

Man dies during Ironman Triathlon

In a statement on Monday morning, Ironman Wisconsin confirmed the local death of a participant during Sunday's Ironman triathlon. According to the Dane County Sheriff's Office, the man suffered a medical event in the Town of Cross Plains during the bike portion of the course. Authorities said "immediate medical attention was provided by a staff member and an off-duty police officer until EMS arrived and transported him to a local hospital."

MH Village Board approves pollinator garden ordinance

By Aynsley Hoelscher
Mount Horeb Mail

The village board reviewed the 2024 Fire Department and EMS budget, considered pollination gardens, approved the senior center remodel bid, added a parking space, applied for exception from the county library tax, and approved a driveway plan and a parking spot last week.

Pollination gardens permitted

The board approved an amendment to "Section 10.03 Public Nuisances: Weeds and Grass" to allow planned natural landscaping of native plant pollinator areas.

This will allow these lawns to exceed the 18-inch height limit if they include

native plants and no invasive plants.

Citizen member of the Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee Kerry Beheler explained some of the reasons this change can benefit the village.

"I think it'll be a really great thing for tourism, there are garden tours where people actually go online and look for them, so pollinator gardens are a big draw for that," she said.

The change would also put Mount Horeb on an international pollinator pathways map.

Pollinators are necessary for 80 percent of flowering plants to reproduce, and an estimated one of three bites of food is grown with the help of pollinators. Vegeta-

ble gardens and fruit trees in the village rely on pollinators as well.

"I want to be clear that what we're asking for in the amended language is not just uncontrolled growth," Beheler said, "It's a planned, natural landscaping ordinance that would benefit pollinators."

Village resident and gardener Brad Brookins also showed support for the amendment, especially the restrictions on invasive species.

Board trustee Tim White expressed support for the amendment for the reasons given, as well as general sustainability in minimizing the use of heavy lawn equipment like mowers.

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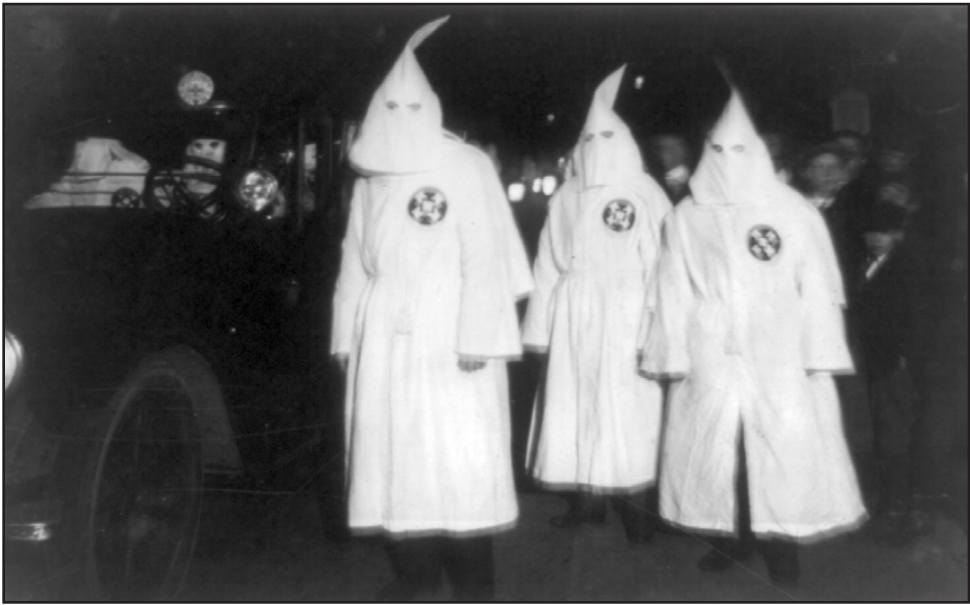


Author tells tales of family farming

On Tuesday, September 19 at 6 p.m., Mount Horeb's Driftless Historium (100 S. 2nd St.) will host Corey Geiger (pictured above in 1983), dairy farmer, 28-year *Hoard's Dairyman* editor, and author of *On a Wisconsin Family Farm: Historic Tales of Character, Community and Culture* and its recently released follow-up, *On the Wisconsin Family Farm They Built: Tales of Family and Fortitude* (ranked as Amazon's #1 Midwest Biography new release this June). Learn more about Geiger, who we don't think is directly related to this newspaper's editor, on page 3.



A closer look at the Ku Klux Klan



Three Ku Klux Klan members standing beside automobile driven by Klan members at a Ku Klux Klan parade through counties in Northern Virginia bordering on the District of Columbia. Library of Congress/National Photo Company Collection.

By Matt Geiger
Mount Horeb Mail

People often associate the infamous Ku Klux Klan (KKK) with acts of bigotry-fueled domestic terrorism that occurred exclusively in the American South a very long time ago. But in truth, the Klan's tendrils stretched further north, and much deeper into the 20th Century, than many realize.

The KKK has a long and troubling history in the North, including here in Wisconsin. In fact, if you open up Mount Horeb High School's 1917 yearbook, you will find a local chapter of the KKK listed right

along with other clubs in the district. Such was the case in many communities across the country.

Records show that by 1924, a Milwaukee Klan chapter had 4,400 members and a clubhouse at 2424 Cedar Street, which is now West Kilbourn Avenue. Madison, Kenosha, Oshkosh and Racine also had chapters. Throughout the 1920s, these groups caused problems for both Black and white Wisconsinites.

Mike Jacobs, a professor at the University of Wisconsin at Platteville specializing in Race and Ethnicity in modern U.S. History, will

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Mount Horeb Rotary Club welcomes new teachers to school district

Mount Horeb Rotary Club welcomed 24 new teachers with a luncheon at the Violet Room at Wisconsin Surplus on Aug. 23. Rotary President Paul Christiansen, who is also the Middle School principal, welcomed the teachers to the community. He told them that like a guiding principle of Rotary, their most important task is to represent hope to their students. Rotary gave the teacher’s small first day gifts, and Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce President Kara Brandemuehl presented them with welcome bags. After that, the principals introduced the new teachers. Above left, Rotary President Paul Christiansen welcomes the teachers. Right, the lunch included a buffet of Mexican food from Aztalan restaurant.



Lions Club donates \$1,377 to local schools

Bob and Becky Faliveno, of the Mount Horeb Lions Club, presented a check to the school district in the amount of \$1,377.27. The money was the total of the cash donations for the Lions’ Stuff the Bus event held at Miller & Sons Supermarket. The funds are earmarked for school supplies for the children and staff. In addition, the Lions collected \$1,100 in school supplies, which was turned over to Neighbors Helping Neighbors to fill backpacks for students in need.

From left to right, Erin Eslinger, Director of HR, Steve Salerno, Superintendent, Bob and Becky Faliveno from the Lions Club, Brian Johnson, Director of student services and Sarah Straka, Director of Instruction.



Springdale 4-H club visits local seniors at Ingleside

On August 1 the Springdale 4H club held their club fair at Ingleside. Club members brought projects that they had shown at the Dane County Fair just a few weeks prior. After the members explained their projects, they went around to the residents and answered questions about their projects. The fair concluded with the members enjoying ice cream with the residents.



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Geiger focuses on farming life

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail
First, tell us a little about yourself. What was your experience like, growing up on a farm?

In 1981, my parents made a business pivot. My maternal grandparents, Elmer and Julia Pritzl, were overworked on their 215-acre dairy farm, which they had operated for forty-two years. This fatigue came at a time when their daughter Rosalie and son-in-law Randy were looking for a bigger spread. In rather short order, my parents put together a plan to sell their farm to Randy's brother Albert Geiger (ear tag eleven in birth order), who had recently graduated high school. That sale allowed my parents to purchase Elmer and Julia Pritzl's Whispering Pines Estate. The farm's family footprint dated back to 1867, and Rosalie would be the fifth generation to till its soil and nurture its animals.

As they were strapped for labor, I immediately began doing work meant for a teenage boy. Starting at age ten, I was chopping silage, baling hay, and milking cows. I was part of it all. The adult conversations continued, and "Corey the Kid" kept right on listening and taking it in. Hardly a week went by that didn't include Grandpa and Grandma Pritzl stopping by to work or make a social call on our farm.

The stories rolled off their tongues and were kept locked away for safekeeping into my photographic mind. Grandma Julia had a bumper crop of stories, as she had been born and raised in the homestead house. Like me, Julia grew up hearing all the adult conversations as a youth in the background of countless adult conversations. Her ears were receiving sound waves that reached deep into Wisconsin's massive influx of immigrants. Elmer more than held his own telling those narratives at the kitchen table, as his mother-in-law, Anna Burich, lived with the couple the final fifteen years

of her life. Farming and fun became synonymous in my teenage years. Saturday's winter firewood-making campaigns always came with two or three work breaks chock full of vintage stories from Grandpa Elmer. A quick-witted fellow, no story was ever the same. Work and fun had become one.

How did you become a writer?

In my teenage years, my parents implored me to go out for the county dairy cattle judging team, an activity that teaches youth how to select the best cows for future dairy farm profitability. Junior judges simply had to line up cows from first to fourth. The senior-level team members had to give two minutes of oral reasons as if a lawyer in a courtroom making their case to a jury. Each set of reasons was worth fifty points with an automatic ten-point deduction for looking at your notes. The facts mattered, the proper rank of the points was paramount and being articulate sold the story. These traits later would serve me well in my life's chosen vocation of journalist.

Initially, I got bounced from the dairy cattle judging team, as my kid sister, Angela, who was five years younger, beat me out for the last spot.

Mom insisted I try out again. I didn't make it on the second try, either. A third try was inevitable, as Mom stopped a sentence short of issuing an ultimatum—but her eyes told me to go.

That's when my dairy cattle judging coach Bill Borgwardt instilled a new approach to make the county's dairy judging team. The conversation went like this:

"You are smart."
"You know cows."
"You can tell stories."
"Just place the cows, drop the clipboard and tell us a story," continued the steady influence. It meant every-

thing to me. With that, I dropped the clipboard—my security blanket, if you will—and took the next step in my skill's development. I've been telling stories ever since.

When I was a college student at the University of Wisconsin—Madison, Dr. David Dickson was the legendary dairy cattle judging coach. Dickson's Badger dairy cattle judging teams won twice as many oral reasons titles than any other team at the Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest. That national contest would be the equivalent of the NCAA Championship of dairy cattle judging. In coaching me, Dr. Dickson spent more time developing my understanding of the English language than he did teaching the nuances of dairy cattle judging. He had a way of pulling out the best in an individual.

