurance will provide coverage for ATVs and UTVs. However, any coverage homeowners' policies do offer is very limited and may depend on where the ATV or UTV is used and what it is used for.

More than 14,000 people, including roughly 3,200 children aged 15 or younger, have been killed in crashes of all-terrain vehicles in the United States since federal safety officials began keeping track in the early 1980s.

Studies have shown that over half of the deaths occur on public or private roads — even though ATVs are required to display safety warnings stating that they are not designed to be operated safely on roads. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act requires ATV Warning Labels that clearly warn against riding on public roads: The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, which passed in 2008, codified existing voluntary standards for ATVs, making the standard mandatory. This created a federal requirement for all ATVs to have a variety of warning labels, including one which warns ATV riders to: "NEVER USE ON PUBLIC ROADS." Perhaps Mount Horeb should recognize that warning.

Other factors in allowing ATV use of Mt Horeb's village roads are the sizable emissions and noise levels, up to 95 decibels.

So far, the village has been given antidotal references by a private ATV club. It is time for the Village to dig deeper and recognize the statistical data on ATV safety and implications to those who call Mount Horeb home. The decisions we make on this issue will directly affect all villagers, not just the minority who own ATVs.

We sincerely hope residents do not take this issue lightly, and that Mt Horeb citizens consider it with the diligence that it deserves.

Mount Horeb residents,
Tim and Karen White

Editor's note: Tim White is a trustee on the Mount Horeb Village Board, which could act on this issue. White said this letter was written "as a private citizen." "I do not in any way speak on the behalf of the Mount Horeb Board for which I am a Trustee," he added.

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BOARD

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sion or by computer.

After producing a second assessment showing a significant decrease in the assessed value of her property, Anderson pointed out her belief was that the second document should have contained the word "correction." Board Chair John Rosenbaum several times said that the presence of a second appraisal in and of itself constituted a correction, but Anderson consistently held to her opinion that the word should have appeared on the document.

Rosenbaum further pointed out that residents had been notified that the assessments were being mailed late and described the issues involved with bulk mailings and their tendency to take longer to be delivered. Addressing the idea of hiring a different assessor, he cited the lack of bids the last time such a move was attempted. Board member Wayne Hefty noted that a complaint had been filed against Accurate last year and no action had resulted, and Rosenbaum indicated that any potential next step was up to the Board of Review.

Parking on town roads near the Military Ridge bike trail were discussed, with particular attention being paid to Town Hall Road. The town has no police power to enforce parking regulations, and is reliant on Dane County, with which it has no contract in place, to carry out the task. Board member Hefty described the town as "not [being] in a good position" at this time and pointed to an upcoming meeting with the deputy in charge of patrol in this area as a potential opportunity to improve the situation. He also suggested the town consider placement of concrete blocks to prevent parking at problematic areas.

Requests for special permits for events to be held on Sunday, September 22 and Saturday, September 28 at the Riley tavern were approved. The permits will allow for music in the outdoor consumption area.

Springdale resident voted twice in Primary Election:

Election proceedings were presented, with no voting machine malfunctions reported and a voter turnout of 46 percent. One voter voted twice, and the incident is being investigated by the Dane County DA's office.

Painting of trim at the old town hall was discussed, with Chair Rosenbaum noting that "considerate" carpentry work is needed to be done before painting can begin. He expressed concern over the ability to obtain proper molding which would maintain the building's historical status and questioned whether covering the area with aluminum may not be a better option. He expressed his opinion that a job such as this may be better given to an entity charging by the hour rather than by submitting a complete job bid, saying any bid would likely be excessive due to "unknown factors" in the process and historical preservation concerns and called for further discussion at a later date.

Town resident Steve Gauger stated that he had come to the meeting with an expert in such projects, contractor Jeremy Ping, but that the expert had to leave the meeting before the issue came up for discussion. Gauger went on to say he "[felt offended]" that the issue had not been discussed earlier despite his request to have it moved up on the agenda. Gauger had also at an earlier point in the meeting asked whether it would be possible to get more advance information about agenda items more information about how American Transmission Company monies were being allocated in regards to public spending. Rosenbaum responded that comments about ATC monies were collected at a previous meeting and that ways to provide better information about agenda items would be looked into.

Power washing of the current town hall was looked into, with the decision made that priority should be given to insulation work which would save fuel and expense. Board member Hefty joked that the town could "just get a can of spray paint" to improve the building's appearance.

Town patrolman Devin Dahlk presented a report concerning repairs on Bakken and Grimstad Roads, saying that Bakken Road is ready for ditching but Grimstad requires further work to prevent water running down the road. He also addressed the board's concerns over debris on Bakken and Riley-Klevenville Roads, saying some pieces were too big for the wood chipper and that others moved fifteen feet off the roadway into a fifteen foot deep ditch and that all debris would be cleared when ditching and roadside improvement procedures take place.

Dahlk also reported that Dane County had removed town signs from county posts, and he is in the process of mounting new ones.

Two bids for the work on Bakken Road were opened. Jones Excavating gave a figure of $13,975 while Finks Paving asked for $8,700. The board moved to accept the lower bid.

Bids on a new single-axle plow truck were also opened, with Peterbilt quoting $135,433, Kenworth $134,954, and Western Star $137,740 with additional cost for extended warranties. Chair Rosenbaum questioned the necessity of ordering a truck at this time without further examination of the details and consideration of keeping the current nine-year old truck in service; board member Hefty gave his opinion that it is not "good judgment" to proceed on "the spur of the moment." A special meeting to discuss the issue has been scheduled, with the board and Patrolman Dahlk in attendance.

Rosenbaum addressed feedback from the Public Service Commission regarding use of ATC funds for purchase of the truck, saying no answer had yet been received.

Mount Horeb Joint Fire Department Representative was in attendance to announce an upcoming meeting to discuss staffing issues and costs. He cited the lack of volunteers and the need to rely on more paid personnel, as well as increasing fire and ambulance calls as reasons the amount charged to the town will increase, and responded to Rosenbaum's comment that the town was being "set up for a considerable hike" by stating that he anticipated a relatively small increase. The current fee paid by the town is $353,000 and represents its largest single expense

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Report: Taylor Swift and more at summer school

By Aynsley Hoelscher
Mount Horeb Mail

The summer school report was presented by summer school coordinator Courtney Harlan and middle school associate principal Catie Goninen.

"From the time that I saw all of these classes on the screen until I actually saw them in action it was just really great to see that they were so much more than what the title says," Harlan said.

For example, a class on Taylor Swift was offered that covered subjects like geography, facts and other musical artists.

"The student mentors, these kids were probably my favorite part of summer school," Harlan said, "they were an amazing group of kids."

Harlan said the mentors were always willing to help and were great at communicating if they were not going to make it in or would be late.

Goninen said a major goal for next year is to increase the number of teachers and offered classes.

"Registration was open for maybe ten minutes and then classes start to fill up," Goninen said, "we just have such a great interest in it, we just need more teachers so we can have more classes."

Goninen said the registration process could be more equitable, since families that couldn't be at a computer right when registration opened missed out as classes filled up.

Another goal Goninen discussed was closing the pay gap between teachers teaching the booster classes for core subjects and those teaching the enrichment classes.

Emergency Nursing

The board approved a policy to allow emergency nursing to be performed using certain medications. If a student is in diabetic, respiratory or opioid related distress each building will have relevant medication stocked to deal with it.

School Safety

The board also approved a school safety emergency plan. The plan outlines guidelines for immediate active threat or active shooter, holds on students and evacuations.

Another component is the threat assessment process, which helps identify, evaluate and manage potentially violent or dangerous situations.

The threat assessment process states that if a staff member witnesses someone making a threatening comment or action towards themselves, someone else or the schools, they must inform administrators and also consider contacting law enforcement if appropriate.

Personal Devices

Another policy amendment relates to use of personal devices by students. One change was to ensure the district does not have responsibility over personal devices.

New Civics Class

American Government-Legislative Semester is a new course that will be required for graduation for the class of 2028 and beyond.

It would be a social studies credit that covers political parties and controversies, as well as how the American government operates.

This class would replace the Current Events class, which will be absorbed into all of the social studies classes.

Education for Employment

The board approved a Education for Employment plan required for all districts by state legislation.

The purpose of the plan is to prepare students for future employment, and promote cooperation between industry and public schools.

GLEANINGS

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Aug. 29, 1884

Will Cowie is back, jovial and clever as ever.

There was a flour famine in Mount Horeb this week and many were obliged to go away hungry.

Mrs. John Cuneen, of Blue Mounds was very dangerously ill for a time from the sting of a wasp.

John Hanson, residing near Forward P.O., killed forty-nine snakes at one time a few days ago.

Ole Christenson is engaged by the Mt. Horeb Creamery Co. to buy produce at their creamery cellar.

Ask yourself if you are indebted to the News. If your conscience tells you so you will not rest very easy until it is paid, nor we either.

As I am going to close out my stock, of gents' fine button shoes, I will sell them now at 10 percent lower than hitherto. Come and buy. P. Sletto.

John R. Fargo came to the mill Saturday morning as cool as though nothing had happened. But ere he returned for his grist in the evening someone had reported John was married, and John, like all the rest, had to set up the cigars for the boys. Murder will out, they say. I think we'll smoke again before long. I see there is a new buggy in town. What makes Dahle's butter wagon come in so late some nights? There is plenty time, Charley. It is over a month till fair time.

120 Years Ago- Aug. 25, 1904

New fall hats now in stock at the up-to-date millinery store of Emma Halferdahl. Ladies, call and see them, buy and wear them.

Work on the old town schoolhouse is progressing as rapidly as possible, circumstances considered, and when completed will be commodious enough to accommodate the enrollment of pupils comfortably.

Chas. Lindstrom is improving his north side property by the construction of a tenement house. We have been informed he will move the remaining part of the Andrew S. Grinde residence, reconstruct and enlarge. There is a growing demand for ground floor rooms. The move is a good one.

The artistic brushes of J. P. Moe & Son are being applied to the interior of the First M.E. church, at Third and Grove streets. The building will be such as can be pointed to with pride.

The universal verdict of the fire laddies is that the new hose cart mentioned last week "is a peach," and "looks as though she could stand a few blocks run without falling all to pieces." When we consider the fact that the boys don't usually give compliments it must be taken for a fact that they highly appreciate it.

110 Years Ago- Aug. 27, 1914

J. B. Johnson and Miss Emma Kramer spent last week in Chicago taking in the fashion show and purchasing goods for the A. Hoff Co.

Danger signals have been furnished by the local auto club for several bad places on the Black Earth and Mt. Horeb road. Anyone agreeing to put up same may have them free of charge by applying to the secretary, J.S. Brown.

Those who autoed the southern road to Madison Sunday found tough sledding on account of mud, while the north road was perfectly dry and nice.

The Tasher fire caused a big loss to the owner, Mr. Tasher and the renter, Jake Schlapfer. The barn contained about 100 tons of hay, a lot of grain and seven fine purebred heifer calves. A number of other buildings also burned down, such as hog house, chicken house, etc., all nearly new. The property destroyed was insured in the Primrose Mutual Company to the amount of $3,300, which will also be a heavy tax on this comparatively small company.

C.A. Finke & Sons have built and completed a neat office room to the warehouse and mill which is neat and handy.

100 Years Ago- Sept. 2, 1924

This week Casper Haag has started to raze the building, which he recently purchased from the Mount Horeb Bank. This building is one of the last of the old landmarks of our Main Street which was standing in the good old days of oil burning street lamps, wooden sidewalks and dusty or muddy roads.

As Fred Wagner was driving west on Hwy. 19 Thursday evening his car was struck by a car driven by Knudt Halverson, at the corner where Hwy. 81 turns into 19. Halverson evidently was making too wide a turn and the Wagner car could not get out of his way in time to avoid a crash. No one was injured and the damage was not great.

P.J. Dunlap informs us that the cement block factory of Dunlap and Swenson has been sold to Joe Buechner from North Dakota. Mr. Buechner was formerly from Cross Plains.

The Mount Horeb Auto Company has made the following sales the past week: one Dodge Touring Car to A. S. Docken; a Star Roadster to Benford Stugard; and a Ford Sedan to Albert L. Johnson.

80 Years Ago- Aug. 31, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. John Vilberg received a message Monday from their son, 2nd Lt. John W. Vilberg, dated May 17. He is in a prison camp near Berlin. He says he is well and uninjured and gets enough of everything and is living a life of leisure.

The Mount Horeb Sportsmen's League released the pheasants reared in their pens at Stewart Park, last Sunday morning.

Announcement is made of approaching marriage of Jessie Murphy to John Luder, both of Mount Horeb, scheduled for early September.

A beautiful bronze cross was presented to the Barneveld Lutheran Church Sunday, Aug. 20, in memory of the late Sgt. William B. Squires. The cross was a gift to the Ladies' Aid and Young People's society of the church.

60 Years Ago- Sept. 2, 1964

The Mount Horeb girls' softball team gained the championship title Sunday night at Reedsburg as they defeated the host team 5 to 4. The winning run came in the tenth inning when Nancy Davis blasted a triple to score Jean Wittwer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hiltbrand, Mount Horeb, observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 6, in the Fellowship Hall of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Edward Goli, 85, died on Wednesday, Sept. 2. She was the former Lena Hill, and was a lifelong resident of Mount Horeb.

Glen Stensby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stensby, Mount Horeb, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and is undergoing recruit training in San Diego, Calif.

50 Years Ago- Aug. 29, 1974

Construction of the new Ellestad Funeral Home on Highway 78 on the east side of Mount Horeb is planned to be completed by mid-December.

The Mount Horeb Area Jaycettes have selected Betty Drape, as the recipient of the club's third annual outstanding Young Woman's Award.

Lightning was the apparent cause of a 4:30 am fire Tuesday that destroyed the barn on the Alvin Thousand farm south of Mount Horeb.

Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Valstad, Mount Horeb, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday, Sept. 8.

40 Years Ago- Aug. 30, 1984

David and Patricia Flom, Mount Horeb, will observe

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Blood Drive, at Mt. Horeb ELC, 315 E. Main Street, 12:30-5:30pm. Apptmts. 1-800-733-2767

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

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

"Common Chord" - 4-part harmonies, toe-tapping swingy numbers, folk and blue grasss, bluesy tunes, acoustic pop/rock songs, 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, SEPTEMBER 2

LABOR DAY! Senior Center closed.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

No Tai Chi class - Mt. Horeb Senior Center

No Ageless Grace class - Mt. Horeb Senior Center.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Fink's Cafe, serving senior meals, 11:00am-1:00pm. Reservations not needed

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 mhclassies@fingerpub.com. We reserve the right to edit for length.

Katherine Kramer leads 'A Breath of Fresh Art'



Internationally known tap dancer Katherine Kramer (above in 2020) is heading up an event intended to bring together ideologically-diverse artists.

-By Susan Smith

PRIMROSE – When "A Breath of Fresh Art" takes to the stages and studios of an historic farmstead on Highway U south of Mount Horeb on Sept. 21, it will be another production by internationally known tap dancer Katherine Kramer.

Katherine Kramer Projects and Mt. Horeb Area Arts Association are producing the event, with a theme of "Democracy in Life and Art," as a way of bringing people from diverse viewpoints together during a turbulent year. The first "breath" event took place four years ago, when the COVID pandemic meant that outdoor events were the only way people could gather. The venue proved so perfect that Kramer sought support to do it again, bringing in more than two dozen artists who will dance, sing, present spoken word pieces and display visual art installations in the meadows and woods. The event is being underwritten by the Wisconsin Arts Board, Dane Arts, and generous donors.

Kramer has had a career that took her from New York City to Alaska and from Montana to Miami. She won a Fulbright Award to study dance in Prague. And in 2018, she won the top award in her field, The Hoofer Award, which has also been won by dance legend Gregory Hines.

Kramer travels the country putting on workshops focusing on dance and community building. (She has a campus collaboration with the Center for Healthy Minds at UW-Madison coming up this fall and has created choreography for Madison Ballet.)

Here's a short interview with her:

How do you describe your work?

I'm a jazz tap artist, which means I create both dance and music. I weave stories and songs into my work and often combine tap dance and contemporary dance with live music. I perform with jazz ensembles as the percussionist. I love collaboration and believe it strengthens my work.

How have you created a career as a full-time artist?

I wouldn't know how NOT to be an artist, but I've sustained a career as a working artist for these many decades by being collaborative by nature, open to creating in many contexts and willing to approach my work from the point of view of a performer, educator, producer and community builder. I teach several levels of tap dance classes, as well as "Serious Fun," which uses improvisational movement to build body awareness and build community.

Where did your training start?

I was fortunate to be in New York City in the early 1970s, when the extraordinary black men who came up as tap artists during the vaudeville era of the 1930s and 1940s were still alive to be mentors and teach their craft. My most important artistic influences include the late Richard Bull, a brilliant improvisational dance artist and jazz pianist, and tap dance pioneer Brenda Bufalino, who at 86 continues to inspire me to keep creating. Family, friends, travel and living in so many different places all rest in the heart of my creativity.

How did you wind up in the Mount Horeb area?

The love of Glenn Reynolds brought me to this area. We were introduced by his daughter Ilana Reynolds, a graduate of Mount Horeb High School who is now a professional dancer and choreographer in Germany. That love has grown to include a community of dear friends and an appreciation of a very special place. Our home, Primrose Retreat, sits on Ho-Chunk land. 40 years ago Glenn purchased this property from the Eichelkraut family, who began farming it at the turn of the century. The Eichelkrauts were also musicians, hosting community musical events in their parlor. We enjoy continuing that tradition.

If You Go:

What: "A Breath of Fresh Art: Democracy in Art & Life"

When: Saturday Sept. 21 and workshops on Sunday Sept. 22

Time: Two shows on Saturday Sept. 21, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 - 6 p.m. Audience members will follow a map of the property that takes them on a tour of performances stages and art installations. Sunday Sept. 22 will feature four artist-led workshops on the interplay of art and democracy from 1 - 2:30 p.m. and from 3 - 4:30 p.m.

For more information: https://www.katherinekramerprojects.com/breath-of-fresh-art

COMMUNITY

OBITUARY

Violet Margaret Gilbertson

May 24, 1930 - August 23, 2024



MOUNT HOREB - Violet Margaret Gilbertson, age 94, of Mount Horeb, passed away on Friday, Aug. 23, 2024, at Vita-Care Mount Horeb. She was born on May 24, 1930, in Monroe, Wis., the daughter of Theodore and Clara (Kopp) Altman and the twin sister of Viola.

In 1947, Violet graduated from Monroe High School. She married the love of her life, Robert «Jim» Gilbertson, on June 7, 1948, at St. John's in Monroe. One year later they welcomed their son, Robert Jr. "Bob," and eight years later their daughter, Lois. Her family was the most important thing in her life. She loved living and working on the family farm for nearly 40 years, where the door was always open to friends and family. She joined the Mount Horeb School District as the head baker and enjoyed her work immensely, going on to become the head cook. Later in life she enjoyed going to the Senior Center to play Bingo and visiting with friends!