Knowing that there was an opening on the *Hoard's Dairyman* editorial team, Dickson recommended me for the associate editor position after long-time editor W.D. Knox called him looking for leads. After one interview, W.D. Knox made an offer, and I spent the next 28 years on the editorial team.

Perhaps I'm biased (I'm a writer who grew up on a farm, not to mention the name thing) but there does seem to be something special about rural stories. Perhaps it has to do with the fact that agricultural life has been the primary way our species lived for so long that it's actually in everyone's DNA, whether they actually grew up on a farm or not. Why do you find farming stories compelling?

Farmers and farming communities are the foundation for America's cities. Without the food from farms, cities could not grow and flourish. Paul Harvey's "So God Made a Farmer"



Author Corey Geiger will visit Mount Horeb on Tuesday, September 19.

speech sums up the grit and fortitude found in farm folks. I wanted to capture Wisconsin's farming essence in my books.

Even for a journalist with nearly three decades of professional experience, writing a book can be a daunting proposition. Such was the case with my first book, *On a Wisconsin Family Farm*. However, a metamorphosis of sorts took place in me after that book's release in March 2021.

That evolution occurred because of thoughtful interactions with readers and store owners during the journey of making visits to over two hundred stores through Wisconsin and portions of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota and in making dozens of presentations to groups throughout the Badger State. In each of those snapshots in time, readers, both young and old, shared their family stories with me and often offered that my first book sparked conversa-

tions about tales long tucked away in their family's mental archives. For those no longer farming, my stories brought their farm back to life.

Those thoughtful comments both inspired and motivated me to double down and write the next book.

I noticed a lot about fortitude and resilience in the themes you write about. Can you talk about that?

Farming is not for the faint of heart. A farmer learns a lot about life and death every day. Farm life isn't about how far one falls during the down times, it's how well you get up and recover. In our six-generation farm family story, loved ones died from tuberculosis, and polio. Two others were killed by either a train or snowmobile. Another likely died at the hands of prohibi-

tion gangsters and another was killed in a hunting accident. How does one carry on? How does one keep a business operating?

My great grandmother Anna is a prime example of fortitude and resilience. When she married her husband John, she also had her father, father-in-law, and brother-in-law all living in the same house. She was the only woman. How's that for a wedding present? But that's what you did in 1906 when cash was tight. She was unique, too, as she was a female landowner well before the 19th amendment that allowed women to vote. By 1939, however, all the men in Anna's life died and she was left with the task of trying to run a farm.

Anna rose to the occasion to save her third-generation farm. She saw something in her son-in-law of just six

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PERSPECTIVE

Alexander makes case for term limits

Over 80 percent of all registered voters poll consistently in favor of term limits on Congress. I determined to run for Congress as an independent, highlighting that one issue. my goal was to ignite a conversation within the public square.

Heh, heh, “not so fast...” Those in power - both left, right, and in the media - have clamped down on our political process so successfully it has become fossilized. Mitch McConnell, GOP Leader in the Senate, will bellow, “We already have term limits on Congress, they’re called E-L-E-C-T-I-O-N-S.” But Congress has stacked the deck so egregiously in favor of incumbents that challengers have little chance to oust them. Last November 95 percent of incumbents were re-elected to the House of Representatives; in the Senate, 100 percent.

Now, I ran simply to make my voice heard. I knew I wasn’t going to win. I engaged in our supposedly open political system merely to start a conversation in the public square. Yet even that goal was thwarted.

How so? The reason we have elections is to educate the public about the issues of the day. Sadly, candidates today spend most of their air-time bashing their opponent, and they control the narrative during media interviews by spouting safe, party-line tropes that don’t educate anyone.

“OK, that’s too bad” you say, “but certainly there are times during a campaign when a candidate cannot

control the narrative. What about then? To run for Congress Wisconsin requires garnering 1,000 signatures within a 6-week period. People were very supportive: they admired that I was running as an independent, and loved my number one issue: term limits on Congress!

But I discovered I was naive to think the political process would allow me to do so.

The Wisconsin State Journal never wrote an article about me, despite my contacting them to make it easy. I was the first independent to run in WI’s 2nd district since 1950, but that was not deemed newsworthy.

When I contacted the Capital Times to get on their IdeaFest agenda in September, they informed me they don’t allow political candidates to participate in their conference. The only conference in SW Wisconsin where leaders in the community could genuinely put candidates on the hot seat and make them engage in intelligent give and take... yet candidates are specifically excluded.

I sought out media on the left and the right. multiple WORT hosts No response. (I still love WORT: “No change without struggle, no one in power ain’t giving up nothin!”)

Neither did Vicki McKenna, of WIBA, respond.

I had assumed there would be a debate at some point, but to my surprise none is routinely scheduled. I contacted the UW Political Science department about scheduling a debate.

Zero interest. I tried media outlets: local newspapers including Isthmus: no bandwidth, no interest. My contact at the Monroe Times was interested, but not their leadership. The local League of Women voters liked the idea, but didn’t have the resources. Still eager for a debate, I sought out any entity with a large room and a few microphones: MATC sent a gracious response, but no. Beloit College never replied. I even tried Epic Systems - a privately owned business - who were extremely gracious and invited me in for coffee to hear what I was about. But they chose not to take the risk.

I pivoted to offering to speak at any group willing to have me: business groups such as Rotary, senior living campuses, church basements, UW classes, etc. No takers: everyone was afraid things would turn toxic. There were two exceptions: the AP class of one of Impact Christian Schools invited me to speak. Those were sharp kids; we had a good discussion. A much higher profile invitation was from Tim Bremel, the WCLO Operations Manager at Big Radio, host of “Your Talk Show” most mornings. Every two years Tim organizes a live radio debate between the candidates in Wisconsin’s 2nd Congressional district. On a sunny October day we three candidates showed up at Tim’s studio in Janesville and sat around a table with him Tim asked intelligent, straightforward questions and allowed each of us to give uninterrupted answers.

We also got to mix it up for at least thirty seconds before moving on to the next question. It was educational for the listeners; I enjoyed it immensely. It was my one free and legitimate chance to present my ideas. This is a model of what I believe media sites all across Wisconsin’s 2nd district should plan for every campaign cycle. At least one live debate should be videotaped and broadcast on PBS stations throughout the district. This is not difficult, folks: what’s standing in the way is an artificial inertia imposed by parties in power who don’t want their candidates to be challenged, even during an election.

I kept plugging away because I knew I had one silver bullet in my favor: since I was running as an independent with no political party, my “Statement of Purpose” (five words or less) would appear on the ballot next to my name. I only needed four words: “Term Limits on Congress.” I was confident many voters would see that next to my name and vote for me on Nov. 8 even if they had not heard of me before. Perhaps there would ensue a groundswell of folks all over the 2nd district interested in joining a post-election discussion. If so, my campaign would have been worth it.

But no. The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) employee who created the ballot never looked for my “Statement of Principle!” Thus the five counties printed out their WEC-approved ballots with “Inde-

pendent” next to my name, instead of “Term Limits on Congress!”

I was hugely disappointed, but I got it. I love my state; I didn’t want them to have to spend all of that money. I requested instead they print up a small slip of paper to hand out with each ballot alerting the voter of the correction. But the board of the WEC refused to let me speak at their next meeting, and decided against including a correction for each ballot. One final example of how fossilized our political process has become: the employee in charge of that segment was not the reporter I contacted earlier, and this one didn’t even know there was a third candidate.

Folks: our major institutions are bent towards doing what political power brokers prefer. They are disincentivized to promote an open exchange of ideas. The result: our election process no longer makes room for new ideas. The system has effectively isolated incumbents from the public; it protects them from facing real, live questions from the public, where they have to respond with real answers.

Changes are needed. I challenge my readers involved in civic groups to take the risky step of doing so, because by staying silent and aloof you are not being “fair” or “balanced.” By doing nothing you are further entrenching career politicians with power; you are fossilizing our already dysfunctional political process.

Here are a few simple solutions for institutions in

Wisconsin’s second district to re-introduce openness and flexibility into our fossilized electoral process:

1. Find out who’s running.
2. Collaborate on a standing public TV debate, rotated between four or five institutions so that each need only provide the service once a decade. I recommend:
3. Each county (Sauk, Iowa, Lafayette, Green, Rock counties) besides Dane county should hold a standing debate, live, in-person, preferably out doors. It could become a fun civic event with food and music beforehand - like the Lincoln-Douglas debates, but shorter!
4. Collaborate on creating a specific “meet-the-candidate” event template with boundaries that would enable a private company to host one for their employees and the surrounding community.
5. Boundaries could be included so that it was a “cookie cutter” event with which candidates, hosts, and the public would all be comfortable.

The public is going to have to take some initiative to repair and reform our fossilized political norms. If we all step up, we can model a better way in Southwest Wisconsin.

Douglas Alexander
Former Candidate for
Congress,
Wisconsin District 2

The safety of MoHo Vikings is paramount

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. No doubt, the “lazy days of summer” have already transitioned to a faster tempo. Our staff and students are forging positive relationships and our young people are learning the procedures and routines that are a part of every year’s start. Never far from my mind is the safety and welfare of our Vikings. Our children cannot learn (and our staff cannot teach) if concerns for safety are on our minds.

Upon reviewing the latest results of our community-wide strategic plan survey, administered this past May, I noticed several people

may be unaware of enhancements to school safety that the District has undertaken. To allay those wonders, here is a non-exhaustive list of the Board of Education’s good work:

Beginning in the fall of 2017, we began locking the doors to all buildings’ entry-points.

As part of our 2017 capital referendum, vestibules were built at each schools’ main entry (save one). This includes a video doorbell service at all buildings which requires visitors to state the nature of their visit so they can be “buzzed in”- all before even reaching our

school population.

In 2019, we instituted a comprehensive background check for volunteers.

After observing some troubling trends in our student discipline data, the District partnered with the Village of Mount Horeb to implement a School Resource Officer program. Our program is focused on proactive actions, like relationship building and community policing.

Each building now has a comprehensive video surveillance system. On several occasions, this system has prevented significant behaviors from escalating.

As importantly, it has allowed leaders to address the “small things” so that the “big things” don’t seem so “big.”

We have received grant money that allows digital mapping of all our school buildings (including gas shut off valves, numbering all exterior doors, the location of “knock boxes” and other vital information). First responders have this information on their computers when rolling up on scene.

In 2019, additional grant money was procured for the purposes of protecting exterior windows from shatter-

ing as a result of force (e.g. bullet, battering, etc.)