Violet and Jim loved going dancing at the New Glarus Hotel and going on trips up north with their family. She proudly cheered on her grandchildren, never missing a single game or concert. She loved to crochet, tend to her yard and garden and decorate her home for the holidays. She was a faithful member of Perry Lutheran Church since 1949, serving as part of the WELCA and Dorcas Circle.

Violet is survived by her daughter, Lois (Fred) Frame; grandchildren, Corey (Andrea) Gilbertson, Danielle (Nick) Stehling, Nicole (Bryan) Schmidt and Kelsey (Greg) Huston; great-grandchildren, Mason Stehling, Brynn Stehling, Reese Stehling, Brooks Gilbertson, Violet Gilbertson, Jameson Schmidt and William «Liam» Schmidt; sister, Sharon Hanson; many other nieces, nephews, relatives and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert «Jim" Gilbertson; son, Robert «Bob» Gilbertson; twin sister, Viola Saxer; and brothers, Theodore Altman Jr. and LaVerne Altman.

A funeral service was held at PERRY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1057 WI-78 Trunk, Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2024, with Pastor Jared Parmley presiding. Burial took place at Mount Horeb Union Cemetery. Visitation was held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth St., Mount Horeb, from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024, and also at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday.

A special thank you to Girlie›s Manor and Agrace HospiceCare for their exceptional care for Violet.

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

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10th annual Dahlia Gawk will take place in Daleyville

Are you wondering what to do on Saturday, September 21 from 1 to 5 in the afternoon? Well, take a short drive or walk to Monique's Dahlia Garden for the 10th Annual Dahlia Gawk. They are located at 1167 State Road 78, Mount Horeb (Daleyville). Visitors will be able to see some of the most beautiful dahlias. There will be pompons, up to the large AA size which can get up to 12 inches in diameter. Bring your camera to take photos so you can remember what you might like to put in your garden next spring. They will be collecting for the local food pantry, so please bring something to donate.

September is library card sign-up month

September is National Library Card Sign up Month. According to the American Library Association, the campaign started in 1987 in response to the urging of Secretary of Education William Bennett.

In Mount Horeb, any child who registers for a library card throughout the month of September will receive a free book (courtesy of the Friends of the Library). Adults will receive a coupon to shop the ongoing Friends of the Library Sale located in the lobby.

September is a great time to get involved in all library activities. As fall approaches, nothing is better than facing the shortening days with a good book and a warm beverage. In addition, we will launch many fall program opportunities including an amazing line-up of programming for children and adults. Hope to see you soon at the library signing up for your new card!

Belida to speak at Garden Club meeting

On Tuesday, September 3rd, the Mound Vue Garden Club meeting program will feature speaker Rachel Belida, the owner of Daily Harvest Designs. She will be presenting on *After the Harvest Saving and Preserving*. This is the time of year when many of us are trying to "put away" food and other produce for the colder months. Rachel will provide a rich array of techniques to help us all become more adept at saving our garden's harvest.

The club meets monthly, every first Tuesday, 6:45PM, at Wisconsin Surplus, Mt Horeb, 2600 Rte 78 South, in the Violet Room. The building is located on the west side of the village of Mt Horeb (at the 2nd exit heading west off 18/151). Refreshments at 6:45, presentation starts at 7:00, and the club business meeting begins at 8:00.

Members of the general public are welcome to attend the program free of charge. The program will be followed by a business meeting of the Mound Vue Garden Club.

If you are interested in gardening and local community service, contact Gloria Davies at jrdgrdquilt@mhtc.net about club membership.

GLEANINGS

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their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home on Sunday, Sept. 9.

Todd and Jeanette Martin, McFarland, announce the birth of a daughter, Melissa Susan, born on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison.

Annie M. Kahl, age 81, Mount Horeb, died on Monday, Aug. 27, 1984, in a Madison hospital.

30 Years Ago- Sept. 1, 1994

The Mount Horeb Area School District began the 1994-95 school with approximately 1729 students, 97 more students than attended last spring. The official count will take place Sept. 16.

Madison car dealer Tom McGann will be opening a used car lot in mid-September at the old Klusendorf/Symdon Motors site on Highway ID.

20 Years Ago- Aug. 26, 2004

PFC Luke Staplemann has completed his Army basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. and his AIT training at Ft. Eustis, VA. He is now stationed in Germany.

Roger and Donna Sunby will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 28 with a family dinner.

Shawn Bollig's Energy Center Fitness Club opens Sept. 3 at 7:30 am at 407 South Eighth Street. Everyone is invited to stop in and check out the state-of-the-art exercise equipment and tour the facility.

CHURCH NOTES

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608-437-5348
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Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
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Mass: Sunday 8:00 am

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Worship: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, 10:00 am

Schools get 'Response to Violence' grant

The Mount Horeb Area School District has announced that it has been awarded $118,112 through the Department of Education's Project School Emergency Response to Violence (Project SERV) Grant program. In part thanks to a letter of support from Senator Tammy Baldwin, this grant will provide crucial resources to support the District's commitment to student and staff well-being, safety, and a sense of belonging.

The grant will enable the District to obtain an additional social worker for the 2024-25 school year, ensuring ongoing student mental health support. Additionally, funding will be used for trauma-informed education and literature for all staff, helping them better assist students in recovery and fostering a more resilient learning environment.

A key component of the grant is the funding for a belonging-focused speaker who will train staff and facilitate future discussion groups, promoting inclusivity and strengthening the school community. The grant will also support District behavioral staff's professional development through attendance at relevant conferences and workshops.

In addition to the Project SERV grant, the District has received $53,058.89 in funding from the Office of School Safety's Critical Incident Stabilization Funds Grant. This grant will cover startup costs for Crumble, a service dog generously donated by Custom Canines Service Dog Academy, as well as additional building safety measures.

"Mount Horeb Area School District places the highest priority on safety and fostering a strong sense of belonging for all members of the school community," said a district press release. "The funding from these grants will significantly enhance the District's ability to support students and staff."

"We are deeply grateful for the support from the Department of Education and the Office of School Safety," said Dr. Steve Salerno, Superintendent of Mount Horeb Area School District. "This funding will allow us to further our commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment. In so doing, our young people (and the staff who love them) can even better fulfill our District's high mission."

FIRE

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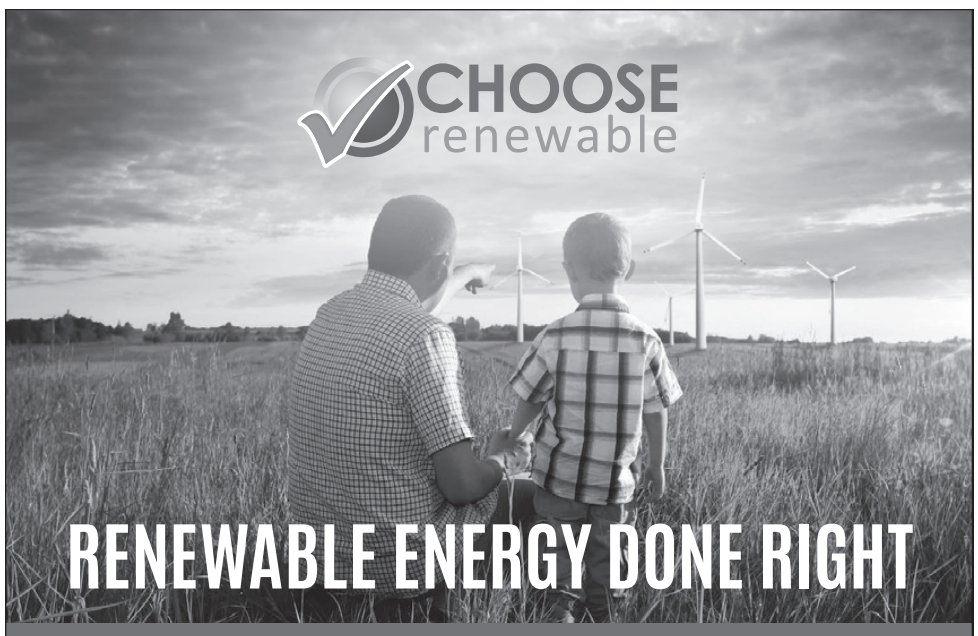
relentless. Despite being an atypical recruit who didn't know anyone at the station, firefighting felt like something I should try." Sailor said she was intimidated by the physicality required, but found encouragement from other firefighters who offered their time to work on skills. "You'll also learn insights about yourself. I had no idea that extrication is so satisfying; peeling open a car like a tuna can is pretty awesome."

Sailor also found purpose quickly. "At my first house fire call, I saw the homeowner sitting on the back of a pickup truck. I went to sit beside her and she leaned into my shoulder in tears. I was able to provide her some comfort and answer her questions about what happens next. Over a year later she spotted me at a restaurant and came over to my table to thank me. That was meaningful for both of us."

Firefighter/AEMT Martina Steffes started her career with FDMH in 2021 as a volunteer advanced EMT. She chose to volunteer in Mount Horeb to gain experience in the emergency medical field while studying public health at UW-Madison. After a year and a half of being an EMS-only volunteer, Steffes decided to enroll in the Entry Level Firefighter class. "I wanted to be more of an asset on any call, and fill any role that was needed of me." She enjoyed taking all of the firefighter classes at the station, and learning from instructors who were also FDMH members. "Completing this work at FDMH was such a fun and personable experience. Having the opportunity to learn on our own equipment and from our own members was invaluable as a student."

A weekly volunteer shift quickly turned into much more for Steffes, who was recently hired as a full-time firefighter/AEMT with FDMH. "I have felt so supported by our members through all of the classes, calls, and training nights. I never thought that I would be able to have a full-time career as a firefighter/AEMT. With the support and guidance of Chief Minter, my instructors, and fellow members, I knew that I could accomplish my goals."

Those interested in enrolling in the Entry Level Firefighter course should contact Chief Minter by email (jminter@fdmh.org) or by phone (608-437-5571).



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Clockwise from top left: Brandon Tracy demonstrates a self defense technique with Sarah Strube during a women's class sponsored by the Mount Horeb Optimists Club; Sharona York (right) holds a practice dummy for Mandy Potter to practice stomping on while her daughter Madelyn looks on; Tracy demonstrates more self defense techniques. Photos by Ron Lutz II.



THE MOUNT HOREB ROTARY CLUB THANKS MOUNT HOREB!

The 15th Annual 10K Raffle was a huge success raising money to be used to benefit the community.

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Mount Horeb Rotary's $10K Raffle was held at the Public Safety Building. Thanks so much to all the generous sponsors and participants who make our biggest event a success.

The Final Four participants agreed to split the $10,000 prize. They were: Vicki Webber, Tammy Wedig, Mary Stamm and Stephen Gauger.

The 50/50 raffle winner was Angel Mlsna.

Auction winners included Mark Bjelve (Cody WY trip), John Theobald (commercial vacuum), Craig Kittleson (commercial hammer drill), Curt Garrity (Arizona trip).

The final 10 ball prize winners Steve Helwig and Teresa Knight split $930.

Thanks to all who came and a special thanks to all the businesses and individuals who supported us with cash and prizes.

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Lynette and Stan Theis, of Prairie du Sac, dance together.



From left, Sarah Cox, Lindsay Baumgartner and Emily Baumgartner.



Brandon Plata shows off his roping skills during the concert.





Above, Quin Marie Coleman dances. Right, Maggie Mae and the Sawmill Creek Band, which includes Kyle Scott, Dan Smith, Eric Nofsinger, Stuart Thayer, Wally Barger and Mark Gruenenfelder. The next concert is Saturday, Sept. 7. Photos by Matt Geiger.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

District welcomes new educators

Lacey Arneson
Speech Language Pathologist - ELC/PC



My name is Lacey Arneson and I am the new SLP for the ELC/PC. I am contracted through CESA and will split my time between Barneveld and Mount Horeb. Prior to CESA, I worked as the only SLP for the Pecatonica area school district for 12 years. I live in Barneveld with my husband and three big dogs, (yes, we are a bit crazy!). During my free time, I love to hike, camp, and do anything outdoors with my dogs. I also enjoy working out and reading. I have heard wonderful things about the Mount Horeb school district and I am very excited to join the team!

Makayla Bretsch
Agriculture Teacher - High School



I grew up in Reedsburg, Wisconsin with three siblings. I currently live in Reedsburg where I enjoy spending time with my family and horses. I stay busy running barrels at local rodeos and jackpots, working at a local dairy farm and leading trail rides at a guest ranch in Mauston. I enjoy spending time outdoors, and hanging out with friends. I went to college at University of Wisconsin- River Falls, where I majored in Agricultural Education and minored in Animal Science.

Staci Hefty
4th Grade Special Education Teacher - Intermediate Center



My name is Staci Hefty, or Mrs. Hefty as the kids call me. I am originally from Verona but am proud to live here in Mt. Horeb with my husband, two daughters, and our sweet little dog. I love to travel and go camping with family, and especially love playing games with friends! This is my 16th year of teaching, with my previous experience primarily being in 4k and curriculum development. I am thrilled to start this year in 4th grade and am excited to be a Viking!

Alina Jankowiak
2nd Grade Teacher - Primary Center



My name is Alina Jankowiak, and I am thrilled to be teaching in Mount Horeb! I'm from Bloomington, Illinois, where my parents and five younger siblings currently live. I graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May 2023, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. After graduating, I relocated to Madison, Wisconsin and taught in Freeport, Illinois as a second grade teacher! This year will be my second year of teaching. In my free time, I enjoy watching movies, painting, dancing, and spending time with my two cats.

Abby Landgraf
English/Language Arts Teacher - Middle School



Hello, Mount Horeb community! My name is Abby Landgraf, and I'm so excited to join the Vikings family this fall. I grew up in Williams Bay, WI, a small town in southeastern Wisconsin near Lake Geneva. After graduating high school, I headed off to St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI to earn my Bachelor's degree in education. I had an incredible opportunity to study abroad in London, UK as a junior, and immediately fell in love with traveling. I've traveled to 17 countries since! As a new graduate, I landed a job back in my hometown teaching 6th grade literacy at Williams Bay Middle School where I spent the last nine years teaching. I earned my Master's degree in education in 2023 from Indiana State University.

I'm moving to Madison to start a new chapter in my book of life, and Mount Horeb felt like the perfect fit! I'm excited to become a part of this wonderful community, and I'm looking forward to a great school year ahead. Go Vikings!

Sophia Langkamp
Elementary Social Worker



Hello Vikings! My name is Sophia Langkamp and I am originally from Potosi, Wisconsin. I will be joining your community as an Elementary School Social Worker! I come to you with experience from Family Services in Beloit, Ezekiel Gillespie Middle School in Madison, and most recently as the Social Worker for the School District of Belleville. I am so excited to meet everyone and start the school year off strong!

Susan Larson
Music Teacher - Intermediate Center



I am the new .5 music teacher at the IC, and have recently moved to Wisconsin from Boston, Massachusetts. My husband and I have two daughters and a little dog whose superpower is making everyone around him smile. I enjoys traveling, collecting sea and beach glass, and spending time with my family and friends. I'm also a singer and private voice teacher, and had the privilege of being a master teaching artist for the Metropolitan Opera Guild while living on the east coast. I am very excited to meet the students, families and staff at the MHIC!

Deanna Maynard
3rd Grade Special Education Teacher - Intermediate Center



I'm excited to join the Mount Horeb Intermediate Center faculty this fall as a 3rd grade co-teacher. While I have taught in many roles and places over the past 20 years, including teaching 3rd grade, 5th grade, and K-8 special education in Eastern Iowa, Las Vegas, NV, and Southern WV, 3rd grade always has my heart. I moved to WI from MO in 2019 to work with teacher preparation at UW La Crosse. My daughter is studying to be a teacher and works as a paraeducator in La Crosse, and my son remains in MO where he works as a Deputy Sheriff and serves in the MO National Guard. I enjoy spending time in the kitchen trying new recipes, spending time exploring Southwest WI, and reading mystery novels.

Chris Nelson
Special Education Teacher - High School



I am Chris Nelson and I grew up in Lodi, Wisconsin. I attended college at Marian University in Fond du Lac where I received my undergraduate degree and my graduate degree in Education. I also played soccer and ran track at Marian University. I am heading into my fourth year in education with one year in the School District of Lodi and two years at Hartford Union High School. This is my second year as a Special Education teacher with the other two years being an English teacher. I have three older brothers with two of them working in accounting/finance while the other is working in Education. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, going to the gym, golfing, and reading.

Victoria Norton
Alternative Learning Pathways Teacher - High School



Hi! I'm so happy to be joining the Mount Horeb school community! My educational background includes an M.S. in Teaching and Learning from UW-Green Bay and an M.A. in Educational Leadership from Marian University. Most recently I taught English and served as an Alternative Education teacher in the Madison School District. I live in the historic district of Evansville and moved here from rural Brown County where we had horses and other farm animals. I still spend a lot of time around horses and volunteer at Three Gaits Equine Therapy program in Stoughton. Some of my hobbies include knitting, gardening, cycling, world travel, and old home restoration. I'm very proud of my six kids and my grandkids and spend as much time with them as I can! I'm hoping to get to meet lots of you soon.

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Natalie Retzlaff
6th Grade Special Education Teacher - Middle School



Hi, I'm Natalie Retzlaff! I am originally from the southeast part of Wisconsin and landed in the Madison area post college. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, golfing, cheering on all Wisconsin sports teams, and hanging out with my two dogs. Prior to coming to Mount Horeb I spent the last 8 years of my career working in the Monona Grove School District. I am so excited for the new stage and to join the Mount Horeb community this year!

Kaitlin Ripley
Science Teacher - High School



My name is Kaitlin Ripley and I am very happy to be teaching at Mount Horeb High School. I am originally from Waunakee, WI and completed my undergraduate degree at UW-Platteville and my master's degree through the American College of Education. I have been teaching science for six years, which has included a bit of everything - biology, physical science, earth science, ecology, environmental science, and physics. When I am not at school I love being outside - gardening, hiking, kayaking, and volunteering with the Dane County Parks Department. I also enjoy crocheting/knitting, playing video and board games, reading, and hanging out with my husband and our dog, Truman.

Brenda Schiessl
Special Education Teacher - Middle School



Hello, My name is Brenda Schiessl and I am from Fitchburg, Wisconsin. I live in Fitchburg with my husband, three children, and two dogs. My daughter is a junior at UW Madison, my son will be a freshman at UW Eau Claire, and my youngest son will be a sophomore at Madison West. When I am not busy with my family and dogs, I enjoy walking, hiking, reading, and traveling. I

have been in special education for 15 years and love it! I have taught in the Madison Metropolitan School District, Verona, and Barneveld. I look forward to this new role in the Mount Horeb School District!

Katie Schuller
Early Childhood/4K Special Education Teacher - Early Learning Center



My name is Katie Schuller and I am going to be the Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for Mount Horeb! I am originally from the Brookfield, Wisconsin area and moved to St. Louis for college. After my time at Saint Louis University, I stayed in St. Louis to start my teaching career. I have been an ECSE teacher for the past three years there and absolutely loved it! I always knew I wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember, so finally being able to start my dream career has been wonderful. Family is a large part of my life and I am moving back to Wisconsin to be close to them again. I am very excited for this upcoming year and joining the Mount Horeb community!