In 2022, the District used grant money to fund “walkie talkie” repeater signals that permit reliable communication for the Mount Horeb Police Department while in structures composed of materials that make it difficult for radio waves to penetrate.

In 2023, HALO protectors were installed in many middle and high school bathrooms. In addition to monitoring for smoking and vaping, the system “listens” for key words of aggression – even a gunshot – and instantaneously alerts the administrator on their cellular

phone to immediately support students.

Safety is not limited to physical barriers. The mental health and wellness of our Vikings is an integral part of our multi-faceted approach to safety. Below outlines some of those approaches and partnerships:

In 2019, the Board of Education approved funding for a family wrap-around service offered through Catholic Charities called “Building Bridges,” a 90-day crisis intervention program serving students with significant mental health challenges in grades 4K-8.

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Gleanings

By **BARR JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- Sept. 14, 1893

The tinnerns are on the go supplying spouting, etc. to all the new homes here.

Three loads of seats for the Academy arrived here by teams from Madison.

The Dryden schoolhouse is about to be taken down and rebuilt. The new building will be brick veneered.

Severson, Syvrud and Gesme have portioned off a room for coffins so not one of their customers need be laid in a dusty coffin.

William Britt has purchased the property he now occupies and together with the dwelling attached from W. Curtis. The consideration was \$1,000.

Moore Bros. has had to stop threshing for a whole week on account of not getting hands. Everybody is busy cutting corn.

Work has commenced on the race track, which is located partly on Witte's and partly on Lingaard's addition. The race course will be a 1/2 mile one, and when finished will be another addition to our thrifty village.

An emigrant by the name of Claus Christianson, from Kristiania, Norway, stepped off the train here Saturday last enroute for Hans Dysland of Perry. He had been

only 14 days from Kristiania to Mount Horeb; that is about a long time as it took to bake bread enough to last while crossing the ocean for these pioneers here, when they ventured their perilous journey.

G.W. Mickelson threshed out 1216 bushels oats from 27 acres. This is the best yield we have heard of in this neighborhood for years, and it does not appear that Mr. M.'s work at home had been neglected, although he put in much valuable time last spring canvassing the country for support to the Academy.

G. G. Mandt has been setting up the cigars, and he wears his best clothes on his body and a broad smile on his face, and he talks freely on pleasant subjects, and he says he feels big that it's a boy this time. He feels for Cleveland that he was less fortunate than him.

120 Years Ago- Sept. 10, 1903

Louis Martin opens up his shoe shop next Monday, being in the city last Monday to buy his outfit. He will be temporarily located in the Nelson building until better quarters can be obtained.

The Mount Horeb High School started up Monday and it is gratifying to state the present enrollment is

over the 65 mark and more coming.

Last Friday during the electrical storm, the Daleyville Lutheran Church was struck by lightning. The steeple was entirely demolished down to the belfry, the interior of the church was greatly damaged and so the walls and the roof, and some of the costly windows recently put in were shattered.

Eddie Dahlby, who met with the accident at Perry on Sunday, Aug. 29, died on Wednesday morning.

110 Years Ago- Sept. 12, 1913

A number of young people assembled at Lake Park Friday evening and enjoyed a marshmallow roast and wiener toast and it goes without saying that a grand time was had by all.

Commencing Saturday evening, Sept. 13, the curfew will be rung by the marshal, using the fire bell. The time is fixed by the village ordinance as 8 o'clock p.m. from May 1 until Oct. 1; and at 7 o'clock from Oct. 1 until May 1. The fine for the violation is not less than \$1 nor more than \$5, and in default of payment imprisonment in the lockup not less than one day nor more than five days, and this affects all under 16 years of age.

Hector Gunderson went to Northfield, Minn., where he will resume his studies at St. Olaf College.

The Mt. Horeb Auto Company reports the sale of a Dodge touring car to Johnnie Bang, Mt. Horeb; and Dodge sedan to H. C. McQuillan, Argyle.

Ed Goli and family, who have been living in Mrs. Jordee's house on North Second Street, moved into their new home on South Fifth and Academy Streets, the first of the week.

On Saturday about 200 self-invited guests gathered

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Lukken south of the village to remind the worthy couple of the 25th anniversary of their wedding day, and it proved a genuine surprise. Mr. Lukken came uptown in the forenoon for a load of material for his new silo and not in the least expected a demonstration of this nature on that day. The intruders brought along well-filled baskets and the old house, which is still in good state of preservation, was turned into a dining hall, and where a sumptuous meal was served to all present. Several speeches were made, Rev. Gunderson giving the main oration. Otto Dahle and T. L. Thorsen also gave interesting impromptu speeches and were given close attention. The afternoon was taken up with social chat and visiting. A handsome purse was handed the couple in whose home the gathering was held, as a token of friendship and respect.

100 Years Ago- Sept. 14, 1923

There were no services in any of the Protestant Churches here Sunday, a very uncommon incident.

John Birrenkott is replacing his garage building with a new cement block structure, fireproof, roomy and substantial.

Thore Topper of Blue Mounds has been supplying our citizens with a fine variety of tame plums.

The Rev. Otto Mostrom and family are having a pleasant outing at their old home in the state of Iowa, and will attend a conference at Minneapolis, Minn. before returning.

Ole Lukken received a shipment of registered young cows Wednesday from W. R. Gates, Fort Atkinson. Mr. Lukken will have no less than 11 pure-

bred cows on his farm.

Miss Ella Thorson will teach the Lukken School, commencing September 15.

The Beaty School District is placing new seats in their schoolhouse.

90 Years Ago- Sept. 14, 1933

The guessing contest at the Hanley Auto Co. was won by Mrs. Manie Thompson, guessing within four ounces of the correct weight of a 10:50-20 Goodrich Silvertown truck tire. The prize was an electric cigarette lighter and ashtray.

The Eat-Mor Food Shop, owned and operated by I.G. Erickson, will open for business Saturday.

H.H. Bakken who left here more than five years ago for Canada, is expected here in a few days.

Joe Buechner returned home last week after spending some time on his farm in North Dakota. Mr. Buechner says that crops there are poor and that coming through Minnesota he saw lakes completely dried up.

80 Years Ago- Sept. 16, 1943

Andrew Hustad was taken to a Madison hospital Monday afternoon suffering from a broken hip he sustained when he was hit by a car driven by a lady from Iowa near Myrland's station.

Joyce Kahl, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kahl, town of Perry, died at a Madison hospital on Wednesday, Sept. 8, following a tonsil operation.

**70 Years Ago-
Sept. 10, 1953**

Lloyd D. Henderson was awarded a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond last Friday for submitting the prize-winning name in a "name contest" sponsored by Bancroft Dairy Co., Madison, to name their new dairy des-

sert. His entry "Twin Twirl" was picked among the 500 others entered in the contest.

Miss Dorothy Disrud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Disrud, left Monday for Menominee where she will attend Stout Institute.

50 Years Ago- Sept. 13, 1973

Yellow gladioli and rust chrysanthemums decorated the altar of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mount Horeb for the September 1 wedding of Margie Kirsten Underwood and Gordon John Kahl.

Bill and Jan O'Connell have opened O'Connell's Casual Wear and Leather Goods and stocked their building in Blue Mounds with top quality lines of current fashions in casual clothes.

40 Years Ago- Sept. 15, 1983

A sample of the odor of natural gas will be mailed to all Madison Gas and Electric Company customers beginning Sept. 13.

Casper N. Kvamme, age 67, rural Mount Horeb died on Thursday, Sept. 1, 1983, in a Madison hospital.

A daughter, Robin Kay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Holler on Thursday, Sept. 8, at Madison General Hospital.

30 Years Ago- Sept. 16, 1993

The extension of Lincoln Street east of Eighth Street is now blacktopped and open to traffic all the way to Perimeter Street and beyond.

Ole E. Hereid, age 84, Eidfjord, Norway, a former resident of Mount Horeb, died on Thursday, Sept. 9, 1993, in Eidfjord.

Third-grader Nicholas Hartog of Mount Horeb won the "Pre-planning" award at the recent Lego® troll home competition.



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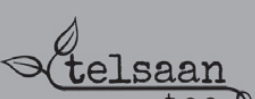
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dane County offers free residential well testing

Starting now, Public Health Madison & Dane County is providing free PFAS water testing for eligible homeowners with private wells in Dane County. PFAS chemicals are common in our environment. Also known as “forever chemicals,” PFAS do not change or break down easily. Exposure can happen through the air, soil, and even our drinking water. “We are still learning about these ‘forever chemicals’ but we know they can have long-term impacts on

our health,” said Environmental Health Specialist Chee Thao. “Increasing access to well testing will not only help us get a better idea of the amount of PFAS in private wells but more importantly, helps homeowners make informed decisions for their health.” Public Health is working with Pace Analytical Services to offer testing using County funding to anyone living outside of the City of Madison. The free service is available through June 2024 or as long as funding lasts. “These tests usually cost hundreds of dollars, but this funding makes it free for those who are eligible,” said Thao. “The eligibility requirements are based on income and the number of people in the household. For

a family of four to qualify, they would need to verify an annual household income under \$94,650. “Dane County funded this initiative to provide homeowners with private wells added resources to help ensure the water they’re drinking is safe,” County Executive Joe Parisi said. “We know PFAS is becoming ever more prevalent, and this testing will provide valuable information to property owners and policy makers as we explore ways to mitigate their impacts.” To apply for free testing, just fill out an application and send it to lab@publichealthmdc.com. If you do not meet the income eligibility requirements, paid testing is also available at a lower price than many other labs are offering.

FFA will host open house

Mt. Horeb FFA is holding an Open House and Steak Feed on September 25th in the Ag Sciences classrooms. Parents, friends, alumni and community supporters are encouraged to drop by from 5 to 7 p.m. to learn about FFA activities and explore the Ag Sciences facilities. Parking is available in the south lot by the greenhouse. Meals prepared by the Iowa County Cattlemen’s Association will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Mt. Horeb FFA trip to the National FFA Convention this fall in Indianapolis.

Knights of Columbus to host pancake breakfast

The Ridgeway-Barneveld Knights of Columbus will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, May 7, from 8 to 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Barneveld. The breakfast will help raise money to support diocesan seminarians. For more information, contact Jim Massey at 608-574-8011.