Craig Smith
School To Career and International Baccalaureate Coordinator - High School



Craig Smith was born in Clinton, Iowa. He pursued his initial college education at Kirkwood Community College. Craig then furthered his studies at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Public Relations followed by a Master's degree in Education.

Craig has dedicated 17 years to coaching college football across the Midwest. His career in education extended beyond the field, as he also served as a teacher on various campuses and spent seven years as a career services advisor. More recently, Craig transitioned into teaching business courses and working as the College and Career Coordinator in the Sun Prairie School District. There, he also coached 8th-grade boys and girls basketball and junior varsity golf.

Craig is married to Nicol, who is also an educator. The couple has two sons, Nolan (9) and Mason (8). They share their home with their chocolate Labrador, Luna, who is 3 years old.

Julie Spillane
French Teacher - Middle School



Hello, my name is Julie Spillane and I am looking forward to returning to teaching French this fall. I graduated from the Monroe School District and UW Platteville. My husband and I recently returned to the driftless area after raising our 3 children (Liam, KIara, and Aidan) in the Oconto Falls area. I now live in Mineral Point and enjoy attending live music events, playing the piano, reading and learning to crochet. Our dog, Charlie, and cat, Bootsie, entertain me at home.

Carie Thompson
K-2 Reading Interventionist & Coach - Early Learning Center/ Primary Center



Carie Thompson will be joining the Mount Horeb School District as an Elementary Reading Interventionist and Coach. Carie and her husband Kelly, relocated to the area from Mondovi, WI. She has been teaching for 12 years, mostly as a 2nd grade classroom teacher in the Mondovi School District. She also worked as a Reading Interventionist and Coach in the Eleva-Strum School District. Carie earned her undergraduate degree from UW-Eau Claire and her Master's Degree from St. Mary's University in Winona, MN.

Both of her children will be in college in the fall, Katherine who will be attending her 3rd year at UW-Eau Claire, and Cassie who will be a Freshman at the University of Minnesota in the twin cities. In Carie's free time, she enjoys reading, walking her dog Joey Tribbiani, scrapbooking, and traveling. She looks forward to the new adventure ahead and to getting to share her love for reading with the Mount Horeb Primary School students!

Kaitie Turner
3rd Grade Teacher - Intermediate Center



Hello everyone! My name is Katie Turner and I am thrilled to be joining the Mount Horeb community! This will be my fourth year teaching; my third year teaching third grade. I grew up in New Berlin, WI and have lived in La Crosse, WI the majority of my adult life. I have a brother, Danny and his partner, Anastasia, and I am so excited to be closer to them and my parents! When I am not teaching, you can find me hiking, reading, crafting, or hanging out with friends. I also love to travel, especially to our State and National Parks. I am looking forward to building relationships with our students and families and cannot wait to meet you this fall!

Victoria Vajda
General Music Teacher - Early Learning Center/ Primary Center



Victoria is originally from Michigan, but has recently moved to the Madison area with her husband, Louis, and their two cats. Victoria first found her love for music while learning to play the clarinet in beginning band. She quickly realized that she wanted to become a music teacher and share that love of music in her very own classroom. When Victoria started earning her Music Education degree at Eastern Michigan University, she focused her education on learning how to teach music to students at the elementary level. Victoria feels passionate about teaching music to young children and has been doing so for the past 3 years. She is looking forward to bringing her passion and experience to the Mount Horeb community as the K-2 music teacher. When Victoria is not teaching, she enjoys reading, playing board games, and baking all kinds of sweet treats!

Logan Weckerly
8th Grade Teacher - Middle School



My name is Logan Weckerly and I am from Monroe, Wisconsin. I taught 5th grade for 4 years in Sheboygan, but am excited to start in such a great place like Mount Horeb! In my free time I like to be active (golfing, working out, spending time outside) with my family and friends. I am also a diehard fan of all Wisconsin Sports teams!

Alison Winters Hanson
Art Teacher - Intermediate Center



Alison Winters Hanson is the Art Teacher at the IC this fall. She was a swimmer and art major at UW Green Bay, an education student at Edgewood College, and a Graduate student at Edgewood College as well. Alison began her teaching career in New Glarus in 2004, where she taught 6-12th grade art until last spring. She is so incredibly excited to be teaching in Mount Horeb, where she lives with her husband, Eric and two girls, fourth grader Lydia and second grader Marin. During the summer, you can find Coach Alison at the Mount Horeb pool as head coach of the MoHo Gators Swim Team. Go Gators!

Alicia Szekeres
Special Education Teacher - High School

Alicia has served in several different roles within our District, most recently as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher this past school year. We are excited to bring Alicia on board in a more permanent role.

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MOUNT HOREB/BARNEVELD 57, BALDWIN-WOODVILLE 38



Making a terrific first impression

Vikings roll in season opener

by ADAM MERTZ
Sports Reporter

With a steady stream of hype videos, player profiles, and in-game effects, the beast of a new scoreboard that made its debut at the Mount Horeb-Barneveld football opener last Friday more than lived up to the hype.

And if that first game is any indication, the Vikings will be making major use of the most important component of that half-million dollar gift from Mount Horeb alumni Terry and Kathy Kurth:

The home team's score.

Speedy running back Owen Preimesberger had a hand in three scores, first-year starting quarterback Brooks Hendrickson tossed three additional touchdown passes, and NCAA Division I prospect Chris Kiel made it to the end zone three times as MH-B exploded for a 58-39 victory over northern Wisconsin powerhouse Baldwin-Woodville in a rare intersectional game.

The Vikings rattled off 30 straight points starting in the second quarter to take control and scored all their points in the first three quarters before sitting their starters. MH-B sent the game into running clock mode on Jack Wilson's 2-yard touchdown plunge for a 35-point advantage with 1:46 left in the third before the Blackhawks made things respectable with a pair of window-dressing scores in the final period.

"We made an amazing statement," said Preimesberger, who rushed for two touchdowns and 113 yards on 22 carries, had an electric, 85-yard kickoff return for a score on a reverse handoff from Kiel, and added three two-point conversions. "We should be as good as last season, or even better. We're all confident."

The Vikings lost a treasure chest of offensive talent from last year's team that reached the WIAA Division 3 state quarterfinals and finished 11-1. That group included all-state and two-year starting quarterback Kasey Helgeson, left tackle Austin Leibfried who's now at Indiana, leading rusher Trenton Owens, and second-leading receiver Landon Ellestad (now at UW-Platteville).

But last year's second-tier skill players showed they are ready for prime time against a Baldwin-Woodville program that reached the Division 4 state semifinals last season. It was a reminder why MH-B is regarded as a state title contender and the favorite to win its fourth straight Badger Small Conference title.

The Vikings have now

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On top, Mount Horeb/Barneveld's football took the field for their season opener. Above, Chris Kiel (4) scored and is congratulated by teammate Colin Haag (1). Photos courtesy of Holly Stoenner

Running down their dreams

Mount Horeb's cross country teams are hoping for big years

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Abby Sadler, arguably the greatest runner in Mount Horeb history, graduated in June. Soon she'll be running for Harvard.

And perhaps some folks in the Badger Small Conference — or throughout the sectional — believe the Vikings will now take a step back.

Think again.

"Yes, it's hard to lose a runner like Abby, but I think this year's group might actually be stronger than last year," Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said. "We're deeper and have a dozen girls who had very good summers of training."

Stronger?

Deeper?

That's saying a lot considering the Vikings finished fifth as a team at the WIAA Division 2 state meet and Sadler was second individually.

But Mount Horeb returns five of its top seven runners from that state team and adds a group of newcomers that should help immediately.

Sophomore Willa Vigliotta will lead the way. Vigliotta was third at the conference meet last season, then finished 13th individually at state.

"She's motivated and stronger than last year and I expect she can improve on both of those places this season," Chancellor said.

Sophomore Julia Straka was eighth at the conference meet and 24th individually at state.

"Julia's a great racer and even as a freshman was so consistent for us last year," Chancellor said. "She had a solid track season and got some good runs in over the course of the summer. She's a key piece of what we hope to do this year."

Senior Katherine Straka, sophomore Maeve True and junior Lily Nelson were all part of the Vikings' state team, as well.

"Katherine had a challenging junior season last year, but she worked hard over the summer and should be among the top handful of runners in the Badger Small," Chancellor said. "Maeve True was one of our big surprises last year and I think she's prepared to make another big jump this season. Lily Nelson had a really smart summer of training and from everything I can see so far, comes in much stronger than I've seen her before."

Freshman Mia Caygill will be an immediate difference maker for the Vikings, as well. She won the USA Track & Field 1500-meter regional for the 15-16-year-old age group over the summer and should make a huge splash.

"I expect that she will be among the best freshmen in the state this year," Chancellor said of Caygill.

Junior Lily Wahl, along with seniors Ellie Larson all return with significant varsity experience, as well, and will look to fill the open spots in the lineup.

"Lily Wahl's sophomore season was mostly derailed with an injury, but she was strong in track and will be a solid contributor for us," Chancellor said. "Ellie Larson is one of our stronger all-around athletes on the team and just knows how to compete. I'm excited about her potential this season. Allie Felcyn is one of our captains and is a person who will help the team however she can."

Others such as freshmen Zea Noltnerwyss, Emily Wittenwyler, Sam Haretig and Kira Buttner, sophomores Madelyn Potter and Aria Johnson, and junior Kajsa Peterson will all look to contribute, as well.

Mount Horeb's boys will be looking to improve on a season where they finished eighth at the conference meet and 12th at sectionals.

Seniors Jack Zwettler, James Zwettler and Noah Gibbs will lead the Vikings. Sophomores Sam Wyse, Jaxon Hughes and Nicholai Solodin-Braun, and juniors Tim Kruse and Desmond Kelley all seem ready for strong seasons, as well.

"These guys all had their best summers of training that they've had and are starting this season ahead of where they were at the end of the season last year," Chancellor said. "What I love about this group is that they are unselfish and work well together.

"James, Jack, Sam, Noah, and Nicholai come in with varsity experience and what we're looking for is just for them to take the next step up from last year. Jaxon and Desmond were JV runners last year.

"Desmond had a strong track season and good summer of training and will definitely be a factor for us. Jaxon spent last season just kind of figuring out running, but put in more miles than anyone else on the team over the summer. He will improve his 5K time this season by several minutes. Tim Kruse should be well improved from last year and has established himself as an important leader on the team."

Chancellor said that newcomers such as seniors Logan Heiting and Cayden Slaney, and freshmen Gavin Beglinger, Blake Losenegger and Isaiah Drews are off to promising starts, as well.

"I'm excited to see what they'll do this year," Chancellor said of his newcomers.

Overall, Chancellor is extremely excited about his boys team.

"Our boys come into the season looking good," he said. "I think that adjusting to a new coach and new training program took some time for some of them last year, but this group really started to get some traction towards the end of the track season this spring.

"They're stronger, more focused, and come in with the training base to tolerate tougher workouts. I really like this group of guys. They will definitely be improved from last year. I can't wait to see what they can put together."

Chancellor believes this is the largest cross country team in school history. And he's excited to have added former Middleton girls coach — and Wisconsin Coach of the Year — Alexa Richardson to his staff. Lee Gibbs, Kevin McGivern, and Dakota Dorn have also joined the coaching staff and are all making an immediate impact.

That could help lead to big seasons for both the Vikings' girls and boys.

"I expect that our girls should be able to repeat as conference champs if they run well," Chancellor said. "On the boys' side, I think we can make a big jump from where we were at last year. If they stay healthy and are running well late in the season, I think they have a shot at placing in the top half of the conference after last year's down year."





Katherine Straka (top), Willa Vigliotta (above, #152) and Mount Horeb's girls cross country team have high hopes this season. File photos

Soccer Vikings aims for bigger, better

Mount Horeb hopes to bounce back after rough 2023 season

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor





Isaac Schloeeser (top), Ethan Gage (above) and Mount Horeb's boys soccer team expect to be much improved this season. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

There were some rough patches.

A handful of bumps along the way.

With a first-year coach, though, and a young roster, that probably wasn't a huge surprise.

Mount Horeb's soccer team returns this fall, though, with experience, familiarity and a huge desire to improve on last season's 7-11 mark.

"We have a big group of returners that I feel will play a big role this year," Mount Horeb second-year coach Richard Gage said. "We started a young group of sophomores and juniors last year. I feel the extra year of playing and getting stronger will pay dividends this season. These players are bigger, faster, smarter and play more maturely."

The Vikings did lose three all-conference players in defenders Nico Baden, Leo Helwig and Jack Schultz. But there is an impressive group of returnees for Gage to build around.

Senior Aidan Gage and junior Ethan Gage will anchor the midfield.

"Aidan has always been a good passer and someone with good vision," Richard Gage said. "He worked hard in the offseason and has shown improvement in his speed and reading of the game.

"Ethan will be taking on a bigger role in the midfield this year. He brings good knowledge of the game and a good skill set. He has grown a lot and improved his strength and quickness and will be somebody we rely on to help start our attack."

Junior forward Noah High is a key returnee who will lead the Vikings' group of attackers.

"Noah has always been a quick and strong player," Gage said. "This season he has been looking to assert himself more offensively. He is taking on more players 1-v-1 and is looking to shoot more. I expect he will be a key player offensively for us.

Isaac Scholesser, a three-year varsity player, is making the move from defense to offense and should give the Vikings a boost up front.

"In order to create more offense I have looked at Isaac playing on the forward line," Gage said. "At forward Isaac is able to use his speed, quickness and strength to create attempts on goal. I think Isaac will be one of the big reasons that our offense will be improved this year."

Junior Preston Reed will also be a key member of Mount Horeb's midfield group.

"Preston is really quick and never backs down from any defensive challenge," Gage said. "Compared to last season, Preston is playing quicker and playing with more confidence. I think Preston will cause a lot of teams problems in the middle of the field."

And junior Brady Rockow is another key returnee who's likely to spearhead the defense.

"Brady has a calming presence on the ball," Gage said. "He is patient and looks to find the right pass. The past year has shown Brady to be quicker and more confident on the ball."

Freshman forward Ro Gilles is one newcomer that should help immediately.

"Ro came in at a good time as we were looking for attacking options," Gage said. "Ro is a true forward who possesses good offensive instincts around the goal. He has good vision and passing ability. I am expecting him to help improve our goal scoring this season."

Sophomore Nolan Beadle and senior Cole Cunningham will also help anchor the Vikings' defense.

"Nolan's soccer game has really taken off in the past year," Gage said. "He has played a lot of soccer in the offseason and his hard work has paid off.

"I am expecting Cole to get major minutes this season as a defender/midfielder. Cole has played a lot over the past year and has gotten faster and stronger. He looks ready to take on a big varsity role."

And sophomore Mason Williams is another newcomer who's likely to log major minutes in the midfield.

"Mason was close to being varsity last year as a freshman," Gage said. "With his year of growth I am expecting to be a key player for us in the midfield. Mason has quickness, good vision on the ball to go along with his strong passing."

Senior Orion Lipska and sophomore Parker Smith are battling to be the Vikings' goalie.

"I feel that our two goalies will push each other to get better providing us a strong presence in goal," Gage said.

Despite the Vikings' underwhelming record last season, they were competitive in virtually every game. And Gage believes they'll be an improved outfit in 2024.

"We were able to keep virtually every game close and competitive given our tough schedule (seven ranked teams)," Gage said. "We had a young squad who learned a lot last year and found out how to play against tough teams. The returners are hungry to be better and they put a lot of work in this offseason.

"We had about 75% of our players participate in our off season strength and speed program. Most of our returners played club soccer this past spring and we also had a good showing at our contact days and our captains practices. I feel last year made this group of players hungry and willing to work hard to be successful."

Edgewood, which finished second in the Badger Small Conference last year, is the favorite this season. Defending champion Sauk Prairie, McFarland, Baraboo and Stoughton should also be very competitive.

The sectional should also be daunting. But Gage believes his team can compete with anyone in the league and make a run this postseason.

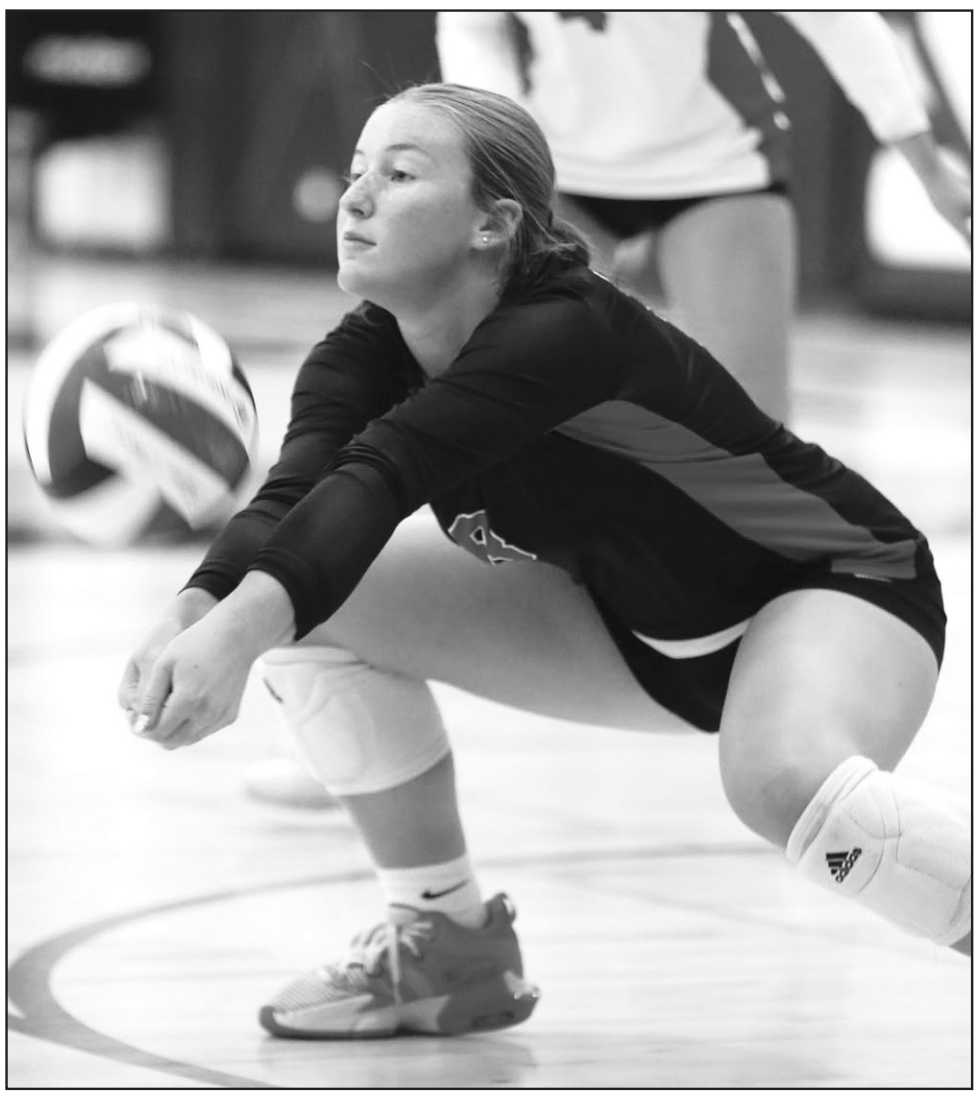
"Goals for the year will be to advance to sectionals and to be competitive with the top teams in conference," he said. "I don't see any reason why we couldn't finish in the top two or three spots in the conference this year."