PFLAG to host public forum on ‘conversion therapy’

Join PFLAG Mount Horeb Thursday, September 21 for a community conversation

about conversion therapy at the Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, 9542 Co Hwy S, Mt. Horeb, WI. Doors open at 5:45; panelists will speak from 6:30-8 PM. Our panelists include a survivor of this practice, a pastor, a physician from the Pediatric and Adolescent Transgender Health (PATH) Clinic and mental health professionals from the Center for Community Health, Mount Horeb Counseling LLC, and Natural Wisdom Counseling with moderation of the event provided by Sean O’Brien from Fair Wisconsin.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) change efforts, commonly referred to as “conversion therapy” or “reparative therapy,” are practices that aim to suppress or alter an individual’s sexual orientation or gender to align with heterosexual orientation and/or stereotypical gender expression. SOGI change efforts are motivated by the belief that diversity in sexual orientation and/or gender identity and expression is a mental illness and/or a sin. Conversion therapy has been rejected as unnecessary, ineffective, and harmful by every major medical and mental health organization in the country, including the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

According to The Trevor Project’s 2023 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ Young People, 15 percent of LGBTQ young people reported being threatened with or subjected to conversion therapy — and those who had reported being subjected to the practice were more than twice the rate of attempting suicide in the past year. Like all youth, LGBTQI+ youth deserve to grow up in supportive environments absent stigma and discrimination that allow them to thrive and achieve their full potential. Organizers say when seeking behavioral health treatment, these children and adolescents, like their peers, and their families deserve the best evidence-based care from knowledgeable health providers without the risk of harm.

This event will be live, in person only, with no photography, recording or zoom coverage for confidentiality. PFLAG is an organization of LGBTQ+ people, parents, families, and allies who “work together to cre-

ate an equitable and inclusive world.”

Learn about the Great Migration



Fair

The Great Migration was the relocation of approximately six million Black people from the Southern United States northwards. Learn about one of the largest migrations of people in U.S. history at the Mt. Horeb Public Library, Monday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Linda Fair shares the catalyst of the move and what life was like for those who migrated. With over 25 years of experience in the education field, she currently serves as an Academic Advisor for Blackhawk Technical College. She is active in the community, serving or having served on numerous Boards and committees such as the Equality Committee for the School District of Beloit, Beloit Historical Society Board of Directors. She was recently appointed to the State of Wisconsin Speaker’s Task Force on Racial Disparities. For more information on this event, and all the library’s programs and services, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Local man is caught streaking

Mount Horeb resident, Paul Nesja, has been on a bit of a streak lately in the New Yorker Cartoon Caption Contest. He has become a finalist again this week, making it the third time in as many months. This is his ninth time of being a finalist and puts him in third place for all-time winningest caption writer for the New Yorker contest.

Last week he learned that his previous caption took third place. The caption before that took second place. He would love to get into that first place position again!

You can help him out by

voting for his caption. Just follow these steps:

In your web browser enter Newyorker.com.

Click on “Humor & Cartoons” near the top of the page.

Click on “Enter this week’s Cartoon Caption Contest.”

(You don’t have to actually enter it, but you really should!)

Scroll down to the Finalists.

Click on the funniest one (Hint: it’s the one from Mount Horeb!)

Click on “Vote.”

(You may need to sign into the New Yorker website to do this.)

The last chance to vote on Paul’s caption is September 17th.

The winner will be announced on September 24th

DNR seeks volunteer hunting instructors

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking volunteers passionate about promoting safe, responsible and ethical hunting practices to serve as certified hunter education instructors. Volunteer opportunities are available in all parts of the state.

Since the program’s creation in 1967, more than 20,000 volunteer instructors have trained and certified more than one million hunters across Wisconsin. These efforts have directly contributed to a significant decrease in hunting-related incidents.

Becoming a volunteer instructor is a great way to give back to local communities and have a part in shaping the next crop of Wisconsin hunters.

There are two ways to become a certified volunteer hunter education instructor. Interested volunteers can either serve as an apprentice under a sponsoring instructor for at least two complete courses or attend a certification training session hosted by a DNR Outdoor Skills Trainer.

Once certified, the DNR provides volunteer instructors with all the materials and equipment required to teach a hunter education course.

Instructors must only teach one class every three years to remain certified, although many teach more. For more information about becoming a volunteer, visit the DNR’s website.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Seniors Shopping Trip to Walmart, Dodgeville, 9:30am

Trollway Diabetes Inc., 1:00-3:00pm. Mt. Horeb Senior Center

Legal Action Consults, 12:30-2:30pm, By appt. 608-437-6902, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

FARMERS’ MARKET - Lawn of Mt. Horeb ELC. 315 E. Main St. 3:00-6:30pm. Lots of goodies available.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Mt. Horeb Seniors, Munchkey Apple Orchard, 9:30am, RSVP 608-437-6902

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet OPEN 9:00-10:30am (Seniors preferred); all shoppers 3:00-5:30pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Neighbors Helping Neighbors-Food Closet and Clothes Closet open 10:00-11:30am

Mt. Horeb Senior Center brat & bake sale, Miller’s Supermarket, 10:00-2:00pm, (baked goods welcome)

Monique’s 9th Annual Dahlia Garden Show, Daleyville. 1:00-5:00pm. Please bring food pantry donation

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Card Making with Stacey, 9:00-12:00. RSVP 608-279-6108

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Legal Action Consults, 10:00-12:00noon, Senior Center

Tai Chi, 1:00pm, Senior Center

Badger Hearing, 1:00-3:00pm By appt. 608-285-2772

Ageless Grace, 2:00pm, Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Lunch for Mt. Horeb Seniors at Fink’s Cafe, 11:00am-1:00pm.

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

Information for the Community Calendar must be emailed for the by noon on the Monday of the week of publication. Information should be emailed to mhclasses@newsrepubinc.com. We reserve the right to edit for length.

COMMUNITY

Obituary

Patricia Carol Mayerhofer (Lusk)



Patricia Carol Mayerhofer (Lusk), born in Lorado,

West Virginia, on November 24, 1944, peacefully passed away on Thursday, August 31st, 2023, at the age of 78. Patricia had lived a life full of love, laughter, and happiness alongside her husband of 54 years, George E. Mayerhofer. They were married on December 10th, 1969, in Cook County, IL and renewed their vows in their most beloved vacation destination, Black Hills, SD in 2000. Together, they purchased their home in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, where they raised their three chil-

dren. Patricia was admired by many for her dedicated work ethic, her perseverance, and her fierce love for others, which she continued to value throughout her battle with cancer. She was a proud southern woman, and continuously lived her life with a strong mind and gentle heart. Patricia was a dedicated mother and grandmother to her three children, nine grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Patricia was full of life and enjoyed, being a caretaker, spending time with her beloved cousins, who she referred to as her sisters, traveling the ocean on cruises. Patricia was the first per-

son during the holidays to welcome you with enough home-made sweets to last you through the season. She was always adamant about making home-made meals for her loved ones; if you ask any of her family, a guaranteed fight on any holiday evening would be who was able to take home the leftover sweet corn (thankfully, there was never any leftovers). Patricia and her husband continued to thrive in their marriage and spent many weekends getting away to enjoy one another's company over a nice meal on the Mississippi River. It brought her immense joy to watch her family grow over the years. She was her chil-

dren and grandchildren's biggest supporter through major milestones in their lives, such as welcoming their own children and graduating colleges. No matter how busy Patricia seemed to be, she always had time for two things: her family and keeping her house clean. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, Spicey and Noah Lusk; sister, Wilma; brother; Harold; grandson, Travis. Patricia is survived by her doting husband, George E. Mayerhofer; her three wonderful children, Greg, Kimberly, and George (Trina); grandchildren Natasha, Tatiana, Tanner, Hunter, Ranger, David, Haley (Gavynn),

and Corrigan.; great grandchildren, Ashton, William, Oliver, and Ashlynn; sister, Wanda; brother, Larry; and many other cherished family members and friends. The family will be forever grateful for Patricia's dedicated oncology team, the Monroe Hospital's attentive nurses and doctors, and the wonderful staff at the Monroe Hospice Home for always making Patricia feel safe and cared for. A private celebration of life will take place at a later date. In lieu of gifts, memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Condolences may be shared at www.newcomerfuneral-home.net

SAFETY

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Our District's Building Bridges team, consisting of a Clinical Coordinator and a School Coordinator, have been helpful in reversing the trajectory of many families. The Clinical Coordinator focuses their work on the school team (and some minimal one-on-one work with the student, if appropriate). At the exact same time the Service Coordinator is performing in-home work with the parent/guardian. The Clinical Coordinator and the

Service Coordinator stay in very close communication to collaborate on each case. In 2020, we entered a partnership with Oregon Mental Health Services to provide children (grades 4-12) to confidentially receive therapy in our schools. This opened the door for families who remained on waiting lists for services and/or could not travel to surrounding communities for services – especially if those services are during the school day. Our Board of Education set the tone for our school community's acceptance of

all children entrusted to our care. Their "Anti-Racism and Equity Statement" unequivocally advocates for the respect and human decency of all stakeholders. One of the very best ways to assuage concerns for school safety is for you to be involved. These are your schools. We want you to feel welcomed to read to your child's class, attend PTO events, eat lunch with your children. (Yes, this invitation includes parents of middle and high schoolers. My daughter is now 26, and she still needs mom and dad as

much as I need her.) There is a difference between "helicopter involvement" and purposeful connectedness to your child while at school. Please refer to the procedures your school has in place for visits to occur. Please join us! One last reflection, please: we are always saddened to hear about any alleged bullying occurring in our schools. We know situations like these take a toll not just on our students, but the families who love them. Bullying is a repetitive imbalance of power with a goal

to harm or humiliate someone. I have asked Director of Student Services, Mr. Brian Johnson, to provide a similar piece as this in a future edition of the Mount Horeb Mail. Bottom line: we implore you and your student to immediately report any and all allegations of bullying to building administration. The safety our children is paramount. It brings me such comfort to know that we live, learn, and grow in a community that understands

we can all be a part of the solution. We can never be complacent, as complacency reduces our guard. If ever I can be of service to you or your children, I welcome hearing from you. I may be reached at salernosteve@mhasd.k12.wi.us or 608-437-7010. I am proud to be a Viking, and I hope you are too! Dr. Steve Salerno Superintendent

Viking Update

New school year is off to a great start!

By AUBREE HANKS
MHASD

We had a phenomenal start to the school year! Our staff and students are forging positive relationships and our young people

are learning the procedures and routines that are a part of every year's start. Thank you to the teachers, admins, coaches, custodians, and transportation for everything you do for this community. Between classes, extra-curricular activities, volunteer events, and more, our students have had a busy first week. On Friday, September 8, the Varsity Football team

won their game against Sauk Prairie. On September 9 and 10, the Girls Cross Country team ran 20 miles in Blue Mounds, competed on Saturday in Spring Green, and helped at the Iron Man competition. Are you looking for something fun to do in Mount Horeb this week? For a list of upcoming MHASD events, check out www.mhasdwi.info/events. Our students would love to hear you cheering them on! As we reflect on the success of the first week, we eagerly anticipate the 2023-2024 school year with great enthusiasm. We recognize the vital role that you, as part of our community, play in creating a thriving educational environment for all students.

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Library Corner

September is Library Card Sign up Month

By JESSICA GRETZINGER
Library Director

Getting a library card is free, takes about five minutes, and offers access to thousands of physical and digital materials shared by 54 libraries in South Central

Wisconsin. All you need is a photo ID and proof of address (can be a utility bill, a drivers license, an online shopping receipt). This September, we're celebrating everything a library card offers with a scavenger hunt, a photo contest and free books for kids! Scavenger Hunt: Your help is needed to find a priceless Norse Saga, the Snorges Kongesagaer.

Sneaky Jorgen the Troll hid the ancient tome in the library for safekeeping until one of his fellow trolls can move it to their underground secret library. We hope you find it first! Stop in and put your sleuthing skills to the test. Photo contest: Submit a photo of yourself out and about with your library card! Take your card out for ice cream, to the beach, troll-

hunting...the opportunities are endless. We'll vote for our favorites at the end of the month. Email your image to mhpl@mounthorebwi.info. Images may be displayed at the library and on the library's social media. Free books: Children ages 0-6 who sign up for a library card during the month of September will receive a free book to keep! (while supplies last).

CHURCH NOTES

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608-437-3493
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Worship: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, 10:00 am

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come to the Mount Horeb Public Library on Monday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. to shine a light on this dark aspect of Midwestern culture. Jacobs will talk about the KKK's history, its codes and traditions, and its various documented activities in the state.

The professor recently took the time to answer some of our questions about the Ku Klux Klan and the role it played in Wisconsin's culture.

You'll be speaking at the Mount Horeb Public Library about the KKK in Wisconsin, right? Can you give us a preview of what you'll cover?

Jacobs: I will discuss the origins of the KKK, its activity in Wisconsin in the 1920s, and answer questions about the more recent white supremacy movement. And answer any questions the audience may have.

There has been much talk in recent years about the fact that we were wrong to ever think "the past was history." Can you speak to how understanding history, specifically the history of horrible things, can help inform our present, and even shape our shared future? Can studying history help us see the current world more clearly?

Jacobs: Wow, this is a complicated question I did not anticipate for a news article. Many Americans



University of Wisconsin-Platteville professor Mike Jacobs will speak about the KKK on October 23.

believe that any historical discussion of America's less flattering past is unpatriotic; some even contend untrue. We can't be leaders in this world if we are misled. We need to face history, its legacies, and its current manifestations if we are to live up to the promise of who we want to be as a nation.

I realize this is kind of a personal question, but what compels you to take on such a tough subject? I would imagine digging into the topics of hatred and intolerance can take a toll on you and your students. Without downplaying the vast ugliness of the KKK, can you perhaps talk about the possibility of finding inspiring or uplifting stories buried within the things you study? Do you find mo-

ments of hope or light in all the darkness?

Jacobs: This topic is not quite as dark as you might suppose. I mean there is not a lot of nuance to it; it is clear who the good people are and who the bad people are. No, there are not always good people on both sides. And what gives me hope is that the bad people are so few in number and so clearly out of step with most of the rest of the world. We highlight such people because it is sensational and what is so sensational about it is that their views are so outlandish. As a citizen and historian, I am not concerned about the KKK - I am concerned about the people who share many of those values but do not believe themselves to be racist. That is the real challenge we face.

FARMING
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months. Bypassing three older son-in-laws, Anna asked the questions of questions, "Elmer, will you run my farm?" So, Elmer, born a city boy, transformed his life and began a love affair with a Wisconsin family farm. He did all this after being thrown into adulthood at the tender age of sixteen when his mother, also named Anna, was killed by a train.

These are just some of the examples of our family dusting off their pants after a fall and moving on. Many farm families have similar stories.

I began working full-time for the publication in June 1995, a full seven months before my college graduation. In those days, I returned to being "Corey the Kid" as if I was back on the farm. That's because W.D. "Bill" Knox, E.C. "Gene" Meyer, E.H. "Ewing" Row and S.A. "Steve" Larson eventually would tally a combined two hundred years of editorial service to the publication. Bill, Gene, Ewing and Steve collectively molded me into a communication guru and a world traveler. Not bad for a kid who never scurried more than thirty miles outside of Wisconsin until his senior year in high school.

Tell us a little about your time with Hoard's Dairyman?

My time at Hoard's Dairyman was wonderful.

Once at *Hoard's Dairyman*, I embraced the collaborative environment where everyone read everyone's copy — veteran or rookie — and offered input. All com-

On Tuesday, September 19 at 6 p.m., Mount Horeb's Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St) will host Corey Geiger, dairy farmer, 28-year Hoard's Dairyman editor, and author of *On a Wisconsin Family Farm: Historic Tales of Character, Community and Culture* and its recently released follow-up, *On the Wisconsin Family Farm They Built: Tales of Family and Fortitude* (ranked as Amazon's #1 Midwest Biography new release this June).

UW-Madison graduate Geiger - who reluctantly left the dairy barn to attend college after an ultimatum from his forward-thinking father - will share the quintessentially Wisconsin roots of this award-winning book, which centers on six generations of farm life in America's Dairyland. The farm is his own family's and his source material includes many well-oiled stories absorbed at the knees of grandparents and family elders, who were an integral part of his childhood and always eager to relate memories of days gone by.

Those with rural connections will find the Geiger's anecdotes familiar-sounding and sometimes poignant. All will hear about a way of life, once a shared experience of many Wisconsinites, that is fast disappearing.

He will also touch on his 28-year career with *Hoard's Dairyman*, that oversized, red-bannered publication featuring bovine Glamour Shots that graced every coffee table in throughout America's Heartland for generations.

This book reading and presentation is free, family-friendly and open to the public; reservations are not required. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with plenty of time after the event to purchase books and have them signed by the author. For more information, call 608-437-6486 or email mthorebahs@gmail.com.

ments were considered by the editor routing the copy. As the months and years turned on the calendar, my copy received fewer red marks from the editors. Marlene Brunner, who would amass fifty-eight years as the publication's chief grammar authority, eventually bought fewer red pencils.

By my 28th year at Hoard's, I traveled to 48 states and 10 countries to cover dairy events and spoke in 24 states and six countries. Also, I led the effort to launch the fourth language edition — *Hoard's Dairyman China*.

Tell us a little about your books? How did the first inform the second?

The more I traveled for *Hoard's Dairyman*, the more I also grew to appreciate the talents of those who mentored me. Unlike the curious cow who is constantly reaching over the fence for what's perceived to be better grass, farm boy Corey had confirmed that the grass was greener on my side of the fence.

As my grandparents settled into their eighties, I knew it was time to capture oral histories and ask the questions of their stories for which I could not connect the dots. At first, I hid recorders under tablecloths,

Anything else?

Many wonderful people have shared stories with me. Those conversations have continued to inspire me to ideate on new book ideas. Presently, I am researching a pair of book leads that will build on the farm theme but with a broader theme. One will weave in heart health as heart attacks took the lives of my father and my paternal grandfather well before their time should have come. Another book will delve into war and farmer soldiers who served from the Civil War through the Europe and Pacific Theatres of World War II.





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There’s Nothing Bland About it!

By Huma Siddiqui-Setz
White Jasmine

Living in Wisconsin these past summer months, I think most people would agree that these months from May through September are to be cherished in every way possible. For most Wisconsinites, going ‘Up North’ is the main activity every weekend.

I remember moving to Mount Horeb from London in the middle of summer almost 28 years ago, I realized that everyone was talking

about ‘Up North.’ I really didn’t know what it meant. I thought maybe there is a certain spot like a state park or six flags or something similar, everyone likes to visit during summer. After a couple of years, I realized that it is not a particular spot, but most people have lake cabins and/or land where they like to spend weekends, fishing, water sports, swimming and similar activities.

Families get together and hang out, eat and relax together. To me thinking



about getting together with friends and family means having a lot of food to share. I think a cheese/charcuterie board will be a wonderful choice. Everyone can find something they like on the board, and it can be left out for a few hours for people to munch on all day long. The best part about the cheese/charcuterie boards is that there isn’t a set recipe. You can create the board with your choice of items; different cheeses/meats/crackers/fruits.

Here is a charcuterie board I created this week on a Friday night to be able to relax and celebrate the end of a long and busy week. I had a couple of different types of crackers, chocolate for that sweet tooth, grapes, apples, smoked salmon and cheese. We enjoyed the different flavors all evening. I think it was the perfect ending to a busy week.

Hope you get a chance to put together your choice of a charcuterie board this summer and have fun with it!

BOARD

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Board trustee Ben Jones said he supports the amendment, but registration with the public works department should be required as well as a plan including what plants they will include and a layout for their pollinator lawn.

“I think this is a good trend but it’s also something we want to encourage people to be more intentional about it,” Jones said, “you really have a plan going into this rather than just winging it.”

Jones said he has been annoyed by other people not taking proper care of their lawns. “It’s a lifestyle issue that I think does affect people and it matters in the community,” Jones said.

Czyzewski agreed that registration should be necessary as well as a plan but clarified that the plan would not necessarily go through an approval process. Jones agreed that approval or denial would not be necessary, but if there are issues later it could be amended to require approval.

we take care of people; I mean we’re talking people’s lives,”

Minter said fire and EMS call volume is increasing, but EMS volunteer coverage is decreasing.

There’s been a steep increase in the number of calls that were delayed by ambulances that didn’t have enough crew to run. When that happens, the 911 operator will send the next closest team and if they aren’t available, they must send the next available team. Last year there were a total of nine delayed calls, this year there were already 18.

“We had a patient in the village of Mount Horeb who waited 25 minutes for Cross Plains 32 to arrive, and that person was having a heart attack,” Minter said, “It’s just not acceptable to me to have those types of delays.”

The annual meeting is scheduled to take place on September 27 and 7 of 8 votes from community governments in the district will be needed to approve the budget.

Upland Hills driveway

The board approved a site plan for Upland Hills Clinic to add another driveway connecting to Norsk Golf Bowl Road off Springdale Street. The plan is contingent on completed easement negotiations. Once those are completed the board will have to approve the easement.

Library tax since at least the minimum amount will be levied.

“This is standard, it’s come to us every year since I’ve been on the board” village president Ryan Czyzewski said. “We give them more money than we have to.”