While that may seem overly optimistic, Gage knows his team better than anyone. And a strong start to practice has Gage excited about what lies ahead.

"So far at practice we look like a team that can score more goals," Gage said. "While I think there are some questions as to whether we will be a high scoring team, I feel fairly confident that we will be a higher scoring team than last year.

"Defensively we have a lot of changes on the team, but I feel we have the personnel to be a good defensive team. We have good individual defenders, but they will need to learn how to play together as a unit.

"After the first few practices I am feeling good about this group. A large group of players have spent a lot of time in the off season playing together. You can see how they get along together and are pushing each other to get better. So far at practices the players have been working hard and been very receptive to the things we have talked about."





Ruby Dahlk (above), Kennedy Myers (right) and Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team have great expectations this season. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Mount Horeb spikers thinking big

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Josh Smeltzer knows when he's holding a good hand.

And Mount Horeb's first-year girls volleyball coach believes he might be looking four-of-a-kind or a royal flush with the 2024 Vikings.

Mount Horeb returns three players that earned all-Badger Small Conference honors. The Vikings also have a handful of other key returnees and several newcomers ready to make their mark.

Add it up and Mount Horeb could be poised for a sensational year.

The Vikings open their season by hosting Dodgeville Thursday at 7 p.m.

"There is a lot of excitement in the gym and the girls are putting in the work it takes to reach their goals," Smelzer said. "This team definitely has the ability to make a deep run."

The Vikings will be led by senior right side libero Jayse Holman, senior libero Kennedy Myers, and junior setter Laila Rasmussen, who each earned all-conference honors last season.

Holman was named second-team all-conference for the second straight year. Holman led the Vikings with 245 kills, the 10th most in a single season in school history.

Holman also ranks sixth all-time with 579 kills for her career. She also finished the year third on the team in blocks.

"Jayse was second-team all-conference last year and she is poised to build on that," Smelzer said. "Jayse has an explosive attack that can change the momentum of a game."

Myers received honorable mention all-conference honors for a second straight year last season.

Myers was first on the team in digs with 384 last year. That was also the second most digs in a single season in Mount Horeb history.

Myers ranks second all-time with 804 career digs, just seven shy of the school record. Myers was also second on the team in aces with 52, which puts her sixth all-time with 115. She also served at a 93.1% clip.

"She is only six digs away from the school record," Smelzer said. "Kennedy flows around the court so well and she has the ability to frustrate the opposing hitters with her defense."

Rasmussen was an honorable-mention all-conference selection after finishing the year with 450 assists, the eighth-most in a single season at Mount Horeb. She was also third on the team with 47 aces.

"This year, Laila will run a 5-1 and command the offense," Smelzer said. "Laila reads the court so well and she does a really good job of keeping the opposing team guessing where she is going with the ball."

Senior outside hitter/defensive specialist Ruby Dahlk should be set for a big final season.

"Ruby has been top two on the team in aces, kills, serve receive rating, and digs the past two seasons," Smelzer said. "Ruby does so much for the team and we are super excited to see what she accomplishes this year."

Junior middle hitter Finley Moore has made a huge jump and will be a vital part of the Vikings' attack.

"Finley has developed her game a lot in the past year," Smelzer said. "She is poised to make a huge splash this coming season."

Others that Smelzer is expecting big things from include senior outside hitter/defensive specialist Morgan Monroe, senior middle hitter Eliza Zweifel, senior setter Sydney Almquist, junior defensive specialist Maya Newman, junior outside hitter Ella Kahl, junior outside hitter/defensive specialist Lizzy Messenberg, junior middle hitter Katrina Meinholz, junior outside hitter/middle hitter Aliyah Thompson and sophomore outside hitter/defensive specialist Courtney Monroe.

Madison Edgewood and McFarland shared the league title last year and should be formidable again. But the Vikings have a chance to make some noise and produce a banner season.

"Our conference is very strong, as usual," Smelzer said. "Our goals, as a coaching staff, are to have elite practices, every practice. I'm sure the girls have their own goals, which is wonderful."

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won 18 straight regular-season games, dating to a loss at Monroe in the second week of the 2022 campaign, and 26 of their last 28 after going a combined 2-12 in 2019 and the Covid-adjusted 2021 spring season.

MH-B travels to Monroe this Friday for a 7 p.m. showdown against the Cheesemakers, who also reached the Division 3 state quarterfinals last season after winning the state title in 2022.

"The people that we did lose, we have great replacements for them, all around," senior offensive lineman Matthew Mahoney said. "It's always something that people question going into a new year, losing seniors. But I think we have a really solid group of guys to run with, and we can go far with them."

Powering all these fireworks is a veteran offensive line that has superb chemistry, has adapted well to Preimesberger's style in the running attack and — despite a healthy rate of downfield passes — gave Hendrickson all the time he needed to deliver the ball.

The Blackhawks were held without a sack, committed a roughing the passer penalty the one time they did get to Hendrickson, and surrendered a trio of long touchdowns in the third quarter that started with solid blocking and protection up front.

"They just mash," Preimesberger said of his offensive line.

Those exploits followed a bit of a shaky start, with the Vikings getting whistled for two false start penalties and allowing two tackles for loss in the first quarter. Baldwin-Woodville was showing a different set of blitzes and gap penetrations than MH-B expected, so the quintet of left tackle Michael Powell, left guard Graben Valcheff, center Ben Spitzbarth, Mahoney at right guard and Logan Schwoerer at right tackle quickly consulted the coaching staff and made corrections.

"I think the O-line makes the whole offense go around. It's the first people to step up, the last to get praise," Mahoney said. "To have a successful line, you need to be on the same page and talk to one another when you're out there playing and when you get to the sideline — making sure that you're getting better."

MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld agreed.

"The offensive line is the heart and soul of our team. Without them, we're nothing," St. Arnauld said. "You could have prime Aaron Rodgers back there, but if you don't have guys who can protect him, it doesn't matter.

"That's a credit to our line coaches for getting them ready, and to the kids for stepping up and delivering. They were moving dudes from the second quarter on, and it was fun to watch. They're athletic, they're fast, and they work well together. It's the culture of our line. They're really good friends, they do a lot of things together, and I think that camaraderie, that brotherhood, it shows on the field. That translates well for our quarterback and it translates well for our running back."

Not to be overlooked amid all that offense were a pair of pivotal defensive plays by senior receiver/defensive back Owen Aeschlimann.

After both teams traded three-and-outs to start the game, Aeschlimann closed quickly on a third-down sideline pass by B-W quarterback Gavin Sell — a North Dakota State recruit — for an interception that gave MH-B possession at the Blackhawks' 27-yard line. That pick set up Preimesberger's first score of the night, a 1-yard plunge for a 6-0 lead with 6:06 left in the first quarter.

In the final minute of that quarter, with B-W facing fourth-and-13 at the MH-B 36, Sell created havoc by extending the play, and delivered a strike to receiver Graiden Monicken at the goal line near the left pylon. But Aeschlimann recovered and jarred the ball loose, preventing what could've been a game-tying score with the Vikings clinging to a 14-6 lead.

"I was really tired … I undercut it because I thought the ball was coming down quicker, and it went right over me," Aeschlimann said. "But I played through his hands once I saw he had it, and I managed to knock it out."

B-W had success going up-tempo on its first scoring drive, aided by an injury that sidelined starting defensive lineman Ryan Skogen. But the Vikings shored things up for the rest of the first half, halting one drive when senior linebacker Talon Stoenner forced Sell out of bounds for a nine-yard loss on third-and-long, and then producing a pair of three-and-outs.

"We had great energy," Stoenner said. "I think it's a lot about everyone doing their job — keeping the linebackers and second level free, and then our base mentality is to flow to the football, like blood in the water — everyone's running after it."



Meanwhile, Hendrickson delivered scoring passes on consecutive drives — a 27-yard strike to Kiel in the back of the end zone and a 21-yard heave to Aeschlimann on a well-designed route down the left sideline — for a 28-7 halftime lead.

"He's got crazy arm talent. He can sling the rock," Kiel said of Hendrickson, who completed 11 of 19 passes for 186 yards, the three scores and no interceptions. "He's going to be great all year, and I think he could be the best quarterback in MH-B history."

The big plays continued in the third quarter, this time from both teams. Kiel lined up at quarterback in the wildcat formation on the opening snap from scrimmage and raced 65 yards to the end zone for a 36-7 lead.

After a B-W touchdown, MH-B sustained its ensuing drive with a fourth-and-4 carry by Preimesberger that moved the chains, then picked up an all-out blitz by the Blackhawks that enabled Hendrickson to loft a 31-yard scoring strike to Kiel for a 44-15 advantage.

Again, B-W responded, with Taden Holldorf taking a Sell pass 68 yards for a score. MH-B answered in a hurry, though, this time it was Preimesberger who dashed 63 yards for a score on the first play of the drive for a 50-23 lead.

Andrew Jones' fourth-down sack of Sell on the following drive gave the Vikings possession at the Blackhawks' 41. A middle screen to Kiel went for 26 yards to set up Wilson's plunge to commence the rout at 58-23.

"Week 1 you're going to have some mistakes here and there, but coming up with a win against a really good program, we're happy. We're very happy," St. Arnauld said. "That's good momentum for us, rolling into next week."