Bank Authorization

The annual bank authorization was approved, which states which banks can be used for village funds. The only change from last year is the removal of BMO because they no longer have a location in the village.

Senior Center remodel bid awarded

The board approved a low bid from Backmann Construction for \$63,200. A community Development Block grant of \$132,122 will be put towards this project.

The extra funds cannot be used for any other use and the grant will award the cost of the project only. The project includes new offices and a new restroom.

Local Theater

High school to present The Addams Family

Although the school year is just beginning, Mt. Horeb High School students and staff are already busy preparing for their annual musical production. This year’s show is The Addams Family, based on the classic 1960s sitcom.

Set in New York City, The Addams Family tells a classic tale with a wacky twist. The classic tale? Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family – a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn’t upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell

her mother. The wacky tale? Her father is Gomez Addams, who must do something he’s never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday’s “normal” boyfriend and his parents.

Mount Horeb High School will present its production of The Addams Family on November 9, 10, and 11 in the high school auditorium. Show times are 7:30 p.m. each evening, with an additional matinee show on November 11 at 1:00 p.m. Check back soon to see everyone who will take part in the show.

Countryside News



Thousands of bur oak acorns fell from this tree 10 years ago.

By Jerry Davis
Countryside News

The oak’s fruit is commonly known as an acorn, an old Gothic name (akran) that was applied to important forest produce. Botanically the acorn is a nut, as is a chestnut and hazelnut,

and yes, an oaknut. The wall of nuts is stony. Many so called nuts do not meet the description including peanut, almond, coconut, walnut, pecan, and cashews. As it stands, the acorn fruit is one-seeded and borne in a cup-shaped structure that may be referenced in the

particular oak’s name, including bur oak, where the cup resembles a burdock fruit.

The overcup oak’s cup, nearly covers over the nut. Acorns are varied enough to be used to identify the oak species as swamp white oak or red oak, for example.

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MOUNT HOREB-BARNEVELD 41, SAUK PRAIRIE 7

MH-B survives storm, routs Sauk

Vikings score 35 straight second half points and roll

by DAN LARSON
Sports Reporter

Last Friday night provided a test of the Mount Horeb/Barneveld football team's emergency alert system. It was just a test.

Because in the end, there was no storm at all.

The Vikings, ranked No. 2 in the WIAA Division 3 WisSports.net coaches poll, never needed to take cover. They never needed to panic. They never needed to take drastic measures to avoid a disastrous outcome against unranked Sauk Prairie.

All they needed to do was be composed and answer their coach's call.

"(Sauk Prairie) came out and played really well for the first half and put the pressure on us," Vikings' coach Bret St. Arnaud said of his team being down, 7-6, at halftime. "I drew the word 'character' on the board and I said, 'We're going to find out what kind

of character we've got in the second half.'"

What they found out is they don't rattle easily.

MH-B rattled off 35 straight second half points and eventually cruised to a 41-7 win to improve to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the Badger Small Conference.

The Vikings scored on their opening drive of the third quarter to retake the lead, forced a couple three-and-outs before scoring again, and came up with a goal-line stand on fourth-and-goal at the 1-yard-line during their impressive second half.

"It took us a lot longer than it should have to get going," Vikings' senior quarterback Kasey Helgeson said. "But we eventually got it going."

Having yielded a two-minute-drill scoring drive to the Eagles (2-2, 1-1) to fall behind at the end of the first half — a drive capped off by

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The Mount Horeb-Barneveld defense held Sauk Prairie scoreless in the second half last Friday, as the Vikings cruised to a 41-7 win. Photo courtesy of Ryann Utt



Ruby Dahlk helped Mount Horeb's girls golf team to a second place finish at the Middleton Invitational last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Storming to second

Vikings' girls spikers take second at Middleton Invite

by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Reporter

MIDDLETON — Junior outside hitter Ruby Dahlk and her Mount Horeb girls volleyball teammates have set their goals high this season.

That includes winning the Badger Small Conference title and making a long playoff run.

So despite having their seven-match winning streak snapped this week, Dahlk was pleased with the progress the Vikings have made.

"I like that we're super scrappy, and we all as a collective share the same goal, and the same mindset. It really helps us to achieve our

goals," Dahlk said.

While McFarland, ranked seventh in last week's Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association Division 2 poll, defeated 10th-ranked Mount Horeb in five sets last Thursday, the Vikings rebounded to finish second at the 12-team Middleton Cardinal Invitational last Saturday.

"The losses teach us lessons and show us our weaknesses, on what we need to work on," said Dahlk, who recorded a team-best nine service aces and 12 digs on the day. "We work a ton on blocking in practice, a ton on service, and on things that keep you in the game."

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Soccer Vikings picking up steam

Mount Horeb wins two of three games

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

They are improving by the week. And the results are beginning to show. Mount Horeb's boys soccer team won two of three matches last week and improved to 3-4 on the season.

"Overall this was a week where I feel that the team is starting to gel together," Mount Horeb coach Rick Gage said. "The defense is starting to play together much better and the offense is starting to create quite a few more chances. I feel that the team has been putting in a lot of hard work and the results are starting to show on the field."

Here's a recap of the Vikings' week:

• **Wisconsin Dells 2, Mount Horeb 1** — Dells scored late in the first half and early in the second half to grab a 2-0 lead on Sept. 5.

In the 60th minute, Owen Fawcett scored off a free kick from about 20 yards out to pull the Vikings within 2-1. Mount Horeb couldn't get the equalizer, though.

"This was a game where we sometimes struggled with the offensive pressure that Wisconsin Dells was able to put on our back line, but when we were able to move the ball quickly through the midfield we were able to create quite a few good chances ourselves," Gage said. "We were able to withstand a lot of their pressure early and started to create more

chances as the game went on.

"We put a lot of pressure on the Wisconsin Dells (keeper) for the last 15 minutes, but unfortunately we were unable to score the equalizer. I thought in this game the team learned a lot as the game went on.

"The defense had started to play better together as a unit and the offense has been starting to create more opportunities. Even though we lost I thought we showed some good signs of growth."

• **Mount Horeb 2, Portage/Poynette 1** — After a scoreless first half, Noah High scored on a shot from a step inside the box about 10 minutes into the second half on an assist by Eli Leonard to give the Vikings a 1-0 lead. Five minutes later Isaac Schloesser scored directly off a corner kick from Eli Leonard to make it 2-0.

Portage/Poynette countered with a goal 10 minutes later, but Mount Horeb held on for the win on Sept. 7.

"This was a game that we were able to control from start to finish for the most part," Gage said. "I thought Portage did a good job of moving the ball at times, but we were often able to turn them over and quickly create scoring opportunities.

"I felt that our midfield started to find more space in the wide areas of the field and did a good job of combining with the forwards and outside backs to create a lot of good scoring chances. We were unfor-



Marc Pipp (23) and Owen Fawcett (11) celebrate Pipp's goal. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

tunate to not have scored a couple more goals to win by a few more, but I thought our defense did a good job shutting Portage down and I really liked the offensive chances that we were able to create during the game."

• **Mount Horeb 3, Brookfield Academy 0** — Aaron Schmidt and Orion Lipska combined for the Vikings' first shutout of

the season as they rolled past the Blue Knights last Saturday.

Marc Pipp scored Mount Horeb's first goal off a cross from Noah High about 15 minutes into the game. Five minutes later, Preston Reed headed home a corner kick from Eli Leonard to make it 2-0.

Jack Schultz scored the Vikings' final goal with about 5 minutes left when

he got behind Brookfield Academy's back line a converted a nifty pass from Eli Leonard to make it 3-0.

"The first 10 minutes of each half I thought that Brookfield was able to put a fair amount of pressure on us, but in each half we were able to grab control of the game and started moving the ball well through

the midfield and created a lot of scoring chances for the team," Gage said. "Overall I thought this was our best offensive and defensive performance."



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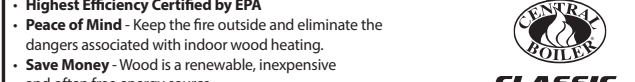


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MoHo golfers move to 5-0 in conference

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Five down.
One to go.

Mount Horeb’s girls golf team downed Reedsburg, 185-233, in a Badger Small Conference dual meet on Sept. 7. The Vikings improved to 5-0 in the league with two conference matches remaining.

“It was a terrific performance by our entire lineup,” Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. “While Reedsburg has not been as strong this season after winning or sharing the past two conference titles, they still are a quality program. So to beat them so convincingly shows how well we played.”

The Vikings certainly did that, posting the five best scores of the match.

Senior Ella Fager led the way a 40 — which tied her personal-best score — and sophomore Delaina Nicewander fired a 46.

Fager recorded six pars during her round, while Nicewander parred No. 4 and birdied No. 9.

Freshman Jadyn Schellpfeffer shot a 49, parring both No. 3 and No. 9. And junior Lainy Hesselung added a personal-best 50, parring holes No. 4 and 7 along the way.

Junior Emma Olsen added a 51 — highlighted by a birdie on the sixth hole — although only the top four scores count.

“Ella was able to match her season-low from the previous week, while Lainy



Delaina Nicewander (top) and Jadyn Schellpfeffer (above) helped Mount Horeb’s girls golfers roll past Reedsburg. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

had her best competitive round,” Krentz said. “Both Delaina and Jadyn were one stroke away from the career-lows, as well, and Emma had a solid round to cap our scoring.

“We are entering the stretch run of our season with only two meets left before our conference tournament, so hopefully we can keep the momentum going during the most important part of the season.”

• **On deck:** The Vikings hosted Madison Edgewood in a conference dual meet

Monday, then headed to the Portage Invite Wednesday.

Mount Horeb then travels to Reedsburg Country Club on Sept. 19 for the conference tournament. The post-season then begins Sept. 27.

MoHo runners compete at River Valley Invitational

Girls finish 11th, boys 17th

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls cross country team finished in 11th place at the 16-team River Valley Invite last Saturday.

Madison West won the girls’ race, finishing with just 39 points. Dodgeville/Mineral Point was second (97), while Waunakee (106), DeForest (135) and Sun Prairie East (149) rounded out the top five.

Mount Horeb finished with 267 points.

Freshman Willa Vigliotta was the Vikings’ top finisher, completing the 5,000-meter course in 19:49.7 and placing 10th overall. Freshman Julia Straka was 28th (21:13.2), sophomore Lily Nelson was 71st (22:34.2), senior Kayman Sutter was 73rd (22:36.3) and junior Allie Felcyn was 85th (23:25.7).

Madison West won the 20-team boys race with

62 team points. Middleton was second with 117, while DeForest (121), Madison La Follette (119) and Sun Prairie East (143) rounded out the top five.

Mount Horeb finished in 17th place with 526 points.

Junior Noah Gibbs was the Vikings’ top performer, finishing the 5,000-meter race in 18:57.7, while junior Jack Zwettler was 94th (18:58.2). Senior James Fountas finished in 102nd place (19:09.8), freshman Samuel Wyse was 117th (19:53.7) and senior Colby Schaller was 120th (20:20.2).

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FOOTBALL

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junior quarterback Landon Schultz’s 11-yard dart to junior Jackson Breunig on a seam route along the right hash with 4 seconds to go — the Vikings regrouped in the locker room and came out firing in the third quarter.

Helgeson ran for 18 yards on the first play of the quarter, 26 on the second play and four plays later broke a tackle along the left sideline and scurried in from 17 yards out for a 12-7 lead prior to the 2-point conversion failing.

“Our offensive coordinator told Kasey he needs to run. They can’t stop him, he needs to run,” said senior wide receiver Landon Ellestad. “That’s what he did, and it went on from there.”

After forcing a three-and-out, the Vikings went three-and-out themselves. But Zach Maguire’s 42-yard punt pinned the Eagles at their own 2-yard-line, and when they then went three-and-out again, it gave MH-B good field position.

Chris Kiel’s 39-yard return gave the Vikings first-and-goal at the 6-yard-line and on 4th-and-goal Helgeson found Kiel for a 1-yard TD pass — on a high throw that the usually-on-the-money Helgeson admitted was a little off the mark — to make it 18-7 with 36 seconds remaining in the quarter. This time the two-point conversion attempt, a run by Trenton Owens, was successful, stretching the advantage to 20-7.

The Vikings’ slow start was now squarely in the rearview mirror.

“I wouldn’t say I got frustrated, but I definitely knew that we needed to step it up and it took us a while to do that,” Helgeson said. “We knew that we could figure it out — we just needed to go out there and do it.”

Sauk Prairie didn’t fold, however, driving all the way to the 1-yard-line before Schultz’s pass on 4th-and-goal fell incomplete in the left flat.

A 40-yard catch-and-run by Ellestad on the ensuing drive helped set up an eventual 10-yard TD run Helgeson — his second of the night -- to make it 27-7 with 4:19 left in the game and the blowout was on.

“We just got to where our offense was not on the field very long and our defense was out there a lot, and our defense just wore down over time,” Sauk Prairie head coach Randy Wallace said of why the first-half momentum didn’t carry over and the game ultimately got out of hand. “Our defensive coordinator, coach (Ben) Johnson, did a

fantastic job with his defensive gameplan and putting the guys in the right spot.

“In the second half we just got tired and weren’t where we needed to be on our assignments. We were a second late and they were a second ahead. When you’re just out of position by a little bit it makes a big difference.”

MH-B made a fourth-down stop on Sauk Prairie’s next possession and one play later Ellestad caught a quick slant and turned on the afterburners, out-racing the defense 36 yards to the house for a 34-7 lead.

“Last year all my buddies made fun of me for getting (caught) at the 1-yard-line, and this year I didn’t,” said Ellestad, who also hauled in a perfect strike from Helgeson in the left corner of the end zone with 1:43 left in the first half for MHB’s first score of the night.

Owens’ 14-yard run with 38 seconds to go made it 41-7, the icing on the cake for the Vikings on a night where two quarters earlier celebration wasn’t so certain.

“In the second half things started going exactly how we wanted them to go in the first half — being able to slash and gash and move the chains and get first downs,” St. Arnauld said. “The number of times we punted tonight is insane. Credit to Sauk for coming out ready to ball.”

The Vikings only had to punt three times, though they did turn the ball over on downs one other time.

Still, those four empty possessions — only one in the second half — were frustrating for a team that entered averaging 43 points per game, with 27.7 of those points coming in the first half.

The Vikings didn’t expect to struggle quite so much in the early going Friday night, but they also know as the favorites to win the league and one of the top teams in the state, it’s not always going to be easy.

“When you’re the team to beat, everyone’s going to give you their best shot. And Sauk had a lot of momentum coming in 2-1 and they played really well the last two weeks,” St. Arnauld said. “I don’t think Sauk’s a bad football team at all. I think that they’re really good and they came in here with a lot of momentum.

“We stuck to our guns. It was a good night overall. You can’t be upset about a win, but you have to look at it from the standpoint of, we have some things we’ve got to fix. We just have to make sure we keep our heads on and get locked in (again) on Monday.”



Kasey Helgeson (right) and Trenton Owens (left) helped Mount Horeb-Barneveld roll past Sauk Prairie last Friday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

They weren’t locked in to start the game Friday.

Sauk Prairie kept the opening drive of the night alive with a fake punt that eventually led to second-and-goal from the 1-yard line. But the Eagles went backwards from there and on fourth-and-goal from the 6-yard-line, Ellestad stepped in front of Boden Frosch for an interception.

“He’s a very good receiver,” Ellestad said. “Our coach told me to press man on him and not let him go anywhere. I followed him and grabbed the ball.”

That was about as exciting as things got until late in the half, when a 13-yard catch by Ellestad, back-to-back big runs by Owens (of 13 and 18 yards) and a late hit penalty set up Ellestad’s TD grab that broke the scoreless tie.

That play coupled with his earlier interception and his second TD of the game made for a big night for Ellestad, who finished with five catches for 121 yards.

“He really stepped up as a captain and showed why he’s a captain,” St. Arnauld said. “His nickname is ‘Big Play LJ,’ and he made big plays. If you’re going to carry that nickname, you better live up to it. And sure enough, he did.

“He’s a staple of our offense — he’s a staple of our team — and he’s just so fun to watch. We’re just thankful he’s on our team and we don’t have to go against him.”

Meanwhile, the youthful

Eagles also played like a team unfazed by the task in front of them.

Now, their charge is to learn and grow.

“Sometimes you break a little bit and you just have to come back and build up,” Wallace said. “I’m totally confident in our guys bouncing back. We played a really good Mount Horeb team. They were able to be patient and they got the best of us in the second half.”

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MH-B 0 6 14 21 — 41
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MHB -- Landon Ellestad 21 pass from Kasey Helgeson (run failed), 1:43, 2nd
SP -- Jackson Breunig 11 pass from Landon Schultz (Connor Breunig kick), 00:04, 2nd
MHB -- Kasey Helgeson 17 run (run failed), 9:13, 3rd
MHB -- Chris Kiel 1 pass from Kasey Helgeson (00:36), 3rd
MHB -- Kasey Helgeson 10 run

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MHB -- Landon Ellestad 36 pass from Kasey Helgeson (Zach Maguire kick), 2:58, 4th
MHB -- Trenton Owens 14 run (Zach Maguire kick), 00:38, 4th

TEAM STATS

First downs: SP 14, MHB 20.
Rushes-Yards: SP 24-115, MHB 30-207. Passing Yards: SP 163, MHB 194. Passing (comp-att-int): SP 19-33-2, MHB 14-20-0. Penalties-Yards: SP 4-27, MHB 6-94. Fumbles-Lost: SP 0-0, MHB 3-0.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: SP Connor Breunig 14-47, Landon Schultz 9-67; MHB Trenton Owens 16-87, Kasey Helgeson 14-120.

Passing: SP Landon Schultz 16-29-141; MHB Kasey Helgeson 14-20-194.

Receiving: SP Boden Frosch 8-46, Connor Breunig 3-52, Jackson Breunig 3-25, Benjamin Janquart 2-22; MHB Landon Ellestad 5-121, Owen Preimesberger 6-49, Chris Kiel 3-24.

TOWN OF PRIMROSE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before a joint meeting of the Primrose Town Board and Planning Commission beginning at 7:30 p.m. on September 18, 2023, at the Primrose Town Hall , 8468 County Road A , Verona, WI regarding the following proposal. All persons will be afforded the right to speak upon the proposal.

Rules regarding public hearing:

1. Oral testimony will be taken at the public hearing. Speakers shall have 5 minutes to comment on the matter.
2. Any persons wishing to submit written testimony shall do so by submitting 10 copies on letter size paper to the Town Clerk during normal business hours or at the public hearing.
3. Emails, faxes, texts, or other format sent to the Town WILL NOT be accepted as part of the public record.

Agenda for September 18th, 2023

1. Call to order
 2. Discussion and possible action regarding Rezoning Petition #11981
APPLICANT: DEER CREEK SPORT & CONSERVATION CLUB INC
LOCATION: 8475 MILLER RD, SECTION 10, TOWN OF PRIMROSE
Change from Fp-35 Farmland Preservation District to RE Recreational District to allow for the expansion of an existing shooting range and sportsmans club.
 3. Public Hearing regarding Conditional Use permit #2607
 4. Close Public Hearing
 5. Discussion and possible action regarding Condition Use Permit #2607
APPLICANT: DEER CREEK SPORT & CONSERVATION CLUB INC
LOCATION: 8475 MILLER RD, SECTION 10, TOWN OF PRIMROSE
CUP DESCRIPTION: indoor active recreation and outdoor entertainment (sportsmans club and shooting range)
 6. Adjournment.
- The agenda for both meetings will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website. A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.

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Madison East 25-6, 25-6 before surviving a tough match with Tomah en route to a 25-14, 29-27 victory in pool play.

The Vikings advanced to the Gold Bracket, where they defeated Oshkosh West in the semifinals, rallying for a 21-25, 25-11, 15-9 victory. But La Crosse Aquinas got out to a 10-point lead in the first set and swept Mount Horeb 25-16, 25-15 in the championship match.

“They run very paced stuff. Their plays are very intense,” junior right-side hitter Jayse Holman said of the Blugolds. “They just can get on top of the ball and hit it down on us.”

However, Mount Horeb achieved its goal of a top-three finish in the tournament.

“Oshkosh West was a tough team,” Mount Horeb head coach Kurt Owen said. “We showed what we were capable of doing. If you had told me that we would have taken second (place) going into it, I would have been really happy with that outcome.”

“Second place, that’s only the second time we’ve done that with this program. They have something to hang their hat on. The competition helps going back into conference play. Now we know what we have to do.”

Owen, though, was disappointed that the Vikings didn’t play their best volleyball of the day in the championship match against Aquinas.

The Blugolds jumped out to a 15-5 lead in the first set, which set the tone for the match.

“I just don’t think we were ready to go. I don’t know why that is,” Owen said. “Even watching us warming up, we looked either tired or we weren’t loose. You’d think going into the championship match we would be ready to go. We should have been running laps around, getting loose.”