On top, Mount Horeb/Barneveld linebacker Zach Maguire (5) forces a fumble against Baldwin-Woodville. Above, Owen Preimesberger (3) had three touchdowns in the Vikings' win. Photos courtesy of Holly Stoenner

Aug. 23

B-W	**7**	**0**	**16**	**16**	**— 39**
MH-B	**14**	**14**	**30**	**0**	**— 57**

First quarter

MH-B: Owen Preimesberger 1 run (run failed), 6:06.

BW: Dane Veenendall 9 run (Wes Chapin kick), 2:59.

MH-B: Preimesberger 85 kickoff return from Chris Kiel (Preimesberger run), 2:46.

Second quarter

MH-B: Kiel 27 pass from Brooks Hendrickson (Owen Aeschlimann pass from Hendrickson), 5:33.

MH-B: Aeschlimann 21 pass from Hendrickson (run failed), 1:38.

Third quarter

MH-B: Kiel 65 run (Preimesberger run), 11:49.

BW: Gavin Sell 20 run (Taden Holldorf run), 7:52.

MH-B: Kiel 31 pass from Hendrickson (Preimesberger run), 5:56.

BW: Holdorf 68 pass from Sell (Holldorf run), 5:00.

MH-B: Preimesberger 63 run (run failed), 4:48.

MH-B: Jack Wilson 2 run (Kiel pass from Hendrickson), 1:46.

Fourth quarter

BW: Holldorf 2 run (Holldorf run), 7:16.

BW: Trent Gordon 4 run (Gordon run), 1:22.

Team stats

Rushing (att-yds-td): BW 51-215-4, MHB 31-186-4. Passing (comp-att-yds-td-int): BW 11-19-169-1-2, MHB 11-19-186-3-0. First downs: BW 21, MHB 15. Total offense: BW 384, MHB 374. Penalties: BW 9-100, MHB 7-45.

Individual leaders

Passing (comp-att-yds-td-int): BW - Sell 9-17-145-1-2. MHB - Hendrickson 11-19-186-3-0. Rushing (att-yds-td): BW - Sell 18-62-1. MHB - Preimesberger 22-113-2. Receiving (rec-yds-td): BW - Holldorf 1-68-1. MHB - Kiel 5-102-2.

Vikings' golfers are off to a terrific start

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls golf team has been grinding, with six meets in nine days to kick off the season.

And for the most part, the Vikings have shined.

Mount Horeb won the Ringen Invite held at Darlington Country Club on Aug. 23. The Vikings won their own triangular on Aug. 22. And Mount Horeb defeated Portage in a dual meet on Aug. 15.

Here's a recap of the Vikings' early meets.

MOUNT HOREB 192, PORTAGE 235

The Vikings kicked off their season by downing the Warriors in a Badger Small Conference meet held at Portage Golf Club on Aug. 15.

Junior Delaina Nicewander led the way with a 41 and senior Emma Olsen posted a 46.

Nicewander's career-low performance was highlighted by birdies on No. 2 and No. 9, along with a par at No. 8. Olsen played steady golf throughout and recorded a par on No. 2.

Sophomore Jadyn Schellpfeffer had a 51 and freshman Ella Baber added a 54.

"Great start to the season for our team," Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. "I was not sure what to expect for our first meet of the season after only three practices, but we played quite well collectively as a team. The weather was far from ideal with a steady rain for much of the round, causing most events in the state to be postponed that day.

"Despite the conditions, we were able to play through it and complete all nine holes. Portage is not an overly long course, but it can be quite tricky with tree-lined fairways and small greens and I was pleased with our performance."

REEDSBURG INVITE

Playing in two-person scramble teams, the Vikings finished with a team score of 242 and placed ninth in the 16-team field at Reedsburg Country Club on Aug. 16.

Four-time defending Division 2 state champion Prescott claimed the title with a 210, followed by DeForest with a 213 and Tomah with a 214.

Mount Horeb was led by the tandem of Delaina Nicewander and Emma Olsen, who teamed up to shoot a 74, which was good for ninth place. Nicewander and Olsen birdied No. 8, 16 and 18 and finished with pars on 10 holes.

Jadyn Schellpfeffer and Ella Baber teamed up to shoot an 80, tying for 23rd place after recording birdies on No. 13, 16 and 18, along with making eight pars during their round.

The senior duo of Lainy Hesseling and Abby Shaffer added an 88 and tied for 30th place after posting pars on seven holes.

"The Reedsburg Invite is always one of our favorite events of the season," Krentz said. "With weather expected to be a factor during the round, the tees had been moved up on several of the par four's and par five's, so scores were low for all teams. Our groups got off to a bit of a slow start, but after a 45-minute weather delay, came out recharged and ready to go and played really well across the board for the final 12 holes.

"I was very pleased with our finish as a team as the strength of this field was much higher than year's past with the likes of Prescott, DeForest, Tomah, Waunakee, and Monona Grove in attendance. Most importantly, we were able to get an early look at the golfers and essentially play a practice round here before our conference dual in a little over a week, which hopefully will benefit us."

EDGEWOOD 189, MOUNT HOREB 199

The Crusaders edged the Vikings in a Badger Small Conference dual held at Yahara Hills Golf Course on Aug. 19.

"It was definitely a tough day for us," Krentz said. "We were right there with Edgewood for the first five or six holes, but were not able to finish the way we would have liked."

Freshman Ella Baber led the Vikings with a 46. Baber parred No. 1 on the West Course on her way to the second-best score between the two teams.

Junior Delaina Nicewander had a 50 for Mount Horeb, parring both par five's (No. 1 and 6), while senior Lainy Hesseling finished with a 51. Senior Emma Olsen added a 52, including a par at No. 7.

"Yahara Hills has the largest greens in the area along with some of the longest rough you will find and we definitely struggled with both," Krentz said. "We were not as sharp with our chip shots, leaving a lot of very long putts which often resulted in three or four putts.

"The beauty of this round is that we know we were competitive with the conference favorite on their home course and now know what we need to continue to work on before we see them again later this season."

JOANIE O INVITE

The Vikings finished in fifth place at this 15-team event held at River Run Golf Course in Sparta last Wednesday.

Tomah claimed the title with a 344, followed by Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (366) and Onalaska (368). Mount Horeb finished with a team score of 405.

Delaina Nicewander led Mount Horeb with a 90 and tied for seventh place individually in the 66-player field. Nicewander shot 45 on both of her nines and finished her round with seven pars.

Emma Olsen posted a 99, including a par on the par-five, ninth hole to finish in 22nd place individually.

Ella Baber added a 107 and Lainy Hesseling had a 109.

"It was great to be able to return to Sparta this year after not being able to play last season due to the weather," Krentz said. "It was nice to be paired up with teams such as perennial power Tomah, as well as Holmen that we do not get to play with on a regular basis. It was also good for our players to play a longer course than we usually see as River Run played at over 5,400 yards.

"We don't play many courses that long throughout the season, so the length definitely proved a challenge. All in all, I thought we played pretty well as

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Delaina Nicewander and Mount Horeb's girls golf team are off to a terrific start this season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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GOLFERS

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a team and hopefully we gained some beneficial experience as a result."

MOUNT HOREB TRIANGULAR

The Vikings posted a program-record score of 180 and defeated Darlington (251) and Lancaster (260) in a triangular at Norsk Golf Club last Thursday.

"Terrific performance by our team," Krentz said. "It had been a few years since we have been able to win our home triangular, so it was nice to be able to finally do so this year. To shoot 180 as a team was quite an achievement as well, breaking our previous team record nine-hole total of 183 set two years ago."

Ella Baber led Mount Horeb with a career-low round of 41, birding the par-three, fifth hole and recording pars at No. 4 and No. 9 to finish as the meet's medalist.

Delaina Nicewander had a 42, highlighted by a birdie at the par-five, fourth hole and pars on holes No. 3, 5, and 9 to finish in second place individually.

Emma Olsen tied for third with a 48, parring both No. 1 and 3. And Lainy Hesseling placed fifth with a 49, highlighted by a par on the second hole.

"We were able to get four scores in the 40's for the first time this season, highlighted by great rounds from both Ella and Delaina," Krentz said. "We definitely looked more comfortable playing our home course so now the challenge for us will be can we do the same at other courses we are not as familiar with?"

RINGEN INVITE

Mount Horeb won this seven-team invite last Friday held at Darlington Country Club.

The Vikings shot a 380, well ahead of second place Prairie du Chien (404) and Southwestern (406).

Emma Olsen finished with a career-low round of 91 to lead Mount Horeb and place third individually in the 35-player field. Olsen bounced back from a 49 on her front nine to shoot 42 on her back nine and finished with five pars during her round.

Lainy Hesseling and Delaina Nicewander had matching rounds of 95 to tie for fifth individually. Hesseling's round was also a career-best and included a chip-in birdie on the 10th hole and pars on holes No. 3, 4, and 17.

Ella Baber tied for eighth with a 99, parring No. 3, 10 and 11.

"It was another great performance by our team at Darlington," Krentz said. "It's not always easy to back up a great round with another one both individually and as a team, but we were able to do just that.

"We were also only three strokes away from breaking our program record 18-hole score (377), as well, which was impressive being that our season just started. We were able to have four scores below 100 for the first time ever as a team, led by Emma, Lainy, and Delaina.

"We had three different players lead our team in different events (last) week which is great to see as we will need to be count on multiple players as we move forward this season."



Mount Horeb's girls golf team won the Ringen Invite held at Darlington Country Club last Friday. From left are Abby Shaffer, Lainy Hesseling, Emma Olsen, Ella Baber and Delaina Nicewander. Photo submitted

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