“We gave them a huge 10-point lead. But once we settled in and started playing our game and got loosened up, then we were with them the whole way the rest of that first set. We were with them in the second set.”

But it was a case of too little, too late.

“If we would’ve been ready to go mentally, it’s a different game,” Owen said of the match vs. Aquinas. “That doesn’t necessarily mean we win the game. It’s a tough team that at that point was playing well. But we were definitely in it at the end.”

“It wasn’t really anything they were doing to us those first 20 points. It was serving errors, hitting errors, blocking errors, not moving our

feet, that kind of stuff. It was a tough start for us.”

But the highlight of the day was the Vikings battling back after dropping the first set to Oshkosh West in the Gold Bracket semifinals.

“I thought we played okay in that first set. It was just a long run that they had,” Owen said. “It was crazy.”

“They were serving the ball pretty deep, and you’d think it was going deep and all of a sudden the ball would drop way in the middle of the court. So I think that was throwing off some of our passes. We were getting in our heads a little bit.”

Holman said the Vikings made a few minor adjustments, but it was an attitude adjustment that did the trick.

“We just picked each other up in the huddle,” said Holman, who finished with a team-best 17 kills in the tournament. “We said what we needed to do and brought each other’s energy out. That really pushed us.”

Sophomore setter Laila Rasmussen agreed.

“We all knew that we needed to play as a team,” said Rasmussen, who had 14 kills, a team-best 37 assists, and 14 digs to pace the Vikings. “We needed to play all together. It was mostly our mentality, and we started cooking.”

“We have a good back row. We have good hitters. We can finish the ball. We have good servers. Today we learned perseverance. If we’re down, we’ve got to work together to get through it.”

Owen said Dahlk, junior libero/defensive specialist Kennedy Myers, and sophomore middle blocker Finley Moore had strong games against Oshkosh West.

“Ruby Dahlk was huge. She had a big run serving,” Owen said. “Then when she was hitting, she made some really good choices with her swings. She made some great deep-line shots.”

“Kennedy had a nice run serving. Finley (Moore), our sophomore middle, is really coming on. It’s her first year on varsity. She’s been in the starting lineup right away. She’s made some good improvements these first few weeks and some good swings and choices. But really, the whole team was really solid.”

Owen said the Vikings head back into conference play this week determined to get back on the winning track.

“Finishing second was tough because if we just would have competed better, whether or not we took first or second, I would have had a better feeling about it,” Owen said. “But before this last match, I was really happy with what we were doing.”

• **McFarland 3, Mount Horeb 2** — The Vikings had their seven-match win-

ning streak snapped by the host Spartans, who rallied to take a 22-25, 25-16, 25-14, 16-25, 15-10 victory over Mount Horeb in Badger Small Conference play.

Ruby Dahlk led the Vikings (7-1, 1-1 Badger Small) with 11 kills, while Jayse Holman and Laila Rasmussen added nine and eight kills, respectively.

“We knew the game plan,” Owen said. “We had watched the film of one of their matches. We knew the spots to attack and what they do, and we executed flawlessly in the first set.”

“McFarland made some adjustments defensively on us, and we didn’t adjust ourselves and know where we were going with the ball when we’re hitting until that fourth set. They beat us pretty good in the second and third (sets). But we bounced back really well in the fourth. We beat them as good as they beat us in one of those sets.”

But after Mount Horeb grabbed a 7-6 lead in the fifth set, the Spartans outscored the Vikings 9-3 to secure the win.

“We had a couple of breakdowns in our serve receive and passing and let it get in our heads a little bit,” Owen said. “McFarland is a really nice team with a lot of good athletes and good hitters. They have a really good program.”

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb hosted Reedsburg in a Badger Small Conference dual on Tuesday. The Vikings play a conference match at Madison Edgewood on Thursday at 7 p.m. They then host the Mount Horeb Invitational on Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Sept. 7
McFarland 3, Mount Horeb 2
Mount Horeb ... 25 16 14 25 10
McFarland 22 25 25 16 15
MOUNT HOREB (leaders)
— Kills: Ruby Dahlk 11, Jayse Holman 9, Laila Rasmussen 8. Assists: Laila Rasmussen 19, Ellie Hefty 12. Aces: Kennedy Myers 2, Laila Rasmussen 2. Digs: Kennedy Myers 14, Addison Anderson 20. Blocks: Finley Moore 3, Addison Anderson 2.

Sept. 9
Middleton Cardinal Invitational
Pool Play
Defeated Madison East 25-6, 25-6
Defeated Tomah 25-14, 29-27
Gold Bracket semifinals
Defeated Oshkosh West 21-25, 25-11, 15-9
Gold Bracket championship
Lost to La Cross Aquinas 16-25, 21-25

TOURNAMENT STATISTICS — Kills: Jayse Holman 17, Laila Rasmussen 14, Andie Moore 13, Finley Moore 13, Addison Anderson 11. Assists: Laila Rasmussen 37, Ellie Hefty 30, Sydney Almquist 10. Aces: Ruby Dahlk 9, Kennedy Myers 5, Laila Rasmussen 5, Sydney Almquist 5. Digs: Kennedy Myers 34, Addison Anderson 23, Laila Rasmussen 14, Ruby Dahlk 12, Olivia Schrank 11, Ellie Hefty 10. Blocks: Finley Moore 9, Jayse Holman 6, Andie Moore 5.



Kennedy Myers and Mount Horeb’s girls volleyball team finished in second place at the Middleton Invite last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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NOTICE OF TOWN OF PERRY - OPEN BOOK

Perry Town Hall
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Monday, September 25, 2023
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, September 25, 2023 the Town of Perry will hold the Open Book session beginning at 4:00 PM and ending at 6:00 PM.

The purpose of the Open Book is to provide property owners with an opportunity to review their current property tax assessment and to discuss the process with the assessor – Accurate Appraisals, LLC (800) 770-3927 and www.accurateassessor.com. Appointment scheduling is available by contacting the assessor.

Mary L. Price, Clerk

Posted: Town Hall, Town Garage, Daleyville sign post, Town website.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGENCY: USDA-Rural Development/Rural Utilities Service
Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment: Notice of Availability and Public Review and Comment for CARDINAL-HICKORY CREEK 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is announcing the availability of the Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (C-HC Project) Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review and comment. RUS has prepared the Draft Supplemental EA in connection with possible impacts related to nine proposed route modifications for the Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345-kV Transmission Line Project, including one proposed land exchange action involving U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)-managed land within the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. The Draft Supplemental EA describes the project, assesses the project's environmental impacts, and summarizes mitigation measures used to minimize the environmental effects. The Supplemental EA tiers to the Final Environmental Impact Statement that was published for the approved C-HC Project in October 2019. On January 16, 2020, the RUS, USFWS, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approved various components of the C-HC Project and the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed by the three agencies.

RUS is releasing the Draft Supplemental EA to obtain feedback from the public, as part of the federal environmental review process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 7 CFR 1970 related to providing financial assistance to Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) for its share in the construction of a proposed 345-kV transmission line and associated infrastructure connecting the Hickory Creek Substation in Dubuque County, Iowa, with the Cardinal Substation in the Town of Middleton, Wisconsin (near Madison, Wisconsin). The information collected during the Draft Supplemental EA public review period will be used to prepare the Final EA.

A copy of the Draft Supplemental EA may be viewed online at the following Web site: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/impact-statements/cardinal-%E2%80%93-hickory-creek-transmission-line>. A hard copy of the Draft Supplemental EA is available for review at Dairyland Power Cooperative, 3521 East Avenue, South, La Crosse, WI 54602 and 6 local libraries in the project area which are listed below.

- Dodgeville Public Library, 139 S. Iowa St, Dodgeville, WI
- Dubuque County Library, Asbury Branch, 5290 Grand Meadow Drive, Asbury, IA 52002
- Eckstein Memorial Library, 1034 E. Dewey St, Cassville, WI
- Guttenberg Public Library, 603 S 2nd St, Guttenberg, IA
- Middleton Public Library, 7425 Hubbard Ave, Middleton, WI
- Schreiner Memorial Library, 113 W. Elm St, Lancaster, WI

Written comments on the Draft Supplemental EA will be accepted until September 22, 2023. Comments can be emailed to CardinaltoHickoryCreekEIS@usda.gov No hard copy comments will be accepted. All written comments must be provided electronically. Comments may be submitted via voicemail by leaving a message at (202) 692-1970.

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Mount Horeb swimmers third at Lodi

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

They are small in numbers, big in results.

Mount Horeb's girls swimming team — which has just 13 members on the team — tied for third place at the five-team Lodi Invite last Saturday.

Monroe/New Glarus won the meet with 528 points, while Lodi was second with 310. Mount Horeb and Merrill tied for third with 275 points, while Portage was fifth at 163.

"I am continually impressed by the girls on the team," Mount Horeb coach Jalen Butteris said. "We improved our times in almost every single event and I am proud that we are already making this kind of progress so early in the season. I can't wait to see how the team continues to grow over the rest of the

season."

Mount Horeb's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Caitlin Patrick-Stern, Siobhan Mertz, Ava Newman and Emmi Bennin finished second overall. The Vikings quartet of Nina Paterson, Sam Hanson, Clem Christian and Perri McMahan was also ninth in that same event.

Mount Horeb's foursome of Newman, Mertz, Patrick-Stern and Bennin was fourth in the 200-yard medley relay, while Sammy Parmley, Piper McMahan, Madeline Evans and Bridget Drapp were ninth.

And the Vikings' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Perri McMahan, Piper McMahan, Paterson and Evans was fifth, while the foursome of Drapp, Christian, Hanson and Parmley were ninth.

Individually, Bennin won the 100-yard freestyle,



Siobhan Mertz and Mount Horeb's girls swimming team finished in third place at the Lodi Invitational. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

while Mertz was sixth and Paterson was 11th

Newman was second in the 200-yard freestyle and Hanson was 12th. Newman was also second in the 500-yard freestyle, while Patrick-Stern was third and Evans was seventh.

Bennin was second in the 50-yard freestyle, while Patrick Stern was seventh, Piper McMahan was 13th and Parmley was 14th.

Evans was sixth in the 100-yard butterfly, while Hanson was eighth.

Mertz was sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke, while Drapp was 14th, Paterson was 15th and Christian was 16th.

Perri McMahan was seventh in the 100-yard backstroke and ninth in the 200-yard IM.

And Drapp was eighth in the 100-yard backstroke.

• **On deck:** The Vikings were at Lodi Tuesday, then are off until Sept. 19 when they travel to McFarland for a triple dual.

